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Dear Planning Team,

I wish to register my strongest possible objection to planning application **AWDM/0737/26** relating to the land at the junction of Amberley Drive and Marine Drive within the Goring Gap.

The Goring Gap is one of Worthing's most important areas of open countryside. It provides a unique and uninterrupted green vista between Worthing and Ferring, contributes significantly to the character of the local coastline, and serves as an invaluable space for recreation, biodiversity, and the physical and mental wellbeing of residents and visitors alike. Once any part of this protected landscape is developed, however small the proposal may appear, the loss cannot be reversed.

Worthing already has a very limited amount of accessible green space relative to its population. It is therefore essential that every part of the Goring Gap is protected from incremental commercial development. Granting permission for this proposal would set an undesirable precedent that risks further erosion of this nationally and locally significant open space.

I am also concerned that the proposal represents the first stage of a gradual intensification of development on the site. While the application is presented as a seasonal community facility with temporary structures, there is understandable public concern, particularly in light of the planning history of the site, that approving this application could make it more difficult to resist larger or more permanent commercial development in the future. The planning authority should therefore consider not only the immediate proposal but also the precedent it may establish.

Planning decisions should be based on the adopted planning policies that protect the Goring Gap, rather than on assurances or intentions expressed outside the planning process. Those policies exist specifically to prevent incremental encroachment into protected open land.

I am also concerned that parts of the site are already being used for commercial purposes, including the sale of food and alcohol, together with the installation of toilets and seating areas. My understanding is that some of these works and uses have taken place without the benefit of planning permission. This planning history reinforces concerns that the current application should not be viewed in isolation, but as part of a gradual expansion of commercial activity on protected open land. The Council should take this history into account when assessing whether the proposal would result in incremental encroachment into the Goring Gap and whether granting permission would create an undesirable precedent.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Council to refuse planning application **AWDM/0737/26** and continue to protect the Goring Gap for the benefit of current residents and future generations.

Yours faithfully,

Richard O'Halloran

