



Licensing Unit &lt;licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk&gt;

**Re: Goring Gap Limited - Land off Marine Drive/Amberley Drive, Goring - The Goring-Ferring Gap Worthing Local Plan Protected Green Gap**

1 message

27 February 2024 at 16:15

[REDACTED]  
To: Licensing Unit <licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk>Thank you - I still wish to proceed.  
[REDACTED]

On 27 Feb 2024, at 15:34, Licensing Unit &lt;licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk&gt; wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email

I note your last comment:

\*please redact my immediate identifying address should you print this or a copy be given to the applicant

**Under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003, and the rules of natural justice, the applicant is entitled to know the name, address and contact details of any representor. In addition, the Licensing Act 2003 encourages mediation and the applicant will be allowed to contact anyone making representation to discuss the issues.**

Please can you let me know if you still wish to proceed with the objection

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards  
Becca

On Tue, 27 Feb 2024 at 15:23, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

- the prevention of crime and disorder

1. The fenced area (meadow) lies north of Sea Lane/Marine Drive and the other three boundaries are roads with the farmer's field lying between the north boundary road, Amberley Drive. There is no plan included with the application and we fail to see how the area would be accessed for the Car Parking. (Although an unauthorised access has been dug by digger from Marine Drive since the application was submitted).

2. The north, east and west boundary roads are frequented by 'Doggers' after dusk every evening until the early hours of the morning, on a daily basis. I believe there is potential for crime and disorder should parents/guardians of children take exception to the Doggers shenanigans and visa versa. Curious children would want to investigate why vehicle lights are flashing and indicators going, would the parents, in an alcoholic state, be aware of where the children were going and what they were

doing? There is no indication that the area will have a 6' high chain link fence and locked gate to keep the children in!

3. The Greensward to the south of the proposed Site is frequented by members of the travelling community two – three times a year, the travellers stopping several days on the Greensward until moved on by the Police. There is a very real possibility of both crime and disorder occurring if the travellers decide to visit the proposed play area or factions begin 'objecting' to each other.

4. Amberley Drive is also frequented by the motorbike fraternity with loud revving of their bikes and racing up and down the road, another cause of possible crime and disorder when alcohol is involved and readily available.

5. The applicant wishes to supply alcohol for consumption on and off the premises/field; I have serious issues with how the applicant is going to control his patrons or the litter that will come from (we presume) paper cups, plates, napkins and suchlike from the concessions should the License be granted. Should the local community have to be responsible to keep the beach clean? Should the farmer have to clear up litter blown onto his fields? Moreover with the strong winds we experience on the front in this location is sand going to be blown across the road or onto the crops?

6. Furthermore, how is the applicant going to control the behaviour of his patrons once they have left the field? Families picnic and enjoy the beach and Greensward, flying kites, exercising dogs, playing football and cricket, would they be subjected to abuse from people who have drunk too much?

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#### public safety

7. Pedestrian Crossing from the Greensward to the proposed play area and inebriated visitors to the proposed locale may be at danger from vehicular traffic.

8. Furthermore children would be tempted to run across the road to the proposed play area, an accident waiting to happen.

9. At present, unless the weather is very inclement, there are vehicles parked the whole length of Marine Drive from Sea Lane at the western end all the way to George V Avenue to the east at weekends and during the week. The proposal would increase vehicles trying to park leading to more arguments over spaces that may occur.

10. There is no mention of toilet facilities and whilst there is a public toilet by the trees on the beach side, again there is no pedestrian crossing to access this facility. Or is there a proposal to bring in unsightly PortaLoos onto the Protected Green Gap?

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- the protection of children from harm

11. Is an Alcohol License at a Children's Play Area really how we want to introduce children to drinking? We are all aware that alcohol often leads to bad behaviour, swearing, shouting and fighting, more often than not, especially with a 15 hour 'window' for the consumption thereof. Alcohol combined with poor quality fast food, swearing and bad behaviour is not what I wish children to see when they play on the highly popular Greensward.

12. The application states serving alcohol 8am to 11pm, who exactly are they intending to serve alcohol to at 8am, alcoholics, passing van drivers or the travellers?

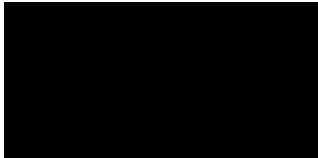
13. There is no street lighting in the area, adding to more danger for children who may wander off from the area; or unsavoury characters targeting children in the dark. The Goring-Ferring Protected Green Gap is just meant to be that - a GAP, nothing on it!

14. The harm that may come to children from this proposal is impossible to quantify, but it is a real possibility should this be allowed.

There is a children's constructed Play Area not too far away on The Parade, there are two cafes/restaurants within a short distance, one east and one west, both of which cause no problems whatsoever; and there is a vast natural playground/sandpit/swimming pool across the road, nature's best - The Greensward/Sea.

I sincerely hope that the Council will refuse this Application on the above Grounds.

Yours faithfully



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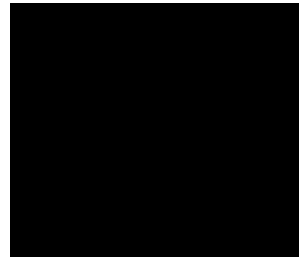
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**RE: Goring Gap Application**

1 message

24 February 2024 at 11:32

To: [Redacted] <licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk>



24.02.2024

Licensing Department  
Worthing Borough Council  
Council Offices  
Chapel Road Worthing BN11 1HA

Re: Objection to New Premises Licence Application - Goring Gap Ltd.

Dear Licensing Department,

I am writing to formally object to the application for a new premises licence submitted by Goring Gap Ltd. for the proposed meadow/leisure park on Marine Drive, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, adjacent to Amberley Drive (OS Ref: TQ1001NW).

While I appreciate the efforts to create a family-friendly space, I am deeply concerned about the potential implications of allowing the sale of alcohol on the premises, particularly in relation to the safety of children and the risk of public drunkenness. The proposed hours of alcohol sale and public opening, from 08:00hrs to 23:00hrs Monday to Sunday, raise significant concerns regarding the potential negative impact on the local community.

The safety and well-being of children must be paramount, and introducing a bar to the leisure park increases the risk of exposing them to alcohol-related incidents. The large, shaded sandpit and catering concessions may attract families with young children, and the presence of alcohol could compromise the atmosphere of a safe and enjoyable environment.

Furthermore, the extended hours of alcohol sale and public opening create an environment that may encourage excessive alcohol consumption, leading to public disorder, noise disturbances, and an increased risk of accidents or injuries within the park. This is particularly worrisome considering the proximity of the proposed site to residential areas.

Considering the licensing objectives, I urge the Licensing Department to carefully consider the potential negative impact of this application on public safety, particularly with regards to the safety of children and the risk of anti-social behaviour associated with alcohol consumption. I believe that the proposed conditions in the operating schedule may not be sufficient to mitigate these concerns adequately.

I request that my objection be considered during the consultation process, and I hope the Licensing Department will carefully evaluate the potential risks and benefits of granting the new premises licence to Goring Gap Ltd.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]



Licensing Unit <licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

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## New Premises License Application Goring Gap Ltd

1 message

26 February 2024 at 09:03

To: licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk

Objection

From

Objection to  
Goring Gap Ltd  
New Premises Application

Public safety, and protection of the Public, especially Children .... Marine Drive is a busy road and if allowed, this would inevitably lead to numbers of people, including small children having to cross this road to get to the beach Crossing at this point to access the facilities to be offered, must lead to it being a safety issue and risk, particularly with the increasing level of sometimes fast moving traffic

Public nuisance ... although the area can get busy during the day all year round, and particularly during the summer months, it is generally a very peaceful area, especially at night. Having a license to serve alcohol until 2300, 7 days a week would dramatically change that, particularly for the local residents  
It may also start to attract the wrong sort of people, leading to incidents of one sort or another  
Granting of such a license at that location would radically change that for the worse

Crime and Disorder ... unfortunately wherever alcohol is available there is always the risk of disorder. This particularly applies to off sales that might lead to unsocial behaviour on the beach and even the possibility of swimming while intoxicated

For all these reasons, I believe that granting of this license should be REFUSED

Sent from my iPad



Licensing Unit <licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

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**The proposed alcohol license applied for by Goring Gap Ltd: Marine Drive, Goring-by Sea, Worthing. (Adjacent to Amberley Drive) at OS Ref: TQ1001NW**

1 message

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3 February 2024 at 18:53

To: licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk

I am writing to voice my objection to the proposal of an alcohol license applied for by Goring Gap Limited

My concern is that we already have an issue with alcohol in the summer months along the goring gap and the addition of a facility to enable people to purchase and continue to cause a public nuisance and only add to the litter issue that we have cannot be a positive and in what is currently basically a rural area.

In addition the continued use of the unused roads as an area for people to commit lewd acts to have children and adults in the direct vicinity because of the addition of another drinking facility.

Can we not loose sight of the fact that this is a field a designated agricultural piece of land and nothing more.

Regards



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**Re: Re: South Goring Gap - ALCOHOL LICENCE OBJECTIONS**

1 message

28 February 2024 at 21:11

  
to: Licensing Unit <licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Good evening.

Apologies, yes I would like to lodge an official objection. My name and address is:-



Kind regards,



----- Original Message -----

From: [licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk](mailto:licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk)

Sent: Wednesday, February 28th 2024, 15:59

Subject: Re: South Goring Gap - ALCOHOL LICENCE OBJECTIONS

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your email

If you would like this logged as an official objection we will require your address details please

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards

On Tue, 27 Feb 2024 at 22:07,  wrote:

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you to raise a number of objections to the proposal of a licenced "playground" proposed for the South Goring Gap.

This area is totally unsuitable for a premises selling alcohol for what appears to be a reported 15 hours a day. Considering that it is a rural location sited well away from the Ferring and Worthing town

centres where there are more than enough bars, this will undoubtedly encourage noise pollution, littering, anti-social behaviour such as vandalism, graffiti, and what is most concerning, probable underage drinking and petty crime. And this area is not patrolled by police as the town centres are, it will create a very inviting place for all manner of trouble including drug problems. This area is and has always been an area where families picnic letting their children play by the sea. It is not an ideal place to allow such an anti-social concern, and to consider allowing such a venture which would be a magnet for trouble would be extremely detrimental to the area.

This is still an area of natural beauty which encourages wildlife and is a regular haunt for bird watchers. It is an area where locals walk their dogs, people cycle, picnic and pursue various pursuits and pastimes. This venture if allowed to go ahead, will undoubtedly drive many people away from an area that is a peaceful, popular seaside location that has attracted people for decades. This application is an antisocial proposition that will not enhance the area, but detract and sully a very beautiful asset to the south coast.

Please reject this application.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





Licensing Unit <licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

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## Goring Gap application

1 message

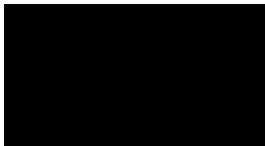
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28 February 2024 at 16:07

To: [REDACTED]  
licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk

I am objecting to the application for a license as I do not find it necessary to have a license in the place! It will encourage drinking to teenagers which in turn will create noise and disturbance !

Children's safety will be at risk as they will have to cross the road to access it and there will be more parked cars in the surrounding road when that road is always full to capacity most days.



Sent from my iPad



Licensing Unit &lt;licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk&gt;

**Marine Drive, Goring-by Sea, Worthing. (Adjacent to Amberley Drive) at OS Ref: TQ1001NW**

1 message

26 February 2024 at 11:24

To: "licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk" &lt;licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk&gt;

I wish to make an objection in regards to the above request for an alcohol license submitted 31.01.2024.

There is absolutely no need for this area to be disrupted by Mr [REDACTED]. There is plenty of sand and free play areas over the road with the beach and Goring Gap. The area is already furnished by 2 cafes and there are not enough public toilets to cope with any extra footfall. Adults and children are being encouraged to eat and drink but without any public facilities mentioned to accommodate this? Are we now to look forward to coming across drunken people, or children caught short in the surrounding areas to relieve themselves? Hardly in keeping with the tone of the area and a huge public nuisance.

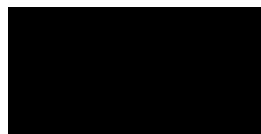
Mr [REDACTED] mentions putting bins on site but the area already suffers from discarded bottles, cans, wrappers etc. And how can he be certain that glass won't get broken and end up under the foot of someone 'enjoying' his facilities or worse into the sand pit? How is he going to ensure the sand remains clean from animals doing their business? He can't patrol it all of the time. How is this safe and clean for children to use? Sand that has been exposed to the elements, to animals, to drunken idiots who find it funny to urinate or chuck glass in? No thank you, my child will not be risking their hands and their health to play in that sand.

This area of road is already used for free parking in the summer months by visitors to the area, bringing extra cars and encouraging even more dangerous parking hardly seems in the public's interest of safety or protecting children from harm. It can be so hard to cross the road sometimes when you can't clearly see what is coming due to the dangerous parking of visitors. Now parents carrying children, beach paraphernalia, pushchairs etc and expected to safely cross the road?

The hours of 8am until 11pm which he is proposing as hours of business are very extreme and will severely disrupt the peace and tranquillity the area enjoys and create a big nuisance for those living in the area. Has any thought been given to those who are under 18 and are likely to congregate in this area should this go ahead? How will the elderly residents, dog walkers or females walking/running alone feel about their safety being compromised with the possibility of groups congregating? Goring Gap already suffers from underage groups meeting up, leaving mess, drinking and starting BBQs. Surely this will only encourage even more of this unsociable behaviour. Last thing that is needed is a repeat of the incident seen this weekend in Poulter's Lane with 200-300 teenagers congregating. It is well known that people under the influence of alcohol are more likely to commit a crime. I lived in the heart of Worthing Town for years and my car was vandalised so many times I ended up parking streets away. The residents of Ferring don't deserve to have to have this fear or worry about their safety or that of their property.

I personally enjoy running along this stretch of Ferring, it is good for my mental health and a great way to enjoy all the area has to offer but would severely be put off from doing so if groups of people had been drinking alcohol and were in the area. I would fear for my safety.

As a local it is so hard to understand how any of this is in the public's interest?



**Re: Objection to Alcohol License request TQ1001NW**

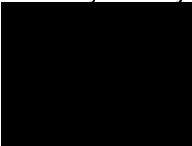
1 message

31 January 2024 at 14:36

To: Licensing Unit &lt;licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk&gt;

Hi Jordan,

Thank you for your reply. My address is:



Kind regards,

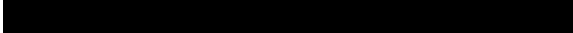


On Wed, 31 Jan 2024 at 14:20, Licensing Unit &lt;licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk&gt; wrote:

Good afternoon,

If you are making an objection you will need to provide your address please. It can then be added to the application.

Kind regards,

On Wed, 31 Jan 2024 at 12:54,  wrote:

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this email as my objection to the licensing request for the right to sell alcohol for the consumption on and off the premises of Marine Drive, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing (adjacent to Amberley Drive) - OS Ref: TQ1001NW.

My objection is based upon the following:

The need to curtail problematic underage drinking that takes place on the gap which may be heightened by the ability to consume alcohol at Marine Drive. This may add to a policing issue when the police are already stretched.

If alcohol is sold on the premises there are no provisions for a toilet area for patrons and the placement of portaloos on the beautiful landscape would be an eyesore for the community when using the Goring Gap for family events, dog walking and other sporting activities that take place.

Providing an alcohol license will increase the number of cars and campers that are left overnight on the road and there is a curfew in place for campers as they are not allowed to stay overnight. This will add to a policing issue when the police are already stretched.

I do not believe that a covered sandpit area is required when there is a beautiful beach nor is it good for children to be in an environment where alcohol is served and patrons may be intoxicated. Again there is no provision for a baby changing/toilet area for children.

Overall there is no reason for an alcohol license to be granted for this site.





Licensing Unit <licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

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## License application

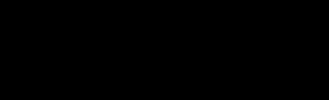
1 message

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9 February 2024 at 16:52

To: licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk

I object to the license application for Amberley drive/marine drive as there could be a risk of public disorder with a license for that long, also noise, nuisance and a risk to children also a possibility of increased crime!



Sent from my iPhone



Licensing Unit &lt;licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk&gt;

## Representation on New Premises Licence for Goring Gap Ltd

1 message

27 February 2024 at 09:14

To: "licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk" &lt;licensing.unit@adur-worthing.gov.uk&gt;

Good morning. I wish to make a representation opposing to the application for a new premises licence that has been submitted for a parcel of land on Goring Gap. Details required as follows:

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Application I am objecting to: Application for a new premises licence for a proposed new meadow/leisure park situated on a parcel of land at Marine Drive, Goring-by Sea, Worthing (adjacent to Amberley Drive) at OS Ref: TQ1001NW.

Reasons for making representation: I would like to make objections to the granting of this licence application in respect of the four licensing objectives and the steps that the applicant has stated they will take to mitigate the impacts:

- The prevention of crime and disorder - The steps that the applicant has proposed under this requirement are primarily designed to meet their legal requirements in terms of preventing underage drinking and training of staff. The area surrounding the proposed premises, including the area known as the Plantation is open space and unlit and is currently a relatively benign and quiet area. With the introduction of a premises serving alcohol at this location, it will become, by nature much busier and present targets for criminal activities in the surrounding area, particularly for those leaving the site after dark on foot.
  - Currently, from time to time, particularly in the summer, there are fairly regular occurrences of cars gathering on the road adjacent to and to the North and West of the site late at night. They then either donut or drag race along these roads and the sound of engines revving excessively and tyre squealing carries across the fields to the houses on Sea Lane and beyond. A premises serving alcohol and other refreshments until 11pm will have a strong potential to increase the frequent of these "visits".
- The prevention of public nuisance - The applicant states that they do not want to gain a bad reputation with regards to public nuisance and acknowledge that there is a balance to be struck between public entertainment and disturbance to local residents. They do not, however acknowledge how they will mitigate against this. In particular:
  - They state that the site is a long distance from habitation and is opposite an open area of land that is frequently used by the public for recreational uses. They also imply that the time of day, frequency and nature of activities will be included in design considerations (for a temporary structure!) and that their primary customers will be children and their parents.
    - This premise is somewhat disingenuous when considering that they are applying for a licence to operate until 11pm, I am not sure many children will

be playing in the sand pit that late at night and certainly not after dark in the winter months, so do not see that as a mitigation.

- Whilst there may be some noise mitigation from The Plantation, the open land to the West of the Site is used by the public primarily for walking (with and without dogs) or bird watching and therefore does not generate noise. At night, other than the occasional car, there is no background noise in this area and the introduction of a premise that by nature generates noise will fundamentally change that situation. Currently when there are late evening activities in that area, the noise does travel across the field at night and therefore increased frequency/regular activities will change the whole profile.
  - The area is currently unlit and in effect a dark sky area. The introduction of light will change the whole nature and arguably be a public nuisance in the loss of amenity for star gazing and create pools of light on the horizon.
  - Car parking along Marine Drive is at present a manageable "nuisance" mainly as by dusk the majority of visitors have left the area. Again, the introduction of a "magnet" for more people will increase traffic and the associated nuisance, particularly at what are presently quiet periods in the evening.
- Public safety - The listed steps do not include any consideration of the impact of traffic in the area and therefore potential for an increased in the potential for Road Traffic accidents.
    - This is of particular concern at peak periods, with children likely to be crossing back and forth between the site and the Greensward, with drivers less attentive whilst looking for parking places, once the proposed "car park" is full.
    - This will also be a significant risk after dark with ingress and egress to and from the site along unlit and unpaved roads, in both directions with pedestrians who may not be fully alert due to consumption of alcohol and unlikely to be wearing reflective clothing.
    - I also refer to the issue identified above under crime and disorder with increased opportunity for those with nefarious intent to find victims leaving the site.
  - The protection of children from harm.
    - Once again, the steps proposed are merely meeting best/common practice in terms of DBS checks, etc. No recognition of the known problem of Rat infestation in the Plantation and how food waste on site is likely to attract vermin with the associated issues of fouling of the sand pit that children will play in.
    - Alcohol and children generally do not mix well and therefore it is clear there is an increased risk of indirect harm. Whilst the steps include open areas of play being risk assessed, there is no mention of them being supervised, nor the increased risk in the surrounding environs.

All in all, I believe that this is not a reasonable or sensible location for a "facility" that purports to be for the children and their parents, whilst looking to serve alcohol from 8 am to 11pm in what is currently a quiet and peaceful area that is positive in terms of peoples wellbeing.

Regards

