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For the attention of Halima Chowdhury.
CC Emma Parkes - H4ead of Development

Dear Miss Chowdhury,

My previous concerns regarding safety and security involved with this application have not been addressed by the latest Management Plan dated 28th February and the presence of the new housing estate opening onto the applicant's fields give still further cause for concern.

I would refer you to my document on your system dated 7th May 2025 and the photographs attached to that document which clearly illustrate that the fences on the eastern and northern boundaries of the larger of the two fields are broken down or totally non existent and would form no meaningful barrier to prevent free running dogs from exiting the field and interacting with members of the public on the footpaths or running into the road. I did discuss my concerns with you personally some months ago and the fact that there are still no fences around the site perimeter means the western field is open for all and sundry to enter and use and we regularly witness multiple people, who are nothing to do with Doodley Dogs, accessing the field in numerous places where fences and gates are broken down. They then leave bags of dog poo laying on the ground and a few days ago I counted more than ten which had clearly been there for weeks, which indicates that the tenant and landowner are not acting responsibly in terms of public health.

I note that the map submitted under item 17 on the applicant's Management Plan is clearly not up to date since it completely fails to show that there is now a new housing estate of 62 dwellings which actually adjoins the boundaries of the applicant's fields. There is a new road running along the eastern boundary of the larger field and the southern boundary of the smaller field and in the absence of effective fencing, loose running dogs would easily be able to escape and interact with walkers on the public footpaths, together with pedestrians and traffic on the housing estate with the risk of an accident as there will be in excess of 120 vehicle movements per day right next to the fields in question.

The Management Plan does not address any of these problems which again emphasizes the importance of dog proof fencing around the whole site as is the case in other communities where licensed dog walking is permitted.

The new housing estate has dramatically changed the immediate area adjoining the applicant's fields since the time of the original application in April 2025 and I believe it is imperative that before making any decision, planning officers must make a full site visit and walk the entire boundaries rather than viewing from a distance since I consider that currently there is a significant danger of an accident involving a dog and perhaps injuring a child on the adjoining estate for which HDC planners could be blamed for a lack of due diligence,

Please be sure to view the photographs attached to my document of 7th May 2025 as they clearly illustrate the problem and perhaps also consider whether with the new surroundings, which bring other considerations into play, this is a suitable area for loose running dogs regardless.

Kind regards

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