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All, [Planning FAO Halima Chowdhury]

[REDACTED] We, and our neighbours, have noted in multiple objections that the site has not been properly managed by them ever since it began to be used as a dog walking field. We have also highlighted that the management plan presented in the application has never been implemented. There is no access control (the gate is left unlocked), bagged dog mess left on the ground around the gates has been a long-standing problem, the field is routinely used by more dogs and owners than allowed within the plan, and at times outside those stated in the plan.

If the site continues to be used on an ad hoc basis by previously users, it will not be managed at all. This will likely make the situation worse. It will also mean that there is no Public Liability Insurance to cover its use by dogs with behavioural issues who cannot be safely walked in public areas. This is of considerable concern to neighbours and footpath users. To recap, the fencing of the eastern field is inadequate and most of the fencing around the western field adjacent to public footpaths has fallen down. Improving the insecure fencing is not addressed at all within the application.

Every day that the retrospective application is left undecided, with dog walking allowed to continue on the site, presents an unacceptable and uninsured public safety risk for which HDC and the field owners must bear responsibility. The NPPF (e.g. para 102) makes it clear that public safety risks must be addressed.

I have copied in two of my ward councillors so that they may discuss the matter direct with you.

Environmental Health,

I note in your planning application response of 26th March that you do not mention noise complaints made by ourselves and others - which includes complaints about loud dogs and owners using both fields. The complaints include audio recordings to demonstrate the nuisance. We would be grateful if you could update us on the progress you have made with these complaints and amend your response to reflect them.

Kind regards,

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