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Good Afternoon **Steve**,

Firstly I am making it clear this e-mail comes to you as Chair of Hyde Parish Council (Not as a Member).

At the last Parish Council meeting we had a number of residents from Frogham who live around the camping field known as Harry's Field on Abbotswell Road express to us numerous complaints. Councillor Edward Heron was also on zoom at the last Parish Council meeting and helped to explain the answers to some of the questions.

The Parish Council have now received a letter listing all the problems that were expressed to the Parish Council.

Amongst the list are planning questions - and the Parish Council now needs a formal reply to these concerns which we can then pass to our residents and include in our next minutes.

It is a long list in the letter but the third paragraph -- (copy and paste) (please note our Hyde Parish clerk has written to NFDC Environmental Health as well).

Ultimately, there are four desired outcomes:

- 1. In future years, Harry's Field should be limited to a maximum of 28 days of camping use*
- 2. The site should accommodate fewer campers with car parking on site*
- 3. When the campsite is in use, a wide range of management and camper issues that impact negatively on local residents and the local environment, must be addressed.*
- 4. Harry's Field campsite should adhere to the planning regulations and the rules governing use of agricultural land for campsite purposes.*

The questions we need formal answers for are 1 and 4.

I add a few other points raised in the letter to provide the background to the questions.

4. Has the Campsite exceeded the permitted number of open days?

- A mobile shower/toilet block arrived on Monday 22nd June. We understand that as soon as equipment such as portable toilets arrive on site, that is classed as your first day of camping.*
- There are bell tents in a separate enclosure next to Harry Sherriff's house. On their website, this tent is called Bluebell and is advertised as sharing the facilities at Harry's Field (and should therefore be considered under the same 28/56 day rule). This is advertised as being available from April through to October.*
- If we take their start date as 22nd June and run it to the end of September, this is 100 days of camping this year.*

To provide information and some more background -The campsite was not used continuously and the the bluebell field is in the same ownership and next to the main field. This paddock/field was a Caravan and Camping club field for 30 years with the only 5 caravans at any one time rule.

5. Questions regarding Campsite breaches of planning regulations

- The 'yard area' seems to be regarded as separate to the camping field. However, they were sold as one block of land and are both classed as agricultural land so why should they be considered separately? And if so, why are these not off-site when the campsite is out of use?*
- There has been a caravan parked permanently on the site for some time. Should the Parish or District Council enforce the removal of the caravan?*
- Permanent toilets and possibly showers have been installed on the site. Has this been approved?*
- Bell tents in Harry Sherriff's garden: The fence line of the garden has been moved which increases the curtilage of the garden.*
- Google maps satellite shows the west end of the main field is almost a straight fence run from Abbots Well Road to where it meets the boundary of The Laurels. Now, the fence runs in a straight line to the near side of Harry Sherriff's garden, then a large farm gate extends out in an easterly direction and then the fence continues from there to The Laurels' boundary. This means that Harry Sherriff's domestic garden has been extended at the expense of the agricultural land in the field. Where's the planning permission for this?*
- The site is agricultural land; the use of the land is more in keeping with a commercial enterprise than the spirit of 'permitted development' – what are the rules around this? At what point does this become an official campsite, rather than one allowed by 'permitted development'.*

More information - the small touring caravan stored in the yard has been raised in the past by our Parish clerk and a reply recieved from the NP.

I hope you can help the Parish Council with a reply to the questions raised.

Please can you also provide clarification to the Parish Council on what is permitted on a '28' day site. Harry's field has been used for a family/owners party, camping (which included one weekend D of E), A Caravan and Camping club rally this last weekend and the field has also provided parking for an event on the Open Forest . Also every year since 1974 (except the foot and mouth year and this year) it has been used for a one afternoon charity event - the village fete and involves no camping.

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