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Ref: (Application Number)  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for the modification of the S106 agreement, as referenced above, on the land known as Clayton Fields on Edgerton Road, Huddersfield.

It is utterly shocking and disgraceful that the owners are complaining about their financial situation with regard to the site, especially in these difficult times and are preposterously trying to claim some form of compensation from the local Kirklees Council. The company first purchased the land many years ago, privately and cheaply and must be held entirely responsible for the choices they have made and any expenditure they have undertaken with regard to the land. It is also hard to fathom how, as the owners claim, they have been spending £1000.00 a month 'managing' the site as there are certainly no visible signs of this, (although there was at one time an occasional effort to manually - and improperly - treat some of the Japanese knot-weed, which can still be found growing there).

The planning conditions surely exist to ensure local people and nature are considered, regarded and protected in the case of a development taking place and should not, under any circumstances be removed.

The owners need to accept that Clayton Fields is an unattractive and difficult site to develop and admit that they have not succeeded in achieving anything worthwhile with it over an extremely long space of time. I would suggest the land should be placed in the hands of Kirklees Council, perhaps taken over by a Compulsory Purchase Order. To be preserved as a common ground. Clayton Fields is and always has been an important green space for local people to use and enjoy and has proven to be essential to their health and mental well-being. There is nowhere else like it in this area of the town and it could not be replaced. Hopefully, common sense will finally prevail in this situation.

Yours Faithfully,