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It has belatedly come to my notice that the information about this Application has been displayed near the entrance gates to Dewsbury Celtic Rugby Club, but not near the main pedestrian entrance to Crow Nest Park to which it adjoins. I recognise, therefore, that the comments from the Friends of Crow Nest Park are outside the planned limit for consultation.

However, since the Friends of Crow Nest Park are a constituted body, work to help maintain and enhance Crow Nest Park for our local community, we have a vested interest in this Application. (There are, I note, formal comments from the Yorkshire Gardens Trust, based in York, who have, I suggest, only a partial and distant concern about the detail.) I hope, therefore, that you will be able to consider the points made by the Friends of Crow Nest Park who have more neighbourly concerns.

While I am attaching the full statement from the Friends, our main concerns are:

1. The drawing of the line of the boundary fence shows it covering both pitches, extending along a line of trees within the park and at the edge of a main pedestrian route through the park. It also goes up to and includes the boundary shrubbery at the edge of the current car parking. Should this Application be granted, the Friends would like to see the commitment to maintenance of the shrubbery and, of course, protection for the trees at the edge of the avenue.
2. The boundary line also goes into the pedestrian area of the Park beyond the present end of the car parking road. The reason for this is not clear.
3. The current parking arrangements are protected by the secured gate at the vehicle entrance. The lock is only opened by Rugby Club members and thus the current parking arrangements are secured and protected for club use.
4. The end of the access road for the parking is protected by 5 bollards. 4 are permanently secured and one is unlockable should an emergency arise. There is no vehicle exit from this

area. Since the facility is just over 200 metres long, and does not lead anywhere, we see no reason for 4 speed humps to be introduced.

5. The white background and green lettering signs proposed at the park end of the boundary are presumably unnecessary since, should a boundary fence be erected, no one can enter that way.
6. The addition of floodlights could potentially aid evening training during the winter, and I am sure the local residents on the other side of Boothroyd Lane will have their views on this aspect of the Application.

I trust you will consider our comments.

Regards

Chair, Friends of Crow Nest Park

Although not formally consulted over this Application, the Friends of Crow Nest Park would request that their comments and concerns over this Application be noted and taken into consideration. The Friends are a constituted body and work with Kirklees Council to enhance and maintain Crow Nest Park for the benefit of the local community.

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The Friends work hard with the Council and other organisations to help assure a local outdoor facility for their community. This fencing and other changes will not enhance but effectively make private what is a public space – gifted to the people of Dewsbury ‘for their pleasure and enjoyment’.

On behalf of Friends of Crow Nest Park