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With reference to the number of letters and comments in recent weeks the Parish Council is concerned that not all the information regarding the planning application for the Caravan Park at Jubilee Park has been fully communicated.

The Parish Council's remit is to look after the interest and future of Woodhall Spa as a whole. The Parish Plan continues to be the framework within which the Parish Council operates for the present and future of the village. Friends of Jubilee Park (FOJP) was set up in response to the Parish Plan and at the Parish Council's request.

This statement aims to clarify the current situation with regard to the Booths' planning application for a caravan site on the edge of Jubilee Park.

The field in which the planning application relates is privately owned and there is no absolute right for the community to use it. Usage is entirely down to the owner's permission.

The owner has given an undertaking that the Woodhall Spa Show can continue with car parking in an alternative field.

The proposal for a caravan site is strongly supported by FOJP & is consistent with their Option 3 Appraisal (2006) which is a blueprint for the future of Jubilee Park and was a result of public and user group consultation. One aspect of Option 3 was to move the caravan park to a more commercially viable location. The Parish Council at that time supported that option and when the recent planning application was made the Parish Council reconsidered all the issues and continues to support the option of a caravan site close to Jubilee Park.

This is supported on the understanding the existing caravan park will close.

The traffic issues and local residents concerns will be part of the consideration given within the planning process by ELDC.

Looking at the bigger picture the Parish Council are in support of tourism and supporting local businesses with full appreciation that there should always be a balance.

The Parish Council considered that the planning application will bring benefit to the village especially in support of Jubilee Park.

David Clarke

Chairman