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7<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Dear Sirs,

**Re Application 14/00347/MFUL Mr D Dale-Sunley – Change of use of concrete hard standing to provide caravan storage area at an area of Hardstanding to East of Wombledon Caravan Park, Moorfields Lane, Wombledon.**

I refer to the above application. My Council unanimously recommends rejection of this application for the following reasons:-

1. The increase of traffic through the village and surrounding areas. Despite assurances Councillors see no impediment to the site being accessed 24/7 as the owners will be provided with a numerical or key lock – it would appear there will be no one to police the area to stop access at all times. This could cause problems to residents in the village and visitors on the Caravan site next door. The busiest times for the retrieval and depositing of caravans would be Friday evenings and Sunday evenings which would cause problems for the neighbouring caravan site and residents as many would be accessing the site from the A170 and through the village.
2. The site is still extremely exposed from all sides and would be highly visible from roads and the village. It is noted that the Planning Officer's report dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013 recommended rejection of the application no 13/00710/MFUL which was then withdrawn by the applicant as he stated in accordance with the Ryedale local Plan "the landscaping should be established and matured to ensure the visual impact of the development is not materially harmful". Although the landscaping has been planted it has only been planted in the last few weeks my Council is of the opinion it is neither established or matured and

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therefore it cannot be said to ensure the visual impact of the development is not materially harmful.

3. The metal security type fence will be highly visible and intrusive in Councillors' opinion, security would necessitate this being very high and industrial type fencing and gates which would be highly visible and very obtrusive in the open countryside.
4. Councillors remain of the opinion (despite the statement made in supporting information) that some lighting would be needed for health and safety and security reasons. Especially as the site would be open all year round. This would be extremely obtrusive and detrimental to the open countryside and neighbouring Caravan site. It would make the site very visible from the village and surrounding roads.
5. It was considered that such an operation should also potentially be manned for security reasons – there was nothing in the application about this.
6. Councillors remain concerned as to whether the entry/exit route was suitable for caravans. The proposed route from Moorfield Lane to the site is very narrow indeed and has a very sharp bend which would be very difficult for large caravans to negotiate.
7. The proposed application has, in my Council's opinion worrying implications for the tourist industry both locally and for the adjoining Caravan site in particular.

A site meeting at the Airfield is again recommended as this would show the Planning Committee members how very exposed the proposed site was. This would also reveal any potential inadequacies in the proposed access and the proximity to the Caravan site. In addition to which Councillors note that the site is next to the Control Tower which is now used as offices with further amounts of traffic entering and exiting.

To summarise my Council recommends rejection of this application.

Yours faithfully,

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**Clerk to Wombledon Parish Council.**

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