

Jubilee field enhancement proposal – summary of resident responses

This summary is composed to two parts: Exec Summary and anonymised resident responses.

Exec Summary:

Phase one – tree and shrub planting has a clear majority positive response from most residents who support having a more wildlife, educational, picnic and dog walking positive environment.

Phase two – the provision of a football pitch has a clear majority negative response from most residents who sited both perceived and real issues: questionable suitability of the field given flooding (standing water) present most winters, inadequate community centre changing room and shower facilities for two adult teams, increased traffic down Woodlands, limited parking facilities, limitations placed on dog walking coupled with fears of a repeat cricket field abusive experience, limited upside for majority village residents compared minority external footballers, lack detailed costings to support this phase.

Anonymised Resident Responses:

This section is a copy and paste of residents replies to the Chairman of the Parish Council, removing all information that could be used to identify individuals. This section provides residents full transparency of respondents replies.

My earlier email wasn't meant to dismiss the idea of a pitch idea completely and I always try and look for alternatives, so here is a proposed alternative solution:

The field behind the school that was used for the village bonfire to be developed to include the pitch and associated facilities complete with parking. This facility could then be used by the school which would include the parking for dropping off and collecting pupils, with an access into the school itself at the rear - removing the congestion and disruption at 8.45am and 3.20pm every school day.

This has been done at Caythorpe (Lincs) for exactly the same reasons.

It would also free up the jubilee field to have more trees and planting which seems to be the most favourable bit of the proposed plan. I hope that is a lot more positive and gives you, as a council, something to discuss and work with

Having read the proposal for phase one of the jubilee field I was pleasantly surprised, it sounds very positive and would continue to be a lovely space for people to enjoy, Phase 2 however would destroy all of the good work of phase one, the field becomes a fabulous wetland area in the wintertime when it floods, attracting an array of birds and wildlife, in the summer it is enjoyed by family's picnicking, children playing or people walking with or without pets enjoying the tranquillity which would be entirely ruined if phase 2 went ahead. I fully object to a football pitch on jubilee field.

I read the plans for the Jubilee Field, they sound great to me. Just thought I would register a positive vote.

Having considered the document I agree that Phase 1 seems appropriate.

I do however have some concerns over Phase 2:

1. Maintaining access for dog walkers. My concern would be that we may end up in a very similar situation with the football club that has occurred with the cricket club. I feel uncomfortable in walking my dog when any member of the cricket ground's team are in the area. Whereas as a lone female dog walker I feel comfortable walking around the Jubilee field due to the large number of fellow dog owners in the area, and it would be a shame if this cannot continue in the future.
2. The leaflet does not indicate the likely number of match days and whether this will include any training evenings as well, thereby I am unable to make a considered opinion of the extent of the loss of this amenity to myself and other dog walkers. At any point that a football match is played the area effectively becomes out of bounds to dog walkers with dogs off leads – this would be a shame.
3. The Jubilee Field in my view is well used by the Winthorpe community whether this be dog walkers of families with children. I am not sure of the extent of Winthorpe residents within the football team but it would be a shame for Winthorpe residents to lose some amenity if the football team consists of a significant number of people from outside of the village.
4. I cannot comment on the proposed additional income stream for the Community Centre and the Lord Nelson, but clearly any additional income for them can only be a good thing. That said I would question the suitability of the Community Centre to facilitate changing facilities for the football team; are they not likely to agree to share the cricket facilities where there are actual changing rooms?
5. The proposed football pitch at one point is very close to the River Fleet and the Allotments. What arrangements can be made for returning balls, etc or any damage caused by those balls to allotment holders plots?
6. As the Jubilee Field is prone to flooding in the winter months, there is a very real risk that the ground will become substantially churned up within the course of football matches if inadequate time is given for the ground to dry out. What are the proposals (if any) to mitigate this risk or rectify any deterioration of the ground.

As an aside I welcome the change of policy that will now allow dog walkers to use the Community Centre field. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in giving our views.

We would like to add our thoughts about this proposal.

- 1 This field has always been prone to flooding so during the football season this could cause a problem both for matches to be played and damage to the pitch
- 2 Presuming cars would be parked at the Community Centre, what happens when there are daytime events taking place i.e the caravan club who book for weekend and take up the entire carpark or antique fair events?
- 3 Damage to the path from carpark to pitch- football boots would surely need to be put on/taken off pitch side- are adult players likely to do this?
- 4 Lack of changing rooms- the small, single changing room at the Community Centre would be way too small for 2 adult teams to use, no showers available. Therefore, how would having Trent Albion be contributing to Centre funds on match days?

These are our main concerns. We very much appreciate and support the development of this area with regard to phase 1 of this proposal but feel uneasy with phase 2.

Your proposal of a football pitch is great, but my fear is that the folk who take over the management of the football pitch will degenerate into and eventually adopt the attitude that prevails with the

current cricket paternity. Currently dog owners do not have that problem with the social field, as i call it, so though we are to all intense a purpose banned from the cricket pitch we are not banned from the social field and currently enjoy this facility. How you go about ensuring that dog owners may continue to enjoy the jubilee field with a football pitch i do not know; but your current proposal does not mention the issue that i have highlighted which leads me to conclude that the poor dog owners will also have to endure not only a cricket objector but also football objectors.

What also amazes me is that it's a flood plain and spends most of the winter under several inches of water so unless the put in a drainage scheme which would easily cost £50k plus they will never be able to play on it.

In response to your request regarding the "Meadow" or Jubilee Field change of use - the proposals to convert the majority of it into a football pitch, we wholeheartedly object.

For many years the Meadow, or Paddock, was just that, a rough area of flood prone grass and water meadow. Steve Jackson, Maureen Dobson and many others proposed the development of the Jubilee Walk, bridge & field, for which some funding was obtained to celebrate the Jubilee. It was agreed at the time that it would become an open green area for the **benefit of all Parishioners** for free use.

- 1) The football pitch proposal is for a non-village organisation and brings no benefit to Villagers. Rather it takes away a large open space available (and used daily by many) for various recreation activities and it will severely restrict the amount of remaining ground for free use.
- 2) Conversion to a football pitch could adversely affect local ground conditions in Winter; given an average wet winter standing water can be on that area for anything up to two months. It's for good reason that the cricket pitch was developed on the higher ground adjacent to the Jubilee Field, even that becomes waterlogged in places during Winter.
- 3) There is no further need to plant additional trees, as this would change the nature of the open area. The trees to the North are nowhere near maturity and eventually will provide a greater canopy over that section of the field, whilst maintaining the open aspect of the main area.
- 4) The amount of extra traffic and disruption to the village – not just on match days but also for training and maintenance - will be an unwelcome burden and a nuisance inflicted on the Village.

We recall, at the time of the proposals to develop the "Jubilee Field", various open meetings were held in the Village to ensure open discussion and to approve the proposals. As such, we trust that the same process will be offered and adhered to should response to the "flyer" be inconclusive.

I appreciate I have missed the closing date for responses regarding this but would just like to say I think it is a wonderful proposal.

As a mother of 3 young children who live in the village and a 9 year old who has started venturing out with his friends, I think it would be a fantastic area for them to utilise as they get older.

My eldest now has a group of 7 friends who would all love access to a proper pitch when they are playing out during the summer but who would all also really enjoy watching some football at the weekend.

It would be a fantastic addition to the village and having chatted to members of the team who would like to play here, know that it would be something that would be well managed and looked after and

truly appreciated. It would be a brilliant asset to the village and especially to the families moving to the area with children.

Before I respond fully with my thoughts on Phase 2, will the addition of the football field result in the same restrictions as the cricket field? That this area becomes off limits to dog walkers. Will there be a strict 'dogs on lead' policy and around the edge walking only?

The planting in Phase One sounds like a good idea.

I am however struggling to see positive benefits for the village and residents for Phase Two. The only beneficiaries appear to be the football club and possibly the pub, although there is no evidence that having matches in the Village would help Pub revenue much, if the players are all driving to matches!

Here's some other concerns about Phase Two:

- The Jubilee field previously has had no restrictions to dog walkers or other recreational users. Over the past few years, walkers, runners and dog walkers have been subjected to signs and abusive confrontations when responsibly using the cricket field, so Jubilee Field is where we have now retreated to for our daily exercise. But now this latest proposal suggests that this too will be restricted "on non-match days". Where would we go on match days for exercise and dog walking?

- How often will this be? Will it be all day? / - Is this all year round?

- As a result, there will be an additional environmental impact, of dog walkers having to drive out of the village to find somewhere else to exercise their dogs, along with all the impact of the many cars coming into the village for the football matches. This could likely contradict the Phase One goal of reducing our carbon footprint.

- Where will the cars all park on match days, especially if there is an event at the Community Centre at the same time? If it's an 11-a-side match, plus officials and supporters, then you could be talking upwards of 50-60 cars?

- What facilities would the club need? Would there be building on the field, and dumping of equipment like we see all year round on the cricket field? Where would the Goalposts be safely stored between matches?

- Would the field meet minimum FA Grass Pitch Standards (see link)? If not, who will pay for the improvements? [THE FA GUIDE TO PITCH AND GOALPOST SAFETYTheFA.comhttps://www.thefa.com > facilities-and-funding](https://www.thefa.com/facilities-and-funding)

- Do the measurements for the pitch on the plan (90m x 45m) include the additional Runoff Safety Area that seems to be required by the FA, of an additional 4 metres around the pitch for all new pitches? Only a 3 metre verge is shown on the plan.

- The FA page refers to a recommended pitch size for Over 18's of 100m x 64m. Would this be possible in the space available without reducing the existing number of trees on the field?

- It would be good to understand more about Trent Albion FC - other than pub sponsorship from the Lord Nelson and The Duck in Newark, (there is little mention of this sponsorship online!) - what are the clubs links to the village please? Where do they play their home matches at the moment? Also how long will their sponsorship deal with the Lord Nelson continue to be in place for?

- Are other options available? Could the field by the Community Centre be used for the football club?

- Should the Parish Council be committing to either phase yet, when access to the Community Centre and along Jubilee Walk is currently (and frequently) overgrown and requiring maintenance for it to stay accessible to everyone?

- As an example of a potential alternative, could dog exercise paddocks be set up, (and potentially sponsored by the pub) such as the Dog Adventure Company & Paddocks on Doddington Road?

- Finally - has anyone looked into the frequent flooding on the field? This has happened in most of the years I've lived in the village, so if the issue hasn't been addressed, this would surely lead to many matches being called off. Here's some examples from recent years where it was flooded for 6-8 weeks at a time: [original photos not included in this summary] photo January - February 2021 it was flooded for the whole of January and until at least the middle of February: / photo is from November 2019:

Ultimately, I don't believe Phase Two should go ahead, as it will make many people feel less welcome in their own village, and is an unnecessary, unwanted and potentially costly development. If the only question is improving revenue and viability of the Community Centre and pub, surely, we could explore other avenues that don't make residents feel unwelcome. It would be good to understand how these concerns will be taken into consideration please. Happy to discuss further if there is an opportunity!

Phase 1 - We are in favour of planting more trees, shrubs and creating wildflower areas in and around the Jubilee field. This would create another amenity for the village - a place for quiet contemplation and as a natural study area for children and adults alike.

- There is no mention of seating in the proposal. Would it be possible to add a few seating benches, picnic benches and also areas where families can put a picnic blanket on the ground under some shade? We have used the Jubilee field for this purpose in the past and have enjoyed the peaceful setting.

- We will need to provide mown paths for easy access, particularly for pushchairs, wheelchairs, etc. People should not be walking through long grass because of the chance of getting Lyme disease, and also maybe treading on something unpleasant left by a less responsible dog owner. Also, wildlife and dogs are not a good mix and best kept separate as much as possible. - There needs to be provision of sufficient dog poo bins. Also, increased use means increased litter? - There does not seem to be a circular footpath around the field. It looks like you can walk along the brook but then have to return the way you came or via the Phase 2 football field. A circular path for recreational walkers would be pleasant.

Phase 2 - Will the football team pay for the mowing of the pitch?

- Will the football team use the Community Centre facilities on match days? There needs to be at least toilets for players and visitors alike. - Will there be a suitable standing area for spectators which doesn't intrude on the wildlife areas? - Will there be permanent goalposts erected on the field and who will pay for and maintain them? They will only be used for a few games throughout the year and will, we think, detract from the aesthetics of trying to provide a natural wildlife area. - Keeping an open, mown area will be good for exercising dogs but it doesn't look as nice as wide, mown paths through wildlife areas (as they have done at Sconce & Devon Park). We appreciate that you have to keep everyone happy.

1) First, as a dog owner i feel as though we have been persecuted enough in recent times and the allowable spaces have been reduced and/or controlled to such an extent that for a rural parish there is very little space for dog exercising off their leads. Yes i know the rules about the community centre field have recently been relaxed. But the cricket pitch, Winthorpe Lake and the Park (behind the pub) have all had restrictions placed upon them.

2) Also in relation to above, the issue of footpaths/bridleways/trails needs to be addressed as a priority before anything is attempted on the jubilee field. A number of additions were suggested to the parish council/think again campaign - these could, and should, be resurrected with the relevant land owners to provide a resource for an increasing number of residents who have joined the dog ownership community - which, by the way, far outnumbers the footballers that would benefit from the proposed pitch.

3) As the sportsman, sport and dog walking should never ever mix - there are a number of cases where sports persons have lost their sight because of diseases transferred by dog mess, including locally. You mention responsible dog owners in the proposal - a pipe dream! And it would only be a matter of time before dogs would be banned as per the recent cricket pitch furore/fiasco.

4) As i walk across that piece of land most days i have noticed that it is either flooded or cracked. I assume that this can only be due to either poor drainage or the type of soil. Surely a better use of such soil/drainage would be a community orchard or wildflower meadow, where the conditions could be ideal. Similar schemes have been implemented locally in both Farndon and Collingham.

5) Where are the footballers going to get changed/park their vehicles? - the current community centre changing rooms have been described as inadequate and only suitable for juniors. The cricket pavilion is an obvious possibility? And this raises other issues such as parking - Holme Lane is fairly narrow in that vicinity. There is also the consideration of access for emergency vehicles?

6) Is the space around the pitch going to have a 20 foot high fence around it? - i have seen the standard of football played locally - being able to hit a barn door from 10 yards (generous) springs to mind!! I am sure the residents of Woodlands would like a supply of footballs, as would the allotment owners.

7) I appreciate the foresight to provide facilities, but i feel that it it needs a lot more thought and discussion. What about a tie up with the school, Thomas Brewer and/or local land owners? (either resident or remote). There are fields around the village that could be far more suitable, especially off Pocklington Crescent or even Thoroughfare Lane. Both of which would provide the necessary space and parking/access.

Basically I welcome this proposal, but I have a few caveats.

1 Presumably the football club will be using the Community Centre for changing etc. Will the club officials be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness & hygiene within the premises?

2 I have noticed that there is a low spot in the field which often holds standing water in the winter. Will steps be taken to level the playing area and eliminate these low spots?

3 What is riparian planting? Does this include wild flowers?

Whilst I am for enhancement to the village, I would like to point out a few of my concerns.

1. Proximity to the property at the back of Woodlands. I notice there is a 3m gap between the dike and the footpath, is this going to be tall grass to avoid people seeing into the gardens of the back of the woodlands properties? As I see it there are a between 10-12 houses here. If this is not the case, I would expect some form of privacy planting to be included for this purpose.

2. Traffic and Parking - I am assuming, this would lead to an increase footfall and traffic along Woodlands into the community centre. Which at this stage is a relatively quiet road with children playing. What safety measures will be in place to ensure this is not affected?

Given the football and Cricket traffic, should there be purpose-built parking on the grounds itself towards the entrance of the cricket field for transparency and therefore diverting the traffic through the village to a designated area?

3. Security and Safety - How will this be monitored whilst the pitch is not to be used by the football teams? Will this attract individuals during the evenings and night times to congregate here and potentially lead to antisocial behaviour?

Firstly, we want to applaud the PC for developing the plan to enhance the Jubilee Field and asking for feedback from parish residents. We fully support the proposals and make only one suggestion – if indeed our query is not already dealt with in the proposal, but we have simply not fully understood it. Given the dearth of dog walking areas in the village and the intention to include the 5m wide short-mown grassy path (per the plan), it would be a shame if that path, or something similar did not continue beyond the existing Jubilee trees to reach the cricket field border. It may be the intention that a dog walker could continue walking through the trees to the cricket field, in which case our query is dealt with but as an “incentive” to keep dogs off the football pitch as much as possible, a route round the Jubilee Field to join up with the edge of the cricket field might be worth including.

What a great idea, I 100% support this proposal. This will be very picturesque football pitch!

Phase 2 – football pitch

Firstly and most importantly what are the Community Centre trustees view of the proposals. I suggest that without their support and use of the centres facilities then in my view the proposal to establish a football pitch is not achievable.

My observations:-

- what protection can be given to the allotments to prevent damage from footballs which are accidentally kicked into the area ?
- are there sufficient changing rooms at the CC for home and away teams and match officials ?
- will bookings from Caravan club ,wedding parties ,birthday parties be compromised ?
- how will the footpath from the CC to the field be protected from damage from football boot studs?I worry that the surface would be damaged -Could accidental damage be caused to the relatively young diamond trees due to stray footballs being kicked in their direction
- the Jubilee area is renown for flooding and I suggest that therefore this is not an ideal location
- stray footballs may fall into the Fleet and be difficult to collect due to the steep bank and flowing water -who would maintain the field ? Damage from boot studs would make the field difficult to walk upon.Who would be responsible for reseeding the field ? Is the current grass suitable to be used as a football pitch ?
- where would equipment be stored ie nets.corner posts ,white lining equipment ?
- would Trent Albion be charged for using the field ?
- parking may have to be monitored to prevent irresponsible parking on The Woodlands

Phase 1 – tree planting

*the Jubilee field is a short walk from the village school and therefore easily accessible and an ideal location for creating an educational wildlife area for students - bird watching, bug hunting ,water dipping ,tree identification ,flora and fauna etc *the area is ideal to allow the continuation of responsible dog walking *residents can enjoy the open area for walking and enjoying the open space

.Benches or picnic benches could enhance the area too *the former skatepark should be re developed

I think it would be great to have football back in the village and make use of the Jubilee field for some recreation activity. I feel sure that there will be a lobby from dog owners for it to be turned into their exclusive field, as well as from the tree planting brigade who will want it to become a woodland. How sad it would be for the village if either of these were to happen. The problem is, of course, that once trees are planted there is no going back, and the open space is lost for good. Let's give the football pitch a go and if down the line it does not work out, we have lost nothing, only a bit of time. Please though don't let it become solely the domain of the dog walkers.

I'm all in favour of a football pitch on the Jubilee field to boost income for the Community Centre and bring more people into the village. It's a harsh reality but as we mourn the passing of respected village elders, we realise the demographic of the village will change over the next few years and we will hopefully welcome a younger generation of families with children. The Village needs to change and adapt to survive. Facilities such as a football pitch and a playground are/will be much needed. I'm presuming the proposed football pitch will be larger than the pitch that used to be near the Community Centre? And the top field is not big enough to accommodate a larger pitch?

As a responsible Winthorpe dog owner, who always clears up after their dog, I'm relieved to see that access will be maintained on non- match days. That seems completely reasonable.

I do have concerns however about whether dogs will have to be on a lead both on the Jubilee field as well as the Cricket field. It is becoming increasingly difficult around Winthorpe to find somewhere where well-behaved dogs can enjoy some time running free, off the lead. The landowner has restricted access in the fields down Hargon Lane and off the Lord Nelson footpath and the Fishing Club have decided that dogs have to be on a lead around the beautiful Winthorpe Lake. The grass area behind Branston Close is quite small. The majority of dog owners that let their dogs run free on the Jubilee field are responsible and put any mess in the bins but there will always be someone who doesn't and there will always be a risk of a footballer having an unpleasant experience or catching toxocariasis. Sensible procedures could easily be put in place before any football matches to eliminate this risk. I therefore hope the Parish Council hold true to their desire to keep the Jubilee field available for the benefit of all residents of the village, including dog walkers.

Phase 1 – This seems like a no brainer to me.

Phase 2 – I'm not convinced about this, so a few questions:

- Would this be a grass or all-weather pitch?
 - What is the likely usage, how many matches per season?
 - Who would use / which teams?
 - Where would people park?
 - What is the cost to the residents (grass cutting , other maintenance)?
 - What is the estimated benefits / what's the cost benefit analyses look like?
 - Who would maintain the pitch, is this the football club or the PC?
 - As there would be an ongoing maintenance cost what is the commitment ongoing commitment from the football club?
 - Where would the posts, nets, line painting equipment etc. be stored?
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Phase one trees and shrubs - we see this as being only positive for the village. A larger wooded area would be great for the community and village.

Phase two football pitch - however we do have some major concerns.

How often is football to played on the field?

How long is their football season?

Where are the football team going to train and are they expecting to do this on Jubilee Field also. If so how often and when?

How much noise is expected and has this noise disturbance been assessed and discussed with the local residents.

Parking to be restricted to the community car park only and not along Woodlands!

Woodlands will need to have a maximum 20mph speed limit. This would be a good thing anyway.

Will the football ball team be given preference over use of the community centre to the detriment of other groups and users?

We do not wish to be difficult but we do think a lot more thought and discussion is needed within the community.

We think that the proposed plantings and pitch would provide a positive contribution to our community, bearing in mind that neither of us walk dogs, watch or play football. There are a few questions:-

Presumably Trent Albion players would be using the community centre for changing. Is there sufficient room for 22 players? Would they be using the catering facilities?

Is the Jubilee footpath up to the increased traffic, bearing in mind players and supporters and the wearing of football boots? How about the footbridge? How about wheelchair access?

I know there is some grant money for the planting and landscaping but who will be responsible for the creation and maintenance of the playing pitch? A bit of a two-edged sword here, If Trent Albion create and maintain the pitch the PC have no say in it's condition and it could become an eyesore. On the other hand, if the PC do it there will have to be a proper charge, with the risk that the PC are left with it if Trent Albion pull out after some time.

Will there be sufficient room for the Drainage Board to access the Fleet/Slough Dyke and room for any dredging on the banks. Also there might need to be sufficiently wide access for them to bring in large plant from the cricket field gate.

I agree with the proposal of Phase 1. I think the area would benefit by additional planting and would make the area more interesting for walking.

My main concern with Phase 2 is not particularly the addition of a football pitch but the effects on dog walkers. As a responsible dog owner, I am already concerned with the loss of open spaces in which we can let our dog off the lead. We have recently lost the area behind the Nelson Pub to Hargon Lane and the area around Winthorpe Lake. Without the Jubilee Field there will be almost nowhere in Winthorpe to allow dogs off the lead.

I understand that the proposal is to allow dogs on the Jubilee Field on non-match days. However, my concern is that this could lead to dogs not being allowed off the lead or on the pitch area as is the position with the cricket field. You will know of the trouble that dog walkers have had with certain members of the cricket club, and I would hate this to happen with the football pitch. To me this is the thin end of the wedge and once dogs are not allowed off the lead there will never be any going back.

Although the area next to the Community Centre has now been changed to allow dogs, I think that there will be parents whose children are playing in the play area who will be concerned about dogs. So, this may lead to unwanted conflict.

Is the football club Trent Albion FC that plays in the Notts Alliance Division 1? If so, I believe that there is a minimum size for football pitches. As you can see from below the recommended size including the safety runoff area is 116 x 76 yards (106 x 69.5m). As the proposed pitch is 90 x 45m without the safety runoff area I would question whether Trent Albion FC would be allowed to play on this pitch. There doesn't appear to be any chance that the proposed pitch could be any larger.

I have no objection to phase 1 and totally agree with the stated objectives. I am totally opposed to phase 2 the placing of a football pitch on the field. Of the three fields in this area this is the only one available to village dog walkers seven days a week at all times, a facility that a great deal of village residents use from early morning to late afternoon. Who will pay for goal posts nets ,line painting etc.? I strongly feel the parish council should not fund facilities for teams from outside the village. //

I wrote to you yesterday objecting to stage two of the proposed plans for Jubilee field. I have just read in this months focal point responsible dog walkers are to be allowed to use part of the top field. I now wish to withdraw my objections for phase two providing no financial burden is placed on the parish council.

As a resident of Woodlands I am concerned about the phase two section of your field proposal. I fear we would have to cope with yet more Community Centre traffic, the residents of this section of Woodlands already experience too much with ongoing cars, caravans etc many of whom travel too fast. I would suggest you consider the field off Pockington Crescent or the Winthorpe School field both of these are large enough for a football pitch.

I have just been looking at the plans for the Jubilee field. There are two comments I would like to make. 1. Are there any plans for any seating and/or picnic area as it might be nice for people to just sit and take in the scenery? 2. What will happen to the existing children's playground situated at the Community Centre? The current one at the Community Centre is a reasonably safe area for children to play. Not too sure if one on the edge of the village would be as safe.

I am not sure where people who wanted to use the football field would gain access and park their vehicles. Would they use the Cricket field entrance, the community centre or both? Assuming that it would be at the community centre, we need to consider capacity and disruption. There is limited parking and if a football game coincides with a community centre function, then parking may overflow down the street. The Woodlands Road experiences significantly increased traffic flows due to the regular ongoing activities of the Community Centre. Apart from a sign at the entrance to Woodlands, there are no traffic calming measures in force and visitors to the community centre do not always adhere to the speed limit. It is a dangerous situation. Other residents of Woodlands have reminded me that when they bought their house, Woodlands was a cul de sac.

You might also like to consider that the centre of the field is prone to flooding. During rainy periods the ground is extremely soft and may not always be fit for purpose.

Personally, I have an unspoilt view across the Jubilee field toward the cricket field from my back garden so I am opposed to the football field going ahead.

Regarding the Jubilee field proposal, I like the idea of a football field but don't like the idea of further tree planting. I would sooner see something done on the bank between the Fleet and the Community Centre which is overgrown and needs action before it becomes unmanageable.

In response to the Jubilee Fields Enhancement proposal we totally agree with phase 1 development. We feel it is important to maintain the rural aspect of the village and further enhance the area with shrubs, trees and flowers.

Phase 2 development however could pose several problems: Is the field big enough to sustain a football pitch and a wildlife haven? Will the field need extra drainage to allow football to be played during the winter months when this field sometimes floods? Will the players use the Community Centre as a changing room and if so can this be accommodated? Traffic from visiting teams and their supporters using Woodlands as an access would cause considerable discomfort to residents, bearing in mind that we tolerate excessive traffic during the week from the school and these matches would be at a weekend. Many residents enjoy the tranquillity of the Jubilee Walk and hope that it will remain that way.

I like the name Jubilee Meadow. A field is for planted crops, whereas a meadow is an area of grassland. I offer you my views;

- The field belongs to the village and should be kept for the villagers' use and not outsiders.
 - I strongly disagree in having a football field. The field has a high water table and floods in winter.
 - The area should be planted with English trees and wild flowers and kept as a park.
 - This could then be used as an educational area for the village school children.
 - Wild flowers like a poor and alkaline soil. This could involve having the grass removed to reduce the soil's fertility and acidity.
 - The border separating the cricket field already looks good with its mature trees and in my opinion does not require any more.
 - Do not clear the area around this border but leave it for wildlife.
 - Trees should be planted in the field surrounded by areas of wild flowers and a couple of picnic seats.
 - Plant two trees with the five Jubilee Trees. One in honour of the late Queen Elizabeth II and the other for the Coronation of King Charles III.
 - These seven trees would then be a lasting memorial for our village. Label each tree. Plant shrubs around the skateboard park.
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The design as presented appears to be, basically a football pitch with a small amount of tree planting by way of 'green washing'. b. A poor attempt to combine two conflicting purposes namely a more 'parkland' setting with a sporting facility in a field not large enough to accommodate the two in any meaningful, value-added way. c. Such a proposal does not appear to be referenced in the Village Plan. Indeed, the inclusion of the pitch seems wholly contrary to the environmental goals therein. d. The proposal affecting the last significant open green space in the Village prioritises sport over more general, environmental/nature appreciation more in keeping with the location. e. Cars, traffic, parking i. Where? Woodlands and the Community Centre presumably? ii. Envisage 'bursts' of 'away' traffic unsure of location, running late and rushing along Gainsborough Drive and Woodlands to make the kickoff. A disaster waiting to happen! Particularly in the wetter seasons, it's highly likely that mud will be carried on studded boots and drop in clumps on the footpath back to the Community Centre thus degrading this much used route. g. Noise i. Football (players and fans) tend to be more 'vocal' than other activities and not always in a way that would sit well with other users

of the area or nearby residents. h. Suitability as a pitch i. Floods most winters. ii. Slopes markedly from West to East. iii. Pitch would be too close to trees and other vegetation – possible damage to the same (and possibly to the participants). iv. Numerous ball ‘traps’: 1. River Fleet 2. Field drain 3. Allotments 4. Residential gardens

Suggestions i. Have designed and seek funding for a proper ‘parkland’ tree planting scheme for the whole of the Jubilee Field. ii. If space and habitat permits, investigate wild flower sowing/plantings. iii. Create outer and inner pathways to facilitate use by people with buggies and by those less able.

I tried to cast my mind back to when we first acquired the field and feel that there was much discussion on the shallow water table in that area and the likelihood of the field flooding. If flooding is/was an issue and probably occurs mainly in the winter (Football season), is a football pitch a practical proposal?

The reasons for opposing this are as follows:

1 A football pitch requires regular maintenance, without dedicated ground staff the pitch will inevitably degenerate and become a 'muddy gaff'. This will ruin the current natural and picturesque appearance of this part of the village. Could you give any details of the proposed maintenance plan for the field? The drainage of the adjoining fields is particularly bad in the winter months, the field in question is regularly water logged. This is one reason why this area has remained undeveloped.

2 Winthorpe community centre is primarily for the benefit of village residents, not footballers from other parts of Newark. Is the community centre to be used by the footballers on match days? Will facilities for other users be restricted? The facilities in the centre such as toilets, changing facilities, the surrounding outside area and the actual main hall are likely to become unkempt and degraded prematurely by a regular procession of at least 23 individuals with muddy football boots. Could you give details of who will be responsible for the extra maintenance and cleaning of the community centre if it is to be used by Trent Albion?

If the community centre is not to be used by Trent Albion players, officials, supporters and opponents which toilet facilities will be used by these individuals?

3 The noise and language generated by at least 23 individuals psyched up to play competitive football is unacceptable and is likely to disturb the character and peace of the village. What measures are in place to prevent footballs from being kicked into adjoining properties and allotments and who will compensate for damage caused to said properties/vehicles by stray footballs?

4 Where are the footballers, match officials and supporters going to park their cars? There is not enough space in the community centre car park or surrounding residential streets. The road leading to the community centre is a quiet residential area with many elderly, vulnerable residents. A procession of cars along this road and other streets in Winthorpe is dangerous and puts residents at risk. What percentage of Trent Albion players are resident in Winthorpe?

Does Winthorpe with Langford Parish council encourage alcohol consumption purchased from the sponsors of Trent Albion pre and post match in those who drive in and out of our village?

In principal I would support the idea as that “greater” area is already a sports facility (cricket pitch) and this would be a logical extension. I do have concerns though ;

1. Are your thoughts to support a football entity similar to cricket (where they look after the ground, their requirements etc.) or to become a recreational space provider where the PC becomes the groundskeeper/ up keeper?
2. Have you got the full engagement of the community centre who will provide changing, showers if required, separate match official changing, cleaning particularly after muddy boots etc. The requirements will probably be dictated by the FA and might need continued updating.
3. Has the project been fully costed
4. I got the impression the football team were seeking a turnkey solution, has this been thought through? Are they prepared to pay the then required cost per game? They could hire a pitch at say the Magnus school on a per game basis of £35. Let's say they use it 10 times a year so £350 a year at Magnus. Could the PC deliver this solution for £350 per annum. Would you have an engaged pc member allocated to everything football?
5. Is the thinking that the parish would subsidise this or will it be profit making like the allotments?
6. Can I clarify who would use this. Junior football already exists with Winthorpe tigers. My understanding is no players live in Winthorpe but some could in the future. If we are providing a facility for "outsiders" then it ought to be commercial. It should not come at any costs to the village
7. I'm not sure how much feedback you will get as very few people in the village will consider themselves impacted until it happens but a lack of response should not be taken to mean sign off. The initial letter is top line, and I would encourage face to face door knocking from the pc member responsible with those most impacted to discuss the pros and cons. I would then encourage a more detailed communication detailing things I cover in this mail. I used to live next to the community centre and every Sunday we had shouting from the footballers and parents. People on woodlands particularly would be impacted.
8. The pitch does get close to the path. Does the FA have stipulations in this respect. What thoughts are being given the footballers, football encroaching on the newly planted areas. What about the recovery of balls from the allotments / gardens
9. I think it will be important that a dogs policy needs to be consistent with the cricket and football spaces. Dogs won't be able to read the "keep of the square" notices. I hear too much at PC meetings about disputes between cricket and walkers. I wouldn't want the football to become a new area of dispute with residents.

In regards to the proposed football pitch on the low field near the cricket field, I am in support of this development. Such a development would bring much needed business to the community centre which is costly to run and the pub that is the hub of the community which because of low footfall and rising costs has closed in the past. The development would provide activity and interest and a social element to the village as many local boys play for the team. The only concern I have is flooding which I don't think the developers have considered as it can flood and freeze over in the winter months. As a dog owner who uses the area to walk the dog, I don't see this opportunity impacting on this much. The cricket club saw to changes for dog walkers and all ready restrict its use during the summer months. If this development goes ahead the only thing I would need to consider when I take the dog out is whether there is a game on. The village needs further opportunities for development to bring young families into the village and some activity and vibrancy while supporting local facilities and businesses.

I wanted to give you my feedback having been on various committees including the green spaces this proposal comes as a shock! I guess I must have missed the meeting when this was discussed. I am all

in favour of improving and enhancing our facilities, but I don't support the football pitch idea at this moment in time. I will be happy to listen to the reasoning but here are my thoughts. We used to have a football team which is now at a purpose-built facility in Coddington. I don't think it will be of a benefit to the residents of Winthorpe. I would like to know the numbers and details of who play for Trent Albion. Holme Lane is getting more and more dangerous the road is narrowing year on year and the cars from the cricket club drive to quickly. Further traffic will only impact this. The Jubilee field is where dogs congregate daily for exercise and play. The area to the left of the tennis courts is a No dog area as this I understand is a sports field. The cost and maintenance of a pitch is not to be underestimated and is it for the residents?? The community centre is not suitable building/facility to support a football i.e. no changing rooms/showers etc- if the car park is used it will increase traffic for the residents of the woodlands. As I said I look forward to the reasoning for this proposal but currently not a fan!

As a resident and a parent of young children, I am especially keen for the tree planting and football pitch to both be implemented. I would push for tree planting this year, as the previous trees were planted in 1973 and it would be nice to do it as a 50-year anniversary. I am sure Pat Finn has details and photos from the original planting, and it would be nice for the children to learn about what life was like back then if anyone is still around from that time.

Thank you for taking the time to canvass opinions from the village about the Jubilee field proposals. I am in favour of phase 1 (Additional planting) but against phase 2. This is because the Jubilee field is the only area in the whole village where dogs can exercise off lead. The negative interactions dog walkers have received from the cricket club lead me to feel that it will produce a similar situation with the football club being prioritised over local residents usage. If an alternate similar space became available for either dog walkers or the club then I would happily reconsider.

However, I do believe that any further development of Jubilee field is not in the interests of the vast majority of residents in the village. I don't take issue with the planting of addition shrubs and trees, this I think is a good thing and has the potential to enhance the field. But the establishment of a football pitch I think will only detract from the limited public green spaces residents have access to in the village. I have tried to summarise my objections in the bullet points below:

1. A football pitch will only directly benefit those playing football on it, 22 people or 23 including the referee at any one time. I would suggest that that most or at least some of the participants are not based in Winthorpe. I would say that more than 23 people use this field daily for exercise and dog walking. My family of five often use this green space for dog walking and recreation year round. Recent issues and experience by residents with the cricket club where they actively tried to discourage/stop dog walkers from using the cricket field (responsibly) could in all possibility be repeated by a football club as they will see it as their space not a village space. In light of this I don't see how this development is of benefit to Winthorpe.

2. The jubilee field regularly floods after rain most of which will fall during the football season rendering the pitch difficult or impossible to use unless the plan is to raise the level of the field 2ft or more to avoid this issue? I believe it is part of the Trent flood plain.
3. Provision of football pitch facilities in the Newark are plentiful with available pitches and clubs nearby in Collingham, Coddington and Sconce Hills park with pitches added in recent years at the YMCA in Newark and at the Magnus school for local teams to use. Why do we need another pitch in Winthorpe on a field which is already well used by the residents of Winthorpe for recreation?
4. In regard to the proposed playpark, I would think it would be more efficient use of funds to further develop the established playpark at the village community centre rather than have two competing playparks and the associated upkeep costs they would both incur.
5. Future development would almost be assured if a pitch were to be established as it wouldn't long for any team to require changing and toilet facilities on the Jubilee field rather than walk up to the community centre. Again, I can only see this eroding green spaces Winthorpe residents currently have access to.

I believe establishing of a football pitch on Jubilee field would only benefit a very small number of people compared to leaving it as a completely accessible year round green space for the residents of Winthorpe. I don't want to hold back progress or the future proofing our village. If the plan goes ahead the benefit balance would not fall in favour the majority of users of Jubilee field.
