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District Council: North Hertfordshire District Council
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Notice - Certified Site Under Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

To Whom it May Concern,

Woodland Champions Club is a not-for-profit member's organisation which facilitates landowners to run small, superior quality campsites in woodland or other natural habitats around the UK. Otherwise known as 'Glamping', we promote the use of alternative temporary structures such as Pods, Shepherd's Huts and Tree Tents, on these sites. The objectives of the Club are to support small business, promote healthy active outdoor recreation, as well as actively encouraging the planting of new mixed-species native woodland. We achieve this in collaboration with The Woodland Trust. Further information can be found on our website.

Woodland Champions Club have a [paragraph 5] Exemption Certificate issued by Natural England. With this exemption our Organisation can approve sites for our members to stay at, by issuing certificates to landowners. Our certificates are issued under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and are valid for one year. They are limited to 5 caravans and 10 tent pitches.

We are writing to you today, with regard to a new campsite application within your area. The application is for the following: Monica Innes, Weston Park, Weston Park Farm, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG4 7BX

As part of the application process (prior to an Exemption Certificate being issued), we are required to consult the Local Planning Authority (and immediate neighbours if applicable) regarding the proposed temporary land use proposal.

We would be grateful if you could inform us of any objection you may have to the application and/or any concerns you may wish to raise prior to us proceeding with the certification. We are happy to discuss the proposal over the phone should you so wish. The consultation period is 14 days from receipt of this letter. If you require more time to respond please inform us of this in writing.

Please find attached the applicant's outline plan of the land which their campsite application refers to.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Club on the number above. I look forward to receiving your reply. If we fail to receive a reply to our consultation, we will presume you have no objections.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Carden
Club Secretary