Chairman's letter to Dartmouth Chronicle 21.9.20

Our Committee are very concerned to note that the putting green area willl be used for trailer storage following a decision by Dartmouth Town Council to raise annual revenue to meet deficit financing.

Coronation Park is one of the key locations in Dartmouth. It is deemed by Act of Parliament to be a pleasure ground for games and recreations but surely the storage of trailers is not its purpose. We understand that this is a temporary arrangement with annual renewal and that some hardcore willl be laid instead of grass which could be removed if needed in future years. This action is hardly a 'temporary' one as suggested.

A further practical issue will be that owners will seek to leave their cars on site which is apparently not to be pernmitted. Signage is needed to explain where they are expected to park them.

It is regrettable that there has been no public consultation on this matter before the decision was taken. It seems to have been taken purely for financial reasons and without adequate consideration of the wider interests of the community or the proper purpose of Coronation Park.

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