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**Statement to accompany the public notice relating to an intended disposal
of open space under Section 123(2A) as applied by Section 127(3)
of the Local Government Act 1972**

Boston Road, Sleaford

Sleaford Town Council (the "Town Council") has been in discussions with the owners of the former Advanta Seeds site (the "Owner") for several months over a planned redevelopment of the land.

The Owner has approached the Town Council to acquire land for the purposes of a visibility splay to enhance its proposals for an access to the site from Boston Road. Specifically, the Owner has asked the Town Council to dispose of it 182 m² of land that is within the north-western boundary of the public open space known as the "Recreation Ground" on Boston Road (the "**Land**").

The Town Council has negotiated that in return for the Land the Owner will:

- Transfer approximately **2,284 m²** of land on the western edge of the Recreation Ground to the Town Council, which will be incorporated into the Recreation Ground. This land will include 23 additional trees. (It is likely that the Owner's redevelopment proposal will require the removal of 4 trees along the existing road frontage fencing)
- Provide landscaping and new boundary fencing to this land
- Cover the Town Council's legal costs, and,
- Provide a contribution to be used for the development of the Recreation Ground

The Town Council has also put in place a legal mechanism that it feels will protect the interests of Sleaford by ensuring as far as possible that no road can be built out of the site which might bring about the closure of the Southgate railway crossing.

The Town Council has received agreement to the proposals from the Fields in Trust with whom the Town Council entered into a deed of dedication for the Recreation Ground under the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge in 2013.

The Town Council has also received advice from an independent valuer that the proposed disposal of the Land is at the best consideration it can reasonably obtain in line with its statutory responsibilities under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Town Council is now required to advertise its intention to dispose of the Land for two consecutive weeks, which will be done by public notice in both Sleaford weekly newspapers. Copies will also be published on the Town Council's website and Facebook site.

Any person wishing to object to the intended disposal should make the objection in writing and send it to Kevin Martin, Clerk to Sleaford Town Council at Town Hall, Navigation Yard, Sleaford NG34 7TW **by 4.30pm on Wednesday 5th July 2017.**