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Further to the above proposed developments in Lymm, my husband and I are permanent residents of Lymm with grandchildren living here and going to primary school here. We accept that suitable new family housing is required in Lymm over the next ten years but the provision of more primary healthcare and high quality public open spaces is essential and urgent.

We would like to request the following be included in the Planning conditions or 106 agreements for these sites.

1. All new houses built will have off road parking facilities for 2 cars per household.
2. Public Open spaces funding to be provided for the existing parks in Lymm including the kids areas of parks at Star Lane, Grundy Ridgeway and Sandy Lane. After heavy rain these can be unattractive and often equipment is not functioning. These parks need to have upgraded play equipment, adequate future maintenance funding and providing suitable equipment for disabled children. And preferably with car parking for Grundy Ridgeway Park. This funding is to be extra to any nominal play areas included in the new housing areas. If we want a lower carbon environment locally we need to provide outdoor equipment of a better standard.
3. As part of the 106 requirements, Toilet facilities and lighting to be provided at the refurbished parks.
4. Financial contributions should be made to Improvements to major footpaths throughout Lymm. The towpaths from Lymm to Oughtrington and towards Grappenhall needs grit or other hard surfacing. A footpath and footbridge from the Tanyards Farm development to the towpath and then over the canal to one of the side roads or paths connecting with Pepper Street and Longbutts Lane would reduce school time traffic from Heatley to Ravenbank and Lymm High Schools.

Lymm is very charming but with the large developments at Heatley and Cherry Lane in the last 30 years (taking Lymm from under 10,000 to over 14,000) the provision of adequate open spaces for children and adult recreation has been overlooked. Especially since lockdown in 2020 the inadequacy of footpaths and play areas is manifest. They have much increased use including for dog walking - and no evident maintenance funding. Councillors need to look at refurbished parks in Stockton Heath or Wincham for local examples of how to install better equipment and play layouts and attract more children.

Lymm is a success story but it needs more TLC for its strengths to avoid decline in quality or eventual destruction.

Yours Sincerely,

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