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Dear Strategic Planning Team

Ref: new housing developments.

It is essential that such:

Encourages (and not discourages) healthy activity.

For many people time is in short supply and exercise is seen as optional luxury. So: make it safe and easy to combine exercise and essential activity be it schooling, shopping, visiting friends in neighbouring conurbations visiting the pub and enjoying the countryside in the region.

To this end the provision of footpaths and cycle-ways is thus essential.

The housing development should not present a barrier to future byways required to interconnect villages and access the country parks.

A national walk-cycle-horse-ride grid is needed to allow locals and tourists to safely walk-cycle-horse-ride the country.

Such a comprehensive grid would encourage people to walk-cycle-ride and encourage pubs to provide the overnight accommodation.

Safety is a keyword as the walk-cycle ways need to be open and reckless riders, mad dogs and worse discouraged.

Path and Byway provision needs to be incorporated prior to grant of planning as such provision will reduce the commercial value of the land but such can then be factored in before change of use and planning permission is granted.

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