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## **QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

For ease of reference the original questions are repeated.

1. How many areas of public open space, equipped or otherwise, were transferred across to Powys County Council from the preceding Radnorshire District Council?

Four areas of outdoor recreation land in the Llandrindod North ward were transferred to Powys County Council from the predecessor authority. Two remain in use and managed as equipped play areas, one under Housing Services and another under the Education Service. The other two areas are public open space, although no formal play equipment is installed.

2. How many have subsequently been secured through the above policy provisions with satisfactory maintenance arrangements put in place?

Open space was secured as part of planning consent 19/0021/FUL (condition 28) which was discharged via 19/1292/DIS. (342 sqm LAP to be provided).

[19/0021/FUL | Residential development comprising of 55 units | Land East Of Ithon Road Ithon Road Llandrindod Powys LD1 6AS](#)

[19/1292/DIS | Application to discharge conditions 21 and 28 of planning approval 19/0021/FUL | Land East Of Ithon Road Ithon Road Llandrindod Powys LD1 6AS](#)

3. How much has been secured in off site contributions through Section 106 Contributions, and how much remains available to be spent?

A section 106 commitment of £30,000 has been secured for play provision, in relation to a development at Crabtree Green, but it is not yet payable by the developer.

[P/2013/0444 | Outline: Residential development of 50 dwellings including associated access roads and other works | Phase II Crabtree Green Llandrindod Wells Powys LD1 6EP](#)

This site is subject to the following planning application:

[19/1891/REM | Section 73 application to P/2013/0444 to vary conditions 1, 2 and 3 to allow for an extension of time to submit the Reserved Matters, and removal of conditions 35, 36 and 37 and replacement with new conditions to allow for phased development | Phase Two Development Crabtree Green Llandrindod Powys](#)

4. How many have been lost, either in whole or in part, so that the equipment or site itself are no longer available for use by the public as originally envisaged? Please identify the reasons for the removal of equipment and or loss of public open space, given the requirement to secure long term maintenance for the

original “essential” purpose, and what public discussion you think would be appropriate when such negative impacts arise or are considered?

Play equipment may be removed when it reaches the end of its life and becomes unsafe for use; the health and safety of children using the play area is paramount. It is not always possible to replace the equipment straight away due to the high cost. On sites managed by the Countryside Access and Recreation team, whether as a direct Service responsibility or on behalf of Housing Services, the Town or Community Council is routinely informed when equipment is removed. This has led to positive outcomes on a number of sites, where the Town or Community Council has been able to secure match funding that can be added to any budget that the Council has available to purchase and install new equipment. If the site falls under Housing Services, discussion will also take place with Housing Services officers so that resident engagement can be carried out. There are also examples elsewhere where Community groups have worked with the Council to replace and update play equipment and secured funding from external sources.

In terms of monitoring for the Powys LDP, there have been none recorded as being lost through development in the Llandrindod North Ward since 17/04/2018.

5. What are the currently identified Open Spaces Assessment deficiencies, given these losses?

The Open Space Assessment was published in 2018 and will be reviewed and any deficiencies identified as part of the evidence base to support the preparation Replacement LDP taking into account 2021 Census data and any changes in provision that may have occurred since 2018.

Open Space Assessment 2018 - Powys County Council