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### LEISURE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY

My husband and I have recently moved to Princes Risborough and we are surprised at the lack of leisure facilities particularly suited to the elderly - and Princes Risborough has a lot of elderly people.

If - perhaps due to balance problems - one is unable to play tennis or bowls, then there is nothing for outdoor recreation. We currently hear a lot about avoiding loneliness in the elderly and their need to keep active and as fit as possible, and I therefore suggest that this is taken into consideration in the expansion plans ..... although we are unlikely to see the benefits as we are now 85 and 90.

We suggest you make provision for CROQUET LAWNS in the leisure area of the new development. This is a game which can be played by the elderly and provides gentle exercise, fresh air and companionship. We both played croquet regularly in Essex (before moving to Princes Risborough to be nearer in our old age to our son).

I know there are 2 lawns in High Wycombe at Hazelmere but 2, or even 4, lawns in Risborough would be of great benefit to an increasing elderly population. Risborough U3A is offering a croquet afternoon at Hazelmere to its members in August - and it sold out extremely quickly.

Please consider this inexpensive provision.

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