

## **CLP – consultation with primary school pupils**

Cllr Tarburton visited the school on 15 October 2025 to get some initial ideas from children of primary school age around the CLP, it was an absolute pleasure to spend time with these intelligent, passionate, kind and thoughtful children and the feedback they offered was as follows (Thanks to Hadnall Primary School for facilitating this visit). The children who met with me were of mixed ages throughout the school.

- A major concern from the children that cropped up on multiple occasions was how narrow the paths are around the village, this makes them feel unsafe, particularly when travelling to and from the park / village green or riding their bikes, they felt that the narrow paths were very close to the road, they also felt that roads were busy.
- Things that make the children in the group feel safe in Hadnall were friendly people, the purple lights at night (), the crossing at the bus stop and that it is easy to get to places.
- If the children could wave a magic wand, they would have a better park, better dog walks, more activities, more open space and space for bikes,
- They would like a space to ride their bikes / scooters etc.
- The children thought that the park was in a good location, they particularly like the swings and the wooden climbing frame.
- The children's ultimate park would include:
  - A mixed use area where they could play ball games and ride their bikes etc.. – when asked where they would like this they suggested near the existing park.
  - Monkey bars.
  - Bucket swings (and a spinny one!)
  - Zip wire
  - Climbing net
  - A bike ride area (the older children mentioned Ellesmere)
  - A swinging hammock
  - More 'normal' swings – they didn't feel two were enough
  - They felt that the slide and climbing frame was not big enough for them and they would like something bigger.
- The children love the Village Green and see children play football on it regularly,

- The children would love more community-based activities for seasonal events like Halloween and Bonfire Night.
- The children felt that more benches would be good, where you could sit and eat, even if it's raining, they felt there was not much to do if it is raining.
- The children were shown pictures of The Ease and they thought that it would be a good idea to have bike paths around it, to repaint the stone garden seasonally as something they could do with the school (maybe a competition), they thought they could raise money for events like Children In Need utilising this area.
- The children liked the idea of a nature trail.
- The children visit the VH for school performances and talent shows, parties and dance classes. The older children in the group said they did not know what was happening at the VH (they suggested using social media),
- The group mentioned Wem park, however they did say that some items (particularly the 'spinnny thing') were too hot in the summer because of them being made out of metal,
- Children also mentioned that they would like a bigger village green and a shop like the Co-Op in Wem where you could buy fresh bread and always had icing sugar when you wanted to bake!