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Subj: DANGEROUS CHILDRENS PLAY AREA.

15 July 2009

Dear sir.

I write as a former Merseyside paramedic who has dealt with many child accidents and also as First Aid Trainer and a lecturer on Child Accident Prevention.

I believe that the childrens play area at the junction of Townfield Road and Millhouse Lane Moreton is a danger to children using the facilities there.

I have been there with my grandchildren today and in my opinion the situation is so dire that I would urge the council to consider closing it down with immediate until adequate repair can be made.

Given that the school holidays are upon us, children using this park will be exposed to a real risk of serious injury.

I am willing to meet with a representative to point out on health and safety grounds where these serious problems exist.

Problems include: Badly damaged/illfitting safety rubber surface. Poorly maintained swings, slide ect. These are rusty and have sharp edges in parts. There are several lumps of exposed concrete poking through the rubber matting where some climbing frame has been removed and not made safe! Wooden benches are old, damaged and can easily cause splinters to injure a child. Rubbish bin is almost overflowing. There is broken glass around the area and within the gaps in the rubber matting. The entrance gate is particularly dangerous and would be very easy for a child to lose a finger or two because of its poor design and unmaintained condition.

These are just a few of the problems that I have found with a quick glance around.

I would be grateful if someone can contact me at home or by telephone so as to inform me of what actions are to be taken...and how soon?

Copies to Jim Lester Leisure Services, Mr Bill Norman Legal Department.

Thank you for your attention.