

Community Facilities

Enhancement and protection of existing

Community facilities are important as they provide a focus for community life and interaction and are important for the long-term sustainability of the community.

The retention and enhancement of these important community services and facilities has been identified as a priority for the Plan which considers it important to protect them from inappropriate redevelopment, including:

Primary Schools in each village; Village Halls in each village; Pubs in each village; Post Offices in Hose and Harby; Shops; GP Surgery; Play areas); Allotments; tennis and bowls courts; MUGA; BMX track and more.

The policy will seek to protect existing community facilities unless they are no longer needed, no longer economically viable or alternative provision is made in a suitable alternative location.

Promoting additional

Community consultation confirmed the importance of enhancing the range of community facilities and amenities in the Parish, recognising their value to the local community.

The need to extend play areas in each village for u5's and u11's has been highlighted along with improvements to the village halls and better facilities for teenagers.

The policy supports the provision of additional or enhanced community facilities where it:

- a) Meets the Neighbourhood Plan design criteria;
- b) Will not result in unacceptable traffic movements or other disturbance to residential properties;
- c) Will not generate a need for parking that cannot be adequately catered for; and
- d) Is of a scale appropriate to the needs of the locality and conveniently accessible for residents of the village wishing to walk or cycle.

Education

Key to the sustainability and strength of each village is the fact that each has its own primary school. Parents, Governors staff and the wider community want to see each village sustain its own primary school. The community will look to County, Borough, Parish councils and the Diocese to support development of each school so that each can meet the needs of its own village and accommodate the expected growth in pupil numbers due to the development of housing across the parish as indicated in the NP. The three schools are committed to working in support of each other in ensuring the needs of each of the three village communities are met.

Traffic congestion and parking problems are in evidence at drop-off and pick-up times in all villages.

The policy will state that proposals for the expansion of existing schools in the Parish will be supported where it can be demonstrated that:

- a) Expansion would not exacerbate existing access related or traffic circulation problems, or that suitable mitigation measures are brought forward as part of the proposal;
- b) There is no net loss of land used for recreation at the school; and
- c) The development would not result in a significant loss of amenity to local residents or other adjacent users and is in character, scale and form to the current building.

If expansion is not possible, the creation of new schools in each village will be supported where the development:

- a) Would be safely accessible by pedestrians and cyclists and is well related to bus routes and/or there is adequate provision for waiting school buses to park;
- b) Has appropriate vehicular access and does not adversely impact upon traffic circulation; and
- c) Would not result in a significant loss of open space and amenity to local residents or other adjacent uses.

Health and Wellbeing

The number of patients registered with the Surgery has expanded but parking is inadequate for its usage.

The Neighbourhood Plan supports expanding the surgery rather than relocating the surgery to a different location.

Proposals for expanding the GP premises to increase the accessibility of health care for residents in the Parish will be supported if the development:

- a) Meets the requirements contained within this Neighbourhood Plan;
- b) Will not result in unacceptable traffic movements, noise, fumes, smell or other disturbance to residential properties; and
- c) Will not generate a need for parking that cannot be adequately catered for.

Developer contributions will be sought to create a layby/pull-in outside the GP Surgery

for ambulance, pharmacy delivery and drop off point.

Developer Contributions

Through the Neighbourhood Plan it is possible to highlight additional infrastructure and services that will be required with further development.

These will need to be considered alongside statutory contributions requested by other bodies e.g. for education, health and roads

What are your priorities?

- Village hall improvements?
- Layby outside Surgery?
- Allotments?
- Car parking?
- Play areas?
- Public transport?

Traffic management?

Something else?