

Health and Community Provision

Draft Policy Idea 13. Health and Wellbeing Service Provision

Explanation: Recent planning applications have demonstrated that any new development in the Parish would give rise to a need for improvements to capacity of these services. We want our Neighbourhood Plan to highlight this for any new proposals and support the delivery of such improvements.

Policy Intent: A policy that makes provision to accommodate for improvements to capacity by way of refurbishment, reconfiguration or potential relocation of Elmstead Surgery for the provision of additional GP services and other health and wellbeing services for the benefit of its patients and to avoid the loss of these services in Elmstead.

Draft Policy Idea 14. Local Community Uses

Explanation: We have identified a local services and facilities which we want to protect. On occasions, some facilities will struggle, but this will more often be related to economic viability, rather than limitations of the premises, land or location. As finding new land for such uses is often difficult, it is important that established land is retained in that use, even if the current occupier is not viable. We therefore want to include a policy to allow for the partial change of use of a facility in those cases, but only where a financial contribution is made to sustain the community facility. We also want to encourage new facilities to meet the community's desire to see the introduction of a pub for the village.

Policy Intent: A policy that identifies Local Community Uses in Elmstead for the application of the protection offered by emerging Tending Policy HP2 Community Facilities. The policy would also allow for a partial change of use of a facility, if this is intended to help secure its longer-term viability. However, the policy will also seek to ensure that such changes must be shown not to undermine the community functions of the use. Finally, the policy will support new community uses in the parish.



Cricket Club



Market Field School



New Community Centre



Elmstead Primary School