

**Objective:** To support , maintain and develop community facilities for all age groups

**Proposed Policy: Community Facilities**

- a. Proposals that will enhance the viability and/or community value of any assets designated by North Hertfordshire District Council as assets of community value under the Localism Act 2011 will be supported. Otherwise, proposals that result in either the loss of the asset or in significant harm to the community value of an asset will be resisted, unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the operation of the asset, or the ongoing delivery of the community value of the asset, is no longer financially viable.
  
- b. Proposals for development will be required to identify their likely impact on facilities, services and infrastructure and to demonstrate how any such impacts will be addressed. Account should also be taken of any cumulative impacts arising from the new development combined with other schemes that have planning permission.
  
- C. The loss of shops, pubs, recreation ground, sports and social club, village hall will be resisted unless it can be demonstrated that reasonable efforts have been made to secure their continued use for those purposes

*(Our village has the good fortune currently to possess a school, a shop, two pubs, a villagehall and two churches; but these may come under threat These facilities provide focus for village life and we wish to see them retained and prosper.)*

- d. Applications for new development should not prejudice the retention of the school, a shop, public houses, the village hall and churches – rather they should help them prosper. If the present shop should close the Parish Council would wish to see the use retained in the existing building, on another site central to the village, or as part of a new development similarly located.
  
- e. Proposals will be supported that would help to secure the economic future of our two public houses and the village hall and to retain our two churches.