



A Neighbourhood Plan can include within it which local facilities it would like to protect and those that it thinks (if empty) could be developed into housing units. It can also undertake an audit of services provided in the area such as whether there is a local post office, community hall, shops and allotments etc. and decide whether it wants to include policies that relate to these.

This Advice Note seeks to encourage communities to consider what a Neighbourhood Plan can do to help solve issues facing your communities Facilities and Services. The following questions may help identify how your Plan could help.

- Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan seek to protect existing shop premises?
- Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan include policies to encourage empty spaces above shops to be developed into housing units?
- Do you use the post offices in the area?
- To safeguard the current locations of post offices in the area, should the Neighbourhood Development Plan have a policy to safeguard the location, where possible?
- Should the neighbourhood development plan encourage a community library in an existing shop or community space?
- What do you value about the community hall? e.g. activities or facilities
- What would you like to see happen to the community hall in the future?
- Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan have policies to support development of the community hall?
- How often do you or a member of your household attend activities in the community hall? Options could be: daily Between 2 to 3 times a week; Between 4 – 7 times a week; Occasionally; Never
- What would make you use it more?
- Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan have a policy to encourage the safeguards of existing allotment sites in the area?
- Should the Neighbourhood Development Plan have a policy to encourage the creation of new allotment sites in the area?