



# Draft Policies Review Public Meeting

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015



**EFFINGHAM**  
VILLAGE PLAN

# Community Services Objectives



- To support our schools through appropriate improvement of schools and promote access to learning for life for all residents.
- To improve speed of access to public health services and access to doctor's surgery and medical services directly within the village
- To improve provision of a wide range of community facilities in sport, leisure, arts and and recreation in modern facilities based around shared community facilities



# Draft Policies

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# Community Asset Policies

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# Assets of Community Value (C1)

**Effingham Neighbourhood Plan will designate the following sites as sites of community value to reflect their acknowledged importance to life and enjoyment of the local community**

- KGV Halls & Playing Fields
- EPC Allotments
- Effingham Common
- St Lawrence Church and Hall
- St Lawrence Primary School
- Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church & Hall
- Calborn Cricket Ground
- Effingham Methodist Church
- Sir Douglas Haig Public House
- The Old Village Hall
- The Plough Public House



This policy aims to ensure that sites of community value are identified and protected for the benefit of future generations.

- Once designated it is intended that proposals that result in the viability and or community value of the assets will be supported. Otherwise proposals that result in either the loss or significant harm to the 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.
- EPC will seek to include these sites on the Local Planning Authority register of assets of Community Value in order to provide EPC or residents or other community organisations within the parish the opportunity to bid to acquire the asset on behalf of the community

# King George V Hall & Playing Fields (C2)



This policy aims to ensure that community facilities benefit from potential CIL funding to ensure that essential social infrastructure improves as the community grows in scale.

- **The Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals to improve, extend or replace King George V Hall, and will support proposals on the Fields including new courts or sports pitches, provided that:**
  - The proposal provides enhanced facilities for recreation and leisure activities principally **for the residents of Effingham** and for facilities which increase residents' well-being such as medical services.
  - The proposal will **not** lead to any significant increase in traffic in the village thus this plan supports proposals that improve the parking provision and management to minimise impact upon residents
  - New proposals designed to attract further external use will not be supported.


## Health Services (C3)



This policy aims to address a key concern raised by residents with lack of direct access to medical services in the village.

- **The Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals for new development or change of use of a building to deliver a facility providing health services including GP clinics, podiatry, mental health provision, counselling and other services which increase the well-being of residents, provided that:**
  - The site is suited / adapted to this purpose in terms of access and car-parking
  - The proposal will not lead to a loss of amenity for local residents

## Community Burial Facilities (C4)



This policy aims to address a key concern raised by residents whereby existing space within the village cemetery is limited

- **The Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals to extend and improve burial facilities within Effingham, including:**
  - Extension of the existing Parish Council Burial Ground in Church Street
  - Facilities for 'Green Burials'
  - Spaces designated for contemplation and remembrance where they are linked to the development of spiritual facilities



# Broadband & IT services (C5)

## **The Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals that**

- provide access to high superfast broadband network for the parish.
- provide community facilities that give improved high speed access to internet and broadband facilities.
- provide learning opportunities for residents to acquire IT skills and capabilities.

Where facilities require above ground installations, these should be of a character consistent with requirements as specified within the **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**.



# Social Facilities for older residents (C6)

- **The Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals to create a community drop in facility for elderly residents**
  - Within existing facilities
  - Or through conversion of other available sites and facilities



## Social Facilities for younger residents (C7)

- **The Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals to create an indoor community facility for young people**
  - Within existing facilities
  - Or through conversion of other available sites and facilities



## Schools (C8)



- **The Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals for new developments, refurbishment or extensions to improve the educational facilities at St. Lawrence Primary School and the Howard of Effingham School on their existing sites only, provided that:**
  - There is no significant increase in pupil numbers
  - The proposals are consistent with all relevant policies in the Neighbourhood Plan, the Guildford Local Plan and the **VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**.
  - Proposals do not result in increased traffic management issues, and seek to improve the existing provision for parking on site to reduce the impact on nearby roads and residents.

# Community Learning & Wellbeing (C10)

**Effingham Neighbourhood Plan will support proposals that include development of community facilities to support community learning and wellbeing.**



Of particular interest are schemes that seek to improve access to

- Adult learning
  - Medical & wellbeing consultation rooms/ services
  - Community facilities for art, craft and drama
  - Community IT facilities and learning
  - Youth centre / elderly drop in centre
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- The Plan will support and encourage schemes that conserve existing buildings for community use as outlined above

# Community Infrastructure Investment (C12)

**The Parish Council considers it sensible to seek to plan for the use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) ahead of such time that Guildford Borough Council has adopted a CIL Policy. Until a CIL policy is in place, the Parish Council will encourage Guildford Borough Council to seek Section 106 contributions for approved developments which fund community infrastructure projects.**



- The Parish Council proposes the following projects for funding via Section 106 contributions or CIL:
  - Traffic management, pedestrian safety and streetscape enhancement in the village
  - Provision of safe cycle routes including to schools and to Effingham Junction Station
  - Improvement, extension or replacement of King George V Hall, and enhancements to the recreation facilities on the King George V Fields, as per Policy C2, or additional provision of social and educational services for residents (C5,C6,C7)
  - A modern centre for community learning and wellbeing. (C5, C6, C7)
  - The provision of a facility providing health services, as per Policy C3
  - Improvements to the educational facilities at St. Lawrence School and Howard of Effingham School, as per policy C1
  - Improvements to public footpaths and bridleways including those on Effingham Common
  - Extension of the Parish Council burial ground or provision of a green burial ground (C4)