

Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan

Leisure and Wellbeing Background paper

September 2023

LW1 – Current Valued Community Facilities.

LW2 – Additional Valued Community Facilities



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1. INTRODUCTION

It is acknowledged that there are limited community facilities within the parish, and the public consultation, completed in 2020, showed there is a strong desire to support and protect what facilities we have and, where and when possible, try to add to them. Community facilities, such as Churches, Village halls and pubs, are the essential glue that helps bring a community together. They facilitate social interaction, provide outlets for vital services and play a central role in community life.

Any additional facilities would need to be agreed by the village residents as being necessary and appropriate, and this to be ratified by the Parish Council. Feedback has suggested there is a desire for an outdoor multipurpose playing field/village green.

The risk of losing any of these community facilities is a key consideration in this part of the plan. Section 8 of the National Planning Policy Framework states planning policies should aim to “provide the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs”. Paragraph 93a states “plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments”, For community spirit, places to meet and sociability, the 3 absolute key Valued Community Facilities within the parish are:

- The Village Millennium Hall and grounds
- St Leonards Church and churchyard
- The Jolly Farmer Public House and its gardens

Other Valued Community Facilities include:

- The Village Pond and its surrounds (Local Green Space LGS1)
- The Telephone Box (now used as a community book exchange and houses the defibrillator)
- Bus Shelter which is often used in poor weather by people visiting the pond

2. VALUED COMMUNITY FACILITIES ILLUSTRATED



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall



Annual Christmas Panto at the hall

Within the Village there are several clubs and groups based at the Millennium Hall which drives the vibrant community spirit. These include the Cliddesden Players, the Film Club, Brownies, Toddler Group, Coffee Morning, Horticultural Society and Cliddesden Women's Institute.

The hall also is available for private hire for clubs, societies or events to people from within, or outside, the parish. Current regular users are Yoga, Ballet and Zumba classes, various dance clubs, an Art Club, and Rugby Tots. This all helps to positively promote the village to people from both within and outside the parish.



St Leonard's Church



The Jolly Farmer public house



Cliddesden Village Pond



Visitors Carpark at the Pond

The village pond on the road from Basingstoke to Farleigh Wallop is the focal point of the village.



George V telephone kiosk with village notice board



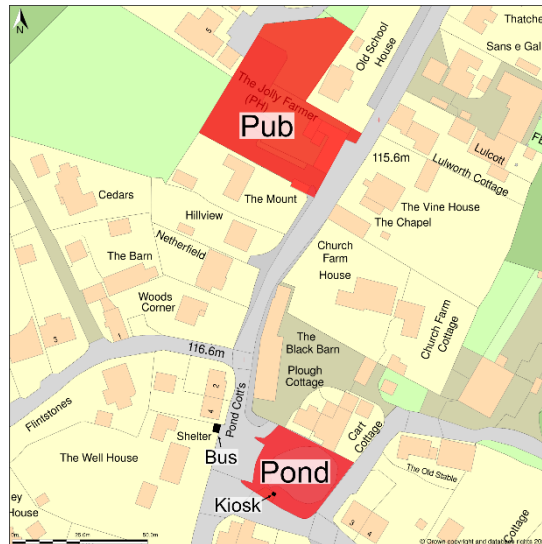
Telephone kiosk Community Book Swap



Cliddesden Bus Shelter

The bus shelter is the only meeting point for the limited public transport service. Its improvement was privately funded in full by a member of the parish.

Location of Valued Community Facilities Map A (Jolly Farmer Public House, Pond, Telephone Kiosk, Bus Shelter)



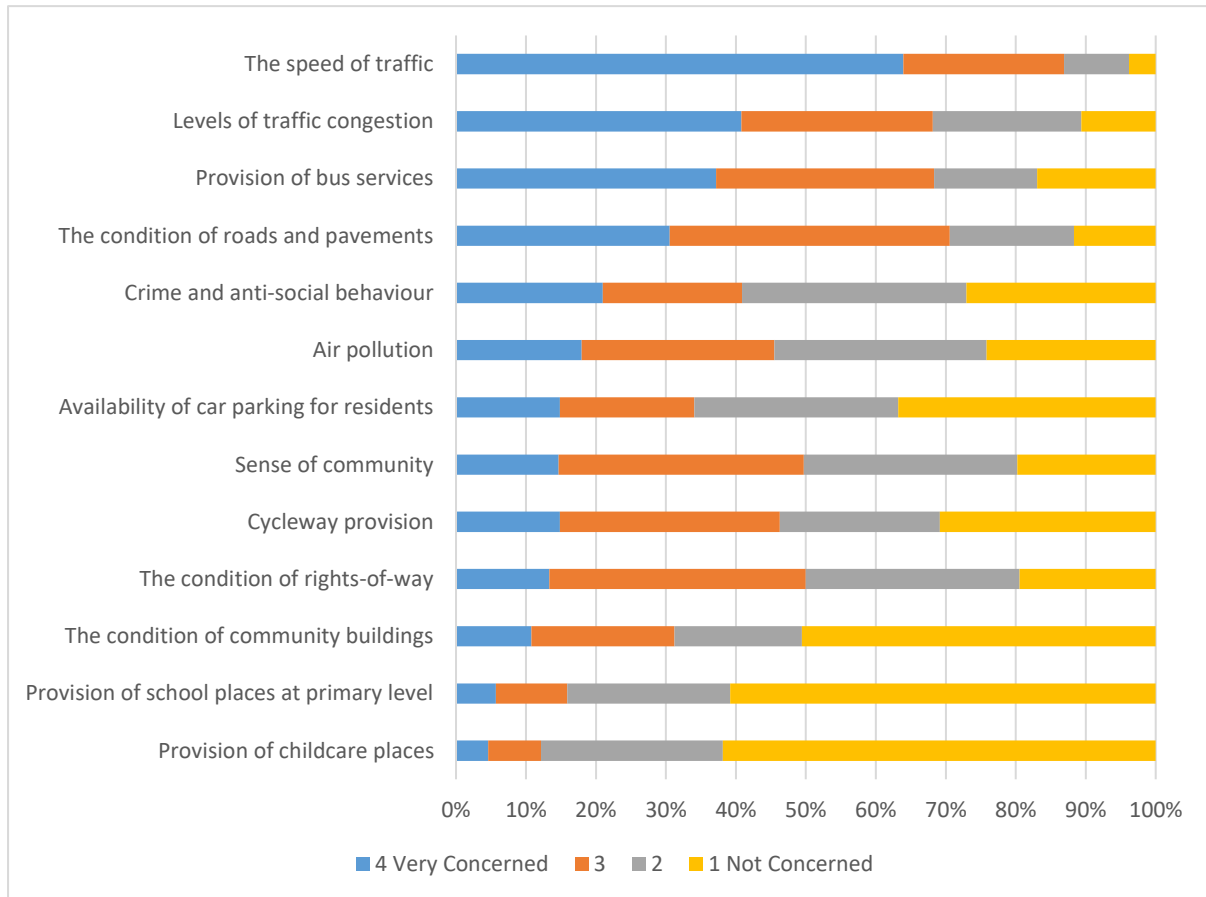
Location of Valued Community Facilities Map B (St Leonards Church and the Village Hall)



3. EVIDENCE from COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

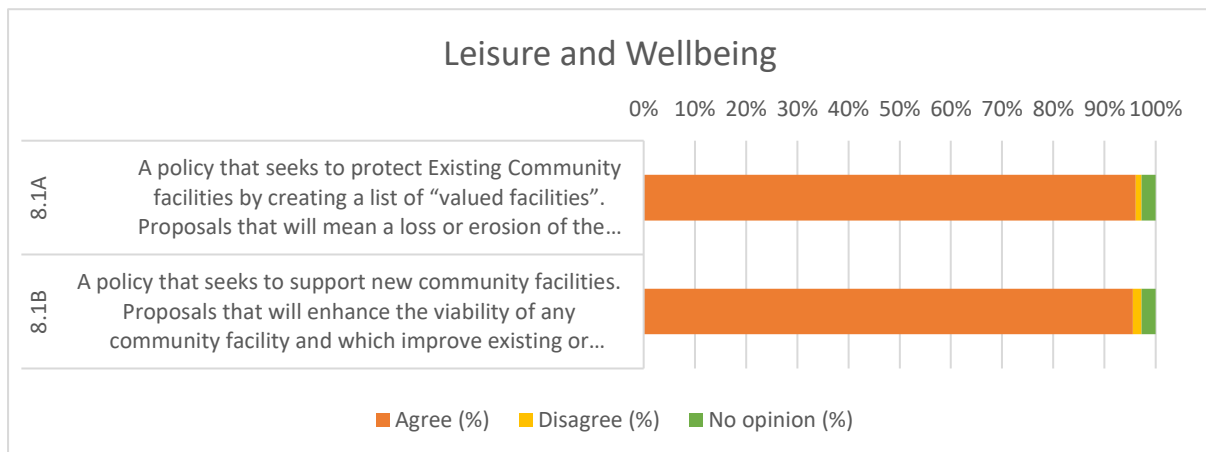
The community has demonstrated in the questionnaire in 2019 and the consultation in 2020 that the loss of any of these assets would be detrimental to the character of the parish.

2019 Questionnaire



Question 1: Do you have any concerns about the following aspects of Cliddesden?

2020 Issues and Options Consultation



4. EVIDENCE from OTHER SOURCES - Supporting Documents

These Leisure and Wellbeing policies have been created to support the fact that over 96% of residents who returned the questionnaire want to see our current Valued Community Facilities protected, and over 95% were also keen to seek the chance to add new community facilities to help advance the viability and sociability of the parish.

A good definition of a Valued Community Facility is found at -

<https://mycommunity.org.uk/what-are-assets-of-community-value-acv>

and is described as -

“An Asset of Community Value is defined as: A building or other land is an asset of community value if its main use has recently been or is presently used to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community and could do so in the future. The Localism Act states that ‘social interests include cultural, recreational and sporting interests.’”

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) section 8 “Promoting health and safe communities” paragraphs 92 to 103:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005759/NPPF_July_2021.pdf

BDBC - Horizon 2050 vision states:

2.10. “Care must be taken to ensure the sense of community is maintained in existing developments and that it is encouraged and supported in new ones, partially through the continued provision of current and additional social infrastructure so that no one feels left out.”

Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan 2011 – 2029

Policy CN8– Community, Leisure and Cultural Facilities

5.75 “The focus will be on retaining, maintaining and improving existing facilities which are valued by the community so they can meet changing needs and expectations. Facilities that are valued by the community are defined as those that are recognised for their contribution to community activity and amenity, providing facilities that enable participation in a range of community, leisure and cultural activities.”