

# Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan



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## Community Facilities Chapter Summary

Community is at the heart of Calne and the surrounding villages, making it a vibrant and supportive place to live. It is therefore essential that any developments in the area support this community by protecting, improving and increasing the physical assets that allow the community to thrive and increase.

The term ‘community facilities’ refers to the buildings, public spaces and locations where members of the community meet and come together for social benefit. They include village and town halls, leisure and multi-use facilities, sports venues, open spaces, cultural buildings, health and education infrastructure, places of worship, public houses, post offices and small local shops. Social connections are proven to aid well being and whilst the Calne area has a good number of community groups and activities for all ages, we need to ensure these groups have suitable facilities and that new groups can develop in all parts of the area and provide cohesion for the whole community.

With this update to our Neighbourhood Plan, we have the opportunity to reinforce and improve the existing policy on community facilities as well as adding a new policy on community infrastructure and the phasing of developments to strengthen the plan for our community as it continues to grow. We have also added a new policy on burial space as this is becoming a concern for the area.

### Key issues and priorities

- Provision and retention of community facilities and infrastructure is not keeping pace with development
- Prioritise the protection of viable community facilities from closure
- Seek investment for additional facilities to meet the needs of a growing community
- Provide a schedule of prioritised new community facilities and infrastructure needs to inform investment from developers and Wiltshire Council
- Ensure future housing development is balanced with the simultaneous provision of community facilities and contributions towards infrastructure improvements



# The following 3 policies will be included in the updated Community Facilities chapter:

## Policy CF1 Community Facilities - UPDATE

Community facilities play a key role in enabling our community to thrive and grow. It is therefore essential that these facilities are retained, maintained and improved and new facilities are built where they are needed. The updated policy includes support for new facilities based on a prioritised list produced and maintained by the town and parish councils. Proposals to redevelop sites which will lead to the loss of a community facility will have to pass a series of tests to ensure all options have been carefully considered.

## Policy CF2 Community Infrastructure and Phasing of Development - NEW

Community feedback has identified significant concerns about the failure of previous housing growth to be accompanied by adequate community infrastructure, including school places, healthcare facilities, transport improvements and green infrastructure. Under this new policy, development proposals will be expected to deliver on-site community infrastructure to address increased needs and/or make proportionate financial contributions to improvements identified in a new Calne and Calne Without Community Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

## Policy CF3 Burial Space - NEW

This policy supports proposals for additional public and non-denominational burial space to meet increased needs and to provide burial choices in the area

