

MAKING COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

COMMUNITY HUB CONCEPT DISCUSSION PAPER

Saltash seeks to promote and enhance the physical, spiritual and mental well-being of the community by creating hubs which both provide and encourage cohesion for all.

Evidence: Saltash is made up of distinctive neighbourhood communities (16 identified by the Residents Survey). Many of these areas currently lack facilities and meeting places within them where the community can connect with one another. Over 96% of respondents felt their community could be enhanced by improved facilities, nearly a quarter of these by shops and 7% by a community gathering place.

Objective: To ensure that each recognised estate and neighbourhood area of Saltash has access to community facilities and local shops designed to meet their present and future needs as well as helping to foster community spirit and responsibility.

The NPPF encourages the promotion of healthy, inclusive communities by providing “opportunities for meetings between members of the community who might not otherwise come into contact with each other”. (NPPF section 8)

The development of a community hub in established neighbourhoods will be actively pursued with existing providers in line with ‘Appendix A’ and this document will form the basis for discussions with new residential and mixed developments including Broadmoor Farm.

The development of a community hub will be supported and encouraged, provided it offers or contributes towards:

- i. Facilities for local community groups of an adequate size and fit for purpose**
- ii. Facilities in line with existing SNP policies particularly in respect of enhancing the environment, transport links and promoting the local economy**
- iii. Facilities in line with ‘Appendix A’**

Alternatively, provision could be made from several sources that delivers the same list of benefits as a community hub. For example by rebuilding and strengthening existing neighbourhood areas, rather than investing in new buildings.

- Refocussing - a public space and framing development as a virtual hub binding the different parts of the neighbourhood centre;
- Reconnecting – ensuring that pedestrian and cycle routes cross between neighbourhoods, through estates, to reconnect them to each other
- Revealing (streetscape and visibility) - improving visibility by filtering landscape buffers, outward looking development, improved signage, new connections, and a less cluttered public realm;

- Restoring - consistent shop front design, integrally "designed" security grilles tiling restoration and extension, replacement curtain walling, brickwork cleaning, and decluttering/screening of rear elevations; and
- Redefining (identity) – adding more services such as cafes, shops, service outlets, and rebranding through signage, colours etc.

What is the most effective way forward?

**Discussion Document
Potential Uses for a Community Hub Facility
For New and Existing Saltash Neighbourhoods**

APPENDIX A

1. Coffee shop
2. Convenience shop
3. Farm shop for Community Supported Agriculture
4. Internet Access and Assistance
5. Post Office and newsagent services
6. ATM or Does this draw trade from the Town centre ?
7. On-line shopping depositary for resident collection e.g grocery deliveries
8. Residents Electric vehicle fleet management and charging point with drop-off/taxi service
9. Car sharing pool and co-ordination(Green Travel Plan)
10. Residents Bicycle/tricycle fleet management
11. Office, board, meeting room for local clubs, groups and organisations
12. Social enterprise base
13. Landscape Maintenance equipment store
14. Residents recycling facility
15. Bus stop
16. Notice board – Saltash Town council, advertisements residents association
17. Town centre businesses shopping and services hub as designed/operated by Saltash Town-centre Improvement Group (STIG)
18. Cornwall Council One stop shop link point
19. Elderly
20. Youth
21. Nursery
22. Allotments/Community farms/school farms etc
23. Emergency Evacuation Centre

Philosophy notes

1. Facilities would be designed to create minimal reliance by residents on the motor car but maximum access to the Town Centre, waterfront, rail and bus networks, educational, health, medical, Leisure facilities etc of the town.
2. Facilities would be in proximity to a practical cycle-path and footpath network arranged and **dedicated** parking/recharging facilities for electric vehicles including cycles electric “Boris Bikes”

3. Do we need a Green Travel Plan for Saltash ?

- Electric vehicles for use within boundaries of Saltash again with dedicated parking as above, booking arrangement,
- Commercial Viability, Locations, Seek sponsorship via energy companies or EU funding.
- Other Issues Use as a basis for the Broadmoor Brief ????