

## 6. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Policy EEG2: Community Assets

#### Purpose

6.1. The community facilities within the parish provide an important resource for many of its residents. They enable a range of activities and services to be run, which are important for people's wellbeing. Whilst Policy ICS1 of the LPP1 seeks to resist the loss of key services and facilities generally, Policy EEG2 provides additional local detail by safeguarding those facilities that have been identified or nominated for designation as Community Assets and are therefore felt to be particularly important to the local community.

#### Justification

6.2. Despite its size, a wide range of community, social, recreational and sport facilities are available within the parish. This includes the six-acre recreation ground, with changing facilities and meeting space, and the village hall, which houses the Rainbows End Pre-School group on weekdays as well as amateur dramatic productions and other events throughout the year. The Ewhurst village bowls club has an active membership and facilities for indoor bowls and the cricket club at Ewhurst Green has use of a fine pavilion building too.

6.3. While privately owned, the Ewhurst Polo club (located to the south of Ewhurst village) contributes to community life by hosting events for charity and various music festivals. The Glebe Centre building (operated by the parish council) in Ewhurst village is valued by older residents of Ewhurst village and sees regular use as a meeting space. To the south of the parish, the Ellens Green Memorial Hall is a thriving hub of the hamlet hosting a number of activities and clubs. There is strong community support for the safeguarding of important village assets<sup>6</sup>.

6.4. Policy ICS1 of the LPP1 already resists the loss of key services and facilities and Policy LRC1 affords the same protection to sports and leisure facilities; there is no need to repeat this within the neighbourhood plan. There are two facilities within Ewhurst, however, that are felt to be particularly significant in terms of what they offer to the community:

- The Bulls Head Public House has been designated by Waverley Borough Council as an Asset of Community Value (ACV/3961) and provides a facility for social interaction.
- The Village Store has been identified as a valuable resource for the local community.



The Bulls Head



The Village Store

<sup>6</sup> Ewhurst and Ellens Green Neighbourhood Plan Residents Survey, November 2015. [https://www.ewhurstellensgreen-pc.gov.uk/uploads/1/1/5/2/115240781/ewhurst\\_ellens\\_green\\_np\\_residents\\_survey\\_2015.pdf](https://www.ewhurstellensgreen-pc.gov.uk/uploads/1/1/5/2/115240781/ewhurst_ellens_green_np_residents_survey_2015.pdf)

- 6.5. Policy EEG2 recognises these two important assets and safeguards them against loss, with an associated action being to seek to designate the Village Store as an Asset of Community Value.

**POLICY EEG2: IMPORTANT COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

- 1. Proposals that would result in the loss of all or part of the following important community facilities, shown on the Policies Map, will not be supported unless alternative facilities of equivalent standard and convenience have been agreed incorporating adequate safeguards for delivery:**
  - a. The Bulls Head**
  - b. The Village Store**
  
- 2. Proposals to upgrade or expand these facilities – in order to enable either their continued operation or for an alternative community use - will be supported subject to the following criteria:**
  - a. the proposal would not have significant harmful impacts on the amenities of surrounding residents and the local environment; and**
  - b. the proposal would not have significant unacceptable impacts upon the local road network; and**
  - c. the proposal would respect the historic importance and integrity of the buildings.**

Conformity Reference: NP Objective: 5; LPP1: ICS1, LRC1; NPPF: 91, 92