

**5.31** The relevant national planning policy on promoting healthy communities in the Framework sets out that “the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Planning policies and decisions, in turn, should aim to achieve places which promote:

- opportunities for meetings between members of the community who might not otherwise come into contact with each other, including through mixed- use developments, strong neighbourhood centres and active street frontages which bring together those who work, live and play in the vicinity (para. 69).

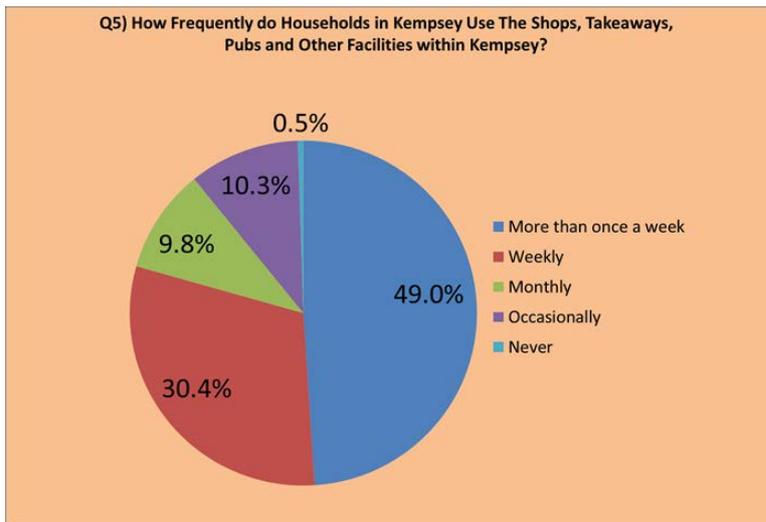
And that to “deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should:

- plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments;
- guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day- to-day needs;
- ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise in a way that is sustainable, and retained for the benefit of the community; and
- ensure an integrated approach to considering the location” (para. 70).

**5.32** By identifying the key community facilities, including public houses and shops, in the neighbourhood plan area Policy K8 sets a clear local development management framework for the development of these facilities that is in line with the Framework. This policy will also be used in conjunction with SWDP Policy 37: Built Community Facilities.

**Comment [Robert Ga1]:** Surely the policy does otherwise – replace with, for e.g. ‘... appropriate protection ...’

**Figure 9 – How Frequently Do you use Facilities in the Village?**



Source: Kempsey Household Survey 2014

**5.33 Policy K8 will seek to protect and enhance existing community facilities to maintain a vibrant and healthy area. Achieving this will help fulfil one of the three roles of sustainable development.**



The Talbot Public House (Photo with thanks to Kempsey Camera Club)

## **POLICY K9 – NEW AND EXTENDED COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Proposals for new, or extensions or improvements to existing community facilities (including those identified under Policy K8) will be supported provided that they are:

- a) Within or adjoining the Kempsey village development boundary or identified on the Policies Map (Figure 5) including on site K10Bi;
- b) Of a scale that meets the needs of the local community and in keeping with the character of the area;
- c) Provided with adequate car parking and operational space; and
- d) They are accessible by walking, cycling, and public transport.

### **Background/Justification**

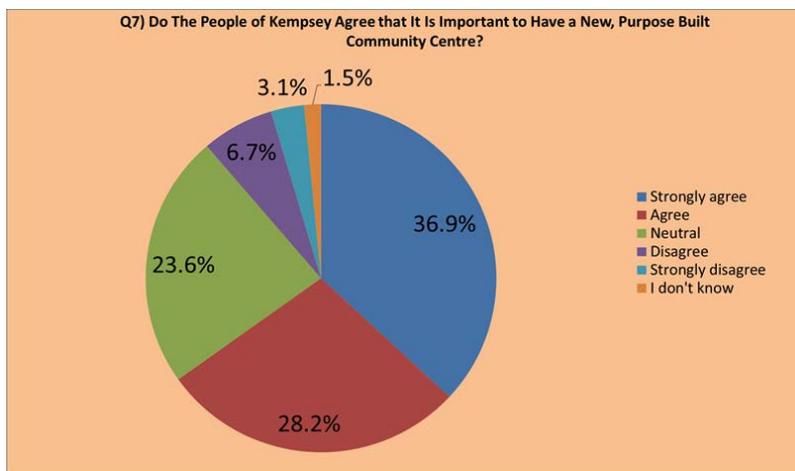
- 5.34 With the housing expansion in Kempsey village and the potential full commercialisation of the Community Centre there will be a requirement for additional community facilities. In addition to the Parish Hall and Youth Centre, there will be a need in Kempsey village for further meeting rooms with kitchen, function room,

**Comment [Robert Ga2]:** Add '... and Policy K10Bi' to ensure that all of criteria a)-d) apply, unless it is proposed that K10Bi is subject to less stringent considerations? That would be inequitable.

toilets, storage and car parking. In particular, facilities are needed to support groups and audiences of more than 50 people. One room will be required for the Parish Office.

- 5.35 There is widespread support for such improvements as evidenced through our questionnaire survey, see Figure 10 below.
- 5.36 Policy K9 will also be managed to assess future development proposals for the community facilities identified under Policy K8.

Figure 10 – Should Kempsey have a new Community Centre?



Source: Kempsey Household Survey 2014

## POLICY K10 – EXISTING AND FUTURE COMMUNITY, RECREATION AND SPORT

### K10A: Existing Provision

The existing sports and recreation facilities at Plovers Rise (see Proposal K10A, Figure 5 the Policies Map) will be protected. Proposals to improve and enhance these facilities will be supported.

### K10B: Future Provision

To meet future community, recreation and sport needs land to the north of Pixham Ferry Lane and west of Old Road South is identified on the Policies Map for further community, sport and recreation provision (shown as Proposal K10Bi on Figure 5 the Policies Map).

In order to develop this area for further community, recreation and sport provision enabling housing development may be considered on land to the east of Old Road South and north of Pixham Ferry Lane between Sunnyside Farm and Bight Farm (shown as Proposal K10Bii on Figure 5 the Policies Map). Such enabling development would only be supported where it can be demonstrated that:

**Comment [Robert Ga3]:** Replace with 'To ensure the provision of ...'

**Comment [Robert Ga4]:** Replace with '... facilities on this site, ...'

**Comment [Robert Ga5]:** Replace with '... is ...'

- a) the enabling development is necessary to secure the delivery of site K10Bi for community, recreation and sports provision;
- b) sufficient funding for the community, recreation and sport provision cannot be assembled without including such enabling development; and
- c) the amount of enabling development is the minimum necessary to provide the identified community, recreation and sport provision on site K10Bi.

**Comment [Robert Ga6]:** It is not the delivery of site K10Bi which justifies the departure from the SWDP on K10Bii, it is the delivery of the facilities. Therefore, to be justified replace this term with '... provision of the ...'

**Comment [Robert Ga7]:** And replace this with '... facilities proposed on site K10Bi.'

**Comment [Robert Ga8]:** Add '... the provision of...'

**Comment [Robert Ga9]:** Replace with 'facilities'

**Comment [Robert Ga10]:** Delete, unnecessary

#### Background/Justification

5.37 Further outdoor recreational land is needed to expand current facilities. Currently, sport and recreation provision in the Neighbourhood Plan area is catered for on the multi-purpose Plovers Rise site.

5.38 Current facilities at Plovers Rise include:

- 2 football pitches
- 1 cricket pitch
- 3 tennis courts
- netball court marked out on one of the tennis courts
- rounders pitches across part of a football pitch.

5.39 These different sports compete to use the limited pitch space. This problem becomes particularly acute when the seasons of different sports overlap. There is no land available at Plovers rise to expand pitch provision to overcome such problems and better meet existing needs. Existing needs will only increase as the population of the parish expands.

5.40 Proposals to expand or enhance existing provision to meet the following requirements will be encouraged:

- more football pitches of varying size
- 2<sup>nd</sup> cricket ground
- All weather cricket pitch

- Indoor tennis courts
- Permanent rounders pitch
- Running/cycling track
- Skateboarding park
- Bowling green
- A Multi Use Games Arena with changing rooms and storage to enable: badminton, indoor tennis, netball, volleyball, handball, 6a-side junior football, basketball, blind football and roller sports.

5.41 **The above information was taken from the results of the public questionnaire undertaken in June 2014 and a review undertaken by Kempsey Sports Association. The conclusions from this review are in line with those reached in the Malvern Hills District Playing Pitch Assessment Report 2015, this identified future shortages in provision for football and cricket.**

**Comment [Robert Ga11]:** I have been unable to find the review in order to assess the robustness of the conclusions as set out in para 73 of the NPPF.

5.42 **This need will only expand further as the population of the parish grows. Policy SWDP37 Built Community Facilities of the SWDP supports the provision of new community facilities particularly where the proposals have resulted from neighbourhood planning.**

**Comment [Robert Ga12]:** This is an incomplete reference to SWDP 37A and is self-serving

5.43 **As Figure B shows in Site Appraisal that accompanies this plan (available at [www.kempseyhub.co.uk](http://www.kempseyhub.co.uk)), there is no room for further expansion at Plovers Rise to accommodate new facilities. The site is also effectively landlocked: the adjacent landowner indicating that his site is not available.**

5.44 **The area identified for future community, recreation and sport provision is outside the settlement boundary, to the west of Old Road South and north of Pixham Ferry Lane (K10Bi). This area is level and well-drained. Access to the recreation land would be by Pixham Ferry Lane, highways issues, including safety would be addressed by Worcestershire County Council . Provision will be made for both pedestrians and improved drainage.**

**Comment [Robert Ga13]:** It is highly surprising that such factors as set out at K9a-d) were not included in the initial site appraisal – if the authors of KDNP do not follow their own policy, who will? The suitability of access should have been a determining factor from the outset.

5.45 **The Parish Council will work with key partners to put together a funding package to meet the identified need for future community, sport and recreation provision on site K10Bi, including re-location of the community centre and parish offices. The Parish Council have allocated resources to support the project and have access to some section 106 monies from approved housing projects. Additional funding may also become available through future housing planning permissions or the Community Infrastructure Levy.**

**However, should it not prove possible to put a funding package in place through mainstream and grant resources to support development of new community, recreation and sport facilities, enabling development, outside of the Kempsey village development boundary, may be considered to bring**