

Medway Council - Village Infrastructure Audit 2015

INSTRUCTIONS

- The attached survey is divided into two parts: 'Existing Facilities' and 'Needs/Aspirations'.
- The existing facilities are subdivided into several sub-categories. These include: environment, social, economic and transport. For each sub-category, please record the number, accessibility and suitability/condition of facilities.
- A map has been provided of the area to be analysed. This includes the village itself and areas that are considered to be within reasonable walking distance. Only facilities that fall within the area on the map should be recorded and analysed.

PART 1 – EXISTING FACILITIES AUDIT (CLIFFE WOODS)

Please indicate the number of facilities within the village, and a judgement of their condition.

Environmental Facilities

Facility	Number	Condition (1 – poor in need of repair, 2 average & 3 good condition)
Public Park	1	2
Village Green	1 (between Battlesmere & Town Roads)	2
Children’s Play Areas	2 (@Recreation Ground)	3
Sports Facilities	1 (@Recreation Ground)	2 – Recreation Ground 1 – Changing Rooms
Allotments	None	
Other (please provide details)		

Condition/adequacy: if any of the environmental facilities above are in poor condition or do not meet the needs of the local community please provide details.

Rural Footpath quality is poor in much of the parish, with limited use for cycles/push chairs. The woods are a valuable asset but footpath management limited. Allotments in Cliffe have a waiting list.

Social Facilities

Facility	Number	Condition (1 – poor in need of repair, 2 average & 3 good condition)
Village/Community Hall	1 – Community Centre	2
GP Surgery	1	3
Pharmacy	1 – Stand Alone shop	3
Place of Worship	1 – Emmanuel Christian Centre	3
Burial Grounds	None	/
Library	None	/

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Public House	None (although Social Club at Community Centre)		3
Café/Restaurant	3 – Mockbeggar Farm Shop		2
	Cliffe Spice (Parkside shops)		3
	Cliffe Kebab (Take-Away)		1
Dentist	None		
Education	Pre-School:	Cliffe Woods Academy Private nurseries	2
	Primary School:	Cliffe Woods Academy	2
	Secondary School:	None	
	Higher/Further Education:	None	
Other (please provide details)			

Condition/adequacy: if any of the social facilities above are in poor condition or do not meet the needs of the local community please provide details.

There are capacity issues at the Community Centre – with only one hall, it is difficult to satisfy demand. Storage facilities are an issue. Storage/Committee room/small hall required – separation of kitchen/toilet facilities required between community centre and the social club.
Dedicated/secure youth facilities required.

Economic Facilities

Facility	Number	Condition (1 – poor in need of repair, 2 average & 3 good condition)
Food store/corner shop	2 (Coop and Mini-Store)	2
Newsagents	2 (within Coop and Mini-store)	2
Post Office	1 (within Coop)	2 (issues with shared

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		counter at peak times)
Garage/Petrol Station	1 car repairs, no petrol station	
ATMs/ Banks	1 inside Coop (free), no banks	
Other (please provide details)		

Internet Connectivity	High Speed Broadband Wired slow, new fibre being rolled out currently	most
	3G/4G Mobile Internet Signal quality mostly poor	some

Condition/adequacy: if any of the economic facilities above are in poor condition or do not meet the needs of the local community please provide details.

There are issues with queuing at the shared (post office/retail) counter in the Coop at peak times.
Range of stock limited by size of shops and expensive in relation to town supermarkets so the majority of car owners shop elsewhere. Some special offers but staples can be expensive. (Both now open to 10pm)
Use of home delivery has expanded in recent years (although free for larger purchases, there can be a surcharge for smaller deliveries).

Transport Facilities

Transport Facilities/Accessibility				
Which villages or towns outside of the village do people use most to access other services?	Hoo (education), Strood, Rochester, Chatham, Gravesend, Bluewater			
Is traffic congestion a problem in your village?	Yes		No	X – Except school drop off/pick up
Which are the main public transport routes from the village?	Cliffe <> Cliffe Woods <> Chatham Cliffe <> Cliffe Woods <> Gravesend Cliffe <> Cliffe Woods <> Hoo School (school times only) Cliffe <> Cliffe Woods <> Rochester Schools (school times only) Cliffe <> Cliffe Woods <> London (Commuter service, morning out, evening in)			

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	<p>Higham Railway Station, Strood/Rochester/Chatham Sunday – 193 (Medway subsidised service) does not go directly from/to Cliffe but diverts via Hoo. First bus leaves Cliffe at 9.30 but does run a passenger service to pick people in Cliffe Woods on the way to Cliffe. The first church service starts at 9.30. (The first passenger bus into Cliffe arrives at 11.30 which is too late for both church services).</p> <p>Medway council are paying for a public service on Sundays that the public cannot use to get to Cliffe St Helens church services on Sundays.</p>			
<p>Do existing public transport services meet the needs of the local community?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No – too infrequent Cost</p>	<p>No – evening services</p>	<p>No – weekend services</p>
	<p>No – other (please state)</p>	<p>Poor Sunday service. Poor connectivity to Higham Station Poor service to Gravesend Last bus service 5:50pm from Chatham</p>		

PART 2 – NEEDS & ASPIRATIONS SURVEY

Needs & Aspirations				
Environmental				
Is more open space provision required?	Yes	X	No	
If yes, what type?	Improved footpaths/cycleway from Cliffe Woods to Mockbeggar Farm (to connect with existing footway to Brompton Farm Road/Hollywood Lane. Improved access to woods.			
Is there a requirement for more allotments?	Yes	X (Cliffe used currently)	No	
Social				
Would you like to see more community facilities in the village?	Yes	X	No	
If yes, what type	Extended Community Centre			
Are there waiting lists for the local medical facilities?	Yes	? Waiting times for appointments	No	
Economic				
Would you like to see more employment provision in the village?	Yes	X	No	
What type of employment provision would you like to see in the village?	Office			
	Manufacturing			
	Storage/warehousing			
	Retail			
	Other (please specify)		Green Infrastructure/Green Tourism	
If there are any specific sites where you think employment provision could or should be located, please provide details here and mark them on the map at the beginning of the survey.	There are concerns about existing HGV Lorry traffic on B2000 and speed of vehicles through the village.			