

Refining the Sustainable Settlement Strategy following consultation with Towns and Parishes

Services staying the same as shared previously

Key Services:

- Primary School
- Doctors Surgery
- Convenience store – open minimum 9-5 and 7 days a week providing basic groceries (Bread, Milk, toilet roll etc.)
- Train station
- Changed to very frequent bus service - preferably 7 days a week, minimum 30 minutes frequency and duration of journey generally less than 30 minutes to the nearest district or regional town.

Other Important Services:

- Higher education – other educational facilities removed
- Dentist
- Leisure centre – named sports centre - so that the facility includes places of leisure not just sports
- Place of Worship
- Pub
- Community / Village hall - now includes community hubs - added because it also provides an area for members of the community to gather for activities.
- Recreation – play space / playing pitches – plus teenage areas and outdoor gyms - added to include areas that also provide further recreational activities.
- Nearby hospital - Must have a minor injuries unit identified by the NHS.
- Convenience store – not open 9-5 and 7 days a week but provides basic groceries.
- Changed to frequent bus service - a good bus service 5 days a week, minimum 60 minutes frequency and duration up to 60 minutes to the nearest district or regional town.

Other Services:

- Other essential retail shops – (including butcher and grocery)
- Other retail comparison shops - / specialist shops
- Café / restaurant – plus tea rooms and coffee shops - Added as they provide the same service.
- Takeaways – mobile services removed on the basis that permanent and provision can fluctuate.
- Petrol station / EV charging facilities
- Vets
- Public green space larger than 20 hectares

Services moved

- Supermarket – from key service to other important service.
 - Grocery delivery services available for those with limited access providing the same service of weekly etc. food provision
- Secondary School – From key service to other important service
 - Settlements are within multiple secondary schools' catchment areas and ability for older children to travel to these.
- Pharmacy – From Key service to other important service
 - Prescription delivery service available providing the same service of provision.
- Post Office / Bank / free ATM - From key service to other important service
 - People primarily use cashless payment methods. However, post offices and banks still offer certain services, so considered important to retain overall. Cashback is also available in many outlets.
- Nurse / Pre-school – From other important service to key service
 - Plays a vital service for those who have children.
- Access to recycling centre – From other service to other important service
 - Disposing of household waste in recycling centre is a service that people travel to from time-to-time.
- Designated cycle route – From other important service to other service
 - The rural nature of most of the district means these are used mainly for leisure.
- National walking trail – From other important service to other community service
 - Similar to the above, they are used for leisure.
- Allotments – From other important service to other service.
 - They are used for amenity and leisure.

Services removed

- Optician
 - The NHS recommends people should have their eyes test every two years and prescriptions can now be delivered to home.
- Library / mobile library
 - The use of libraries has decreased with people getting books via digital methods, book stores or buying them online.
- Broadband connectivity
 - Would not be possible for the Council to measure.
- Other health related services
 - These services are not used frequently enough to be used as a sustainability factor.