

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)

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 (Buttway)	2
Children's Play Areas	2 (Play Area)	3
Sports Facilities	2 (Recreation Ground and APCM Ground)	1 – Changing Rooms required in Cliffe
Allotments	1	2
Other (please provide details)	RSPB Cliffe Pools Cliffe Marshes	2 2

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.

No changing rooms at recreation ground (putting continued use in danger)
 Play area good,
 Ball court/Skateboard Park/Youth Shelter 2 - but subject to vandalism
 More historic interpretation/education required.
 More environmental interpretation/education required for local, Medway residents (Cliffe Pools and marshes)
 More secure/dedicated youth facilities.
 Footpath access to Thames sea wall/circular routes

Social Facilities

Facility	Number	Condition (1 – poor in need of repair, 2 average & 3 good condition)
Village/Community Hall	1 – Village Hall	2 (Capacity/Storage issues)
GP Surgery	1	3

Pharmacy	1 – Part of Doctors		3
Place of Worship	2 – St Helens Church, Cliffe Christian Mission		2
Burial Grounds	1 – includes extension		2 – Capacity an issue
Library	None		/
Public House	2 – 6 Bells and Evening Star (also Village Club and Cliffe Social Club)		Range from 2 to 3
Café/Restaurant	3 – Cliffe Café (Salt Lane)		3
	Chinese Take-away		2
	Restaurant in 6 Bells Pub		3
Dentist	None		
Education	Pre-School:	Cliffe Memorial Hall	2 (Storage issues, need for more independence from village hall, capacity issues)
	Primary School:	St Helen's CoE Primary	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 Memorial Hall – with two halls, it can be difficult to satisfy demand. Storage facilities an issue. Age of hall is bringing maintenance issues.

Economic Facilities

Facility	Number	Condition (1 – poor in need of repair, 2 average & 3 good condition)
Food store/corner shop	2 (Small village shop and	1 – limited space/stock

	Mini-Mart)	but local produce stocked and 5am opening 1 – limited space/stock
Newsagents	1 (Small village shop)	1 – limited space/stock
Post Office	None	/
Garage/Petrol Station	None	/
ATMs/ Banks	1 inside Mini-Mart (Cost), no banks	2
Other (please provide details)		

Internet Connectivity	High Speed Broadband Wired good, new fibre being rolled out currently	most
	3G/4G Mobile Internet Signal quality varied 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.

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 expensive. The Cliffe village shop does stock local produce and is open at 5am.
No longer any farm shops in the village area.
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
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)			

	<p>Cliffe <> Cliffe Woods <> London (Commuter service, morning out, evening in) 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 not stop to pick people up on its way to Cliffe from Strood (e.g. Cliffe Woods). 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). The Buttway is always full of cars on Sunday mornings so there is obviously a need for an earlier passenger carrying bus service. Medway council are paying for a public service on Sundays that the public cannot use to get to St Helens church services on Sundays.</p>			
Do existing public transport services meet the needs of the local community?	Yes	No – too infrequent Cost	No – evening services	No – weekend services
	No – other (please state)	Poor Sunday service. Poor connectivity to Higham Station Poor service to Gravesend Last bus service 5:50pm from Chatham		

PART 2 – NEEDS & ASPIRATIONS SURVEY

Needs & Aspirations				
Environmental				
Is more open space provision required?	Yes	X	No	
If yes, what type?	Improved footpaths/cycleway between Cliffe Woods and Mockbeggar Farm (publicity for Cliffe<>Cliffe Woods link required) Cliffe Pools (some conflicts between environmental protection and general use by residents)			
Is there a requirement for more allotments?	Yes (Waiting List)	X	No	
Social				
Would you like to see more community facilities in the village?	Yes	X	No	
If yes, what type	Further improvements to Memorial Hall. Changing rooms, youth facilities.			
Are there waiting lists for the local medical facilities?	Yes		No	X Some appointment issues.
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.	Limited agricultural work, Bretts/Tarmac already exist. Major concern about HGV/Lorry movements on B2000. Capacity (width of road in parts between Cliffe and Cliffe Woods) Speed of vehicles and volume. Green tourism opportunities across the parish, but especially the marshes.			

