

Policy 9 Protecting or Enhancing the Provision of Community Facilities

1. The following buildings are identified as community facilities (or businesses providing essential services);

- a) Findern Village Hall**
- b) Methodist Chapel**
- c) All Saints Church**
- d) Findern Post Office and General Store**
- e) Findern Primary School**
- f) Highfields Spencer Academy**
- g) Highfields Co-op Store**
- h) Nadee Public House**

2. Proposals for the enhancement of existing community facilities across the Parish will be supported where this does not harm the landscape character and is in keeping with the character area in accordance with the policies in this neighbourhood plan.

3. The provision of a community building for residents of Highfields is supported.

4. Development proposals for community facilities should demonstrate that the scheme can be satisfactorily accommodated in its intended location in terms of highway safety and residential amenity.

5. Development that will result in the loss of sites or premises currently or previously used for services and facilities identified in 9 (1) will not be supported unless:

- a) alternative provision, of equivalent or better quality will be provided and made available prior to commencement of redevelopment; or**
- b) it is evident that there is no reasonable prospect of the service or facility being retained or resurrected*; and**
- c) it is evident that the service or facility is no longer viable*; and**
- d) there is little evidence of local use of that service or facility*.**

***Applicants will be expected to demonstrate to South Derbyshire District Council's satisfaction that all reasonable efforts have been made to sell and let the site or premises for its existing use or another service/facility use at a realistic price for a period of at least 12 months**