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Should the LAPP include further policy to determine proposals for new cultural and sporting facilities and/or to protect existing facilities?

Yes - further detailed policy is required

Please provide any comments you wish to make to support your response. If you answered YES, we would be interested to know what policy should be included in the LAPP.

We strongly support the protection offered to cultural buildings in Core Policy 13, and believe all efforts should be made to retaining them, or to finding an alternative community or cultural use for cultural facilities that fall out of use. However, the Trust accepts there are occasions where, provided certain conditions are met, that an existing facility could be redeveloped. We therefore suggest consideration of a policy along the lines of:

The loss or change of use of an existing community and cultural facilities will only be supported if replacement facilities are provided on site or within the vicinity which meet the need of the local population, or it can be demonstrated the necessary services can be delivered from other facilities without leading to, or increasing, any shortfall in provision, and it has been demonstrated that there is no community need for the facility or demand for another community use on site.

Should we (please choose one option)

Continue to use the guidance in the 6Cs Highway Design Code?