

Bingley Parish **Neighbourhood Plan**

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Introduction

In line with many other areas, Bingley parish has lost many valued and useful community facilities over the last few years:

- The Main Post Office and Delivery Office in Bingley has closed,
- The Crossflatts sub-post office has closed.
- All the major high street banks have closed their branches.
- Bingley Pool is currently closed and unlikely to reopen
- Bingley Library is suffering from reduced opening hours
- Bradford closed the public toilets in Bingley centre; provision of 2 public toilets now available at the Bingley Town Council Hub building.

This loss of facilities has already reduced the community's ability to meet its day to day needs. People have to travel further to use facilities and life is significantly more difficult for the digitally excluded, including the increasing older population. This makes it essential to retain the remaining facilities that provide vital services, enable community interaction and cohesion and provide for recreation activities.

Consequently this Plan seeks to protect and enhance community facilities, green spaces and sports and leisure facilities.

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The change of use or loss of the community sites, buildings, land and recreational facilities listed below to non-community uses will not be supported unless the following can be demonstrated:

- a. The proposal includes alternative provision, on a site within the relevant village, of equivalent or enhanced facilities. Such sites should be acceptable in terms of prevailing planning policies and in particular be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling and provide adequate car parking; or
- b. It can be clearly demonstrated that the facility is no longer needed, viable or suitable for continued community and/or recreational use. To demonstrate this, developers should submit evidence that all reasonable efforts have been made to market the site/facility for its current use without success over the preceding 12 months.

The following sites will be protected:

All Green Spaces listed in chapter x

All school playing fields

Bingley

- Bingley Public Toilets at the Hub building
- Bingley Library
- Bingley Pool, Gym and Youth Cafe
- Bingley Arts Centre & Little Theatre
- Churches – all or which ones & why
 - All Saints Church
 - Bingley Methodist Church
 - Bingley Baptist Church
 - Bingley United Reform Church
- Bingley Scout Hut, Sycamore Avenue
- Beckfoot & Bingley Tennis Club
- Bradford & Bingley Sports Club – Wagon Lane (Sports Club, Rugby Club, Cricket Club, Hockey Club, Canoe Club)
- Bingley Bowling Club
- Shipley Golf Club
- Bingley Congs Cricket Club
- Cardigan House
- Church House
- Little House
- Bingley Methodist Church Hall
- Bingley Post Office
- Skipton Building Society
- Old White Horse Inn
- Myrtle Park
- Prince of Wales Park
- Bingley Town Hall
- Bingley Fire Station
- Bingley Cemetery
- Canalside Health Centre
- 5-Rise Locks Café
- Dick Hudsons Inn

Cottingley

- Cottingley Cornerstone Community Centre
- Cottingley Post Office
- Cottingley Town Hall
- St Michaels Church

Eldwick

- Eldwick Church
- Eldwick Church Hall
- Eldwick Memorial Hall
- Eldwick Riding Club
- Eldwick Tennis Club
- Eldwick Post Office
- The Acorn Inn ?

Gilstead

- St Wilfrid Church
- St Wilfrid Church Hall
- Gilstead Post Office
- Milner Fields

Crossflatts

- O50's Welfare Association
- Crossflatts Cricket Club
- St Aidans Church Hall
- St Aidan's Church?
- Ryshworth Club?
- The Royal?

Micklethwaite

- Village greens

POLICY : PRESERVATION OF COMMUNITY ASSETS and FACILITIES

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