

Schedule 6

Register of Assets of Community Value

Under the Localism Act, a Neighbourhood Plan can identify assets that are highly valued by a community, whose wellbeing would be harmed if the asset were to be lost. It gives the community the right to bid for that property if the future of the asset is threatened by its future disposal.

If a building or piece of land is listed as an ‘asset of community value’ and the owner wants to sell the asset, they must inform the local authority. This will then trigger a moratorium period during which the owner cannot conclude the sale of the asset. A building or piece of land will be deemed to have community value only if:

- The use of the land or building currently, or in the recent past, furthers the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community.
- This use (as described above) of the building will continue to further the social wellbeing or interests of the local community
- The use of the building or land must not be deemed ‘ancillary’, i.e. of secondary purpose. This means that the use of the land or building to further social well-being or interests of the community must be its principle use under Policy VE13, this Plan recommends the P.C. to undertake the process of designating the following as Assets of Community Value:

1. Walberton Post Office

The Post Office is a vital resource, especially for those without their own transport; it provides an important range of banking services which avoids the need to travel further afield to obtain cash, foreign currency, pensions, etc. There is no alternative building to house this service in the Parish.

The coffee tables are a meeting place for residents.

2. The Holly Tree PH, Walberton

This popular village pub is the beating heart of the village’s social life; when it was closed a few years ago, there was a great emptiness. The long opening hours and the use of the pub for meetings by village groups make

its retention in the future essential

3. *The Black Horse PH, Binsted*

The only gathering place for the village, which also provides employment in this relatively remote location

4. *Fontwell Village Stores*

This small general store has become a focal part of the village providing an excellent range of merchandise. The very poor public transport in Fontwell adds to its importance to the local community

5. *Hunters Mews Play Area, Fontwell*

The design of hunters Mews was based on this small but important recreational area well used by local families. There is concern that ADC may be reducing its commitments to such local facilities

6. *Orchard Crescent Green, Fontwell*

A small green space but one which makes a contribution to the appearance of the village

7. *The Baptist Chapel and meeting room, Walberton*

This is a well-attended place of worship and the meeting room opposite has for many years been used successfully for children's and youth clubs. They are important to the cultural and social life of the village