

Appendix G

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Proposals that would result in a significant or total loss of a site and/or premises currently or last used for a local shop, post office, public house, community facility or other service that contributes towards the sustainability of a local settlement will not be permitted except where the applicant demonstrates that:

- alternative provision of equivalent or better quality, that is accessible to that local community is available within the settlement or will be made available prior to commencement of redevelopment; or
- there is no reasonable prospect of retention of the existing use as it is unviable as demonstrated by a viability assessment, and all reasonable efforts to secure a suitable alternative business or community re-use or social enterprise have been made for at least the previous 18 months,

Proposals for new or improved local shops, community facilities and services will be permitted where they meet an identified local need.