



9. Social and Community

Overview

- 9.1 This chapter covers a wide range of services and facilities under the broad umbrella of 'social and community'. It is not an exhaustive list of topics but covers:
- a. social infrastructure, including voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations and support organisations;
 - b. social services directed at supporting adults, families and children; and
 - c. community facilities – community centres, village halls, parish rooms / remembrance halls, libraries and cemeteries, graveyards and crematoria; and
 - d. rural services and facilities.
- 9.2 The 'softer' side of infrastructure is often taken for granted or overlooked but is essential for successful communities. The NPPF places a strong focus upon community facilities and services including those for rural areas (para 83d and 84) and supporting healthy and safe communities (numerous references under section 8).

Social Infrastructure

- 9.3 Brentwood is fortunate in having a vibrant voluntary and community sector, which is supported by Brentwood CVS (BCVS) and other organisations. The CVS has over 100 members, with a full list of organisations available on its website.¹ The core activities of the BCVS include:
- a. Assisting new groups to set up including charity registration;
 - b. Database of local groups – their aims and services/abilities they provide;
 - c. Library information;

¹ <http://www.brentwoodcvs.org.uk/category/members/>

- d. Advice and information on fundraising. Grant finder is available to all groups to enable them to target appropriate Charitable Trusts, thereby increasing their chances of a successful funding application;
 - e. Newslink – Bi-monthly newsletter offering group news, publicity, up-to-date changes in legislation, training, funding and voluntary opportunities;
 - f. Representation. Through effective networking CVS is able to represent the views and concerns of the local voluntary organisations to other agencies;
 - g. Training. CVS organises training programmes at a nominal cost to participants and can respond to recognised needs within the local voluntary sector;
 - h. Volunteer recruitment. The CVS has information on the volunteer requirement of local groups.²
- 9.4 Volunteer opportunities are also provided through Volunteer Essex and the CVS is also promoting a local 'timebank', in which people and organisations 'deposit' in the bank by providing for example practical help and support to others and 'withdraw' support when they themselves are in need.
- 9.5 Brentwood Borough Council also has an active Volunteering Strategy , which recognises the integral role volunteers play in our communities, by promoting and contributing to community cohesion and peoples' lives. Key aspects of the strategy include:
- a. Supporting the positive promotion of volunteering across the Borough by raising the profile of volunteers and volunteering involving organisations – action include launching a compact, working with Brentwood CVS on key projects and helping promoting local volunteering opportunities with local voluntary and community groups.
 - b. Supporting Brentwood Borough Council staff to undertake volunteering opportunities.
 - c. Ensuring that volunteers are an integral part of the Council's service delivery, including promoting volunteering across the Council and opportunities such as Countryside Volunteers, Environmental Action Days and community event stewarding.
- 9.6 The Brentwood Borough includes nine parish councils who play an active role in local affairs and supporting and delivering local facilities and services³. The Council has engaged in discussions with parish councils during the early formative stages of the Local Plan and IDP and key issues identified included⁴:
- a. pressures on local primary schools and health facilities;
 - b. reductions and changes to bus transport;
 - c. traffic speeds through villages, and

² Information cited on BCVS website

³ Blackmore, Hook End & Wyatts Green, Doddinghurst, Herongate & Ingrave, Ingatestone & Fryerning, Kelvedon Hatch, Mountnessing, Navestock,, Stondon Massey, West Horndon

⁴ Reference event required

- d. loss of local shops.
- 9.7 The local area is well served by churches, which are part of strong faith-based communities across Brentwood and beyond. Brentwood also has a relatively high number of faith-based schools, which are major components of the local community.

Social Services

- 9.8 The Care Act includes a legal duty to promote the integration of health and social care where the local authority considers that integration of services would either promote the wellbeing of adults with care and support needs (including carers), contribute to the prevention or delay of developing care needs, or improve the quality of care in the local authority's area. For the purposes of the Care Act, housing is considered a health-related service.
- 9.9 The demographic analysis as detailed in the Market Position Statement (MPS) on social care indicates that there is currently 286,600 older people living in Essex and that the population aged 65+ is projected to increase 25% to 357,400 by 2024. There is also likely to be a particular increase in the older age groups with a 22% increase in people 85-89 and a 33% increase predicted in people aged 90+.⁵
- 9.10 The Key figures for the Brentwood Borough area are detailed below:
- a. 19% increase in the population aged 65+ from 2014 to 2025;
 - b. 10% of older people affected by income deprivation;
 - c. Just over 30% projected increase in the percentage of population growth aged 70-74;
 - d. About 4,190 people over 65 years (27%) with care needs;
 - e. In 2014 there was approximately 1,230 people living with dementia in Brentwood, predicted to rise to 1,330 (8% increase from 2014) in 2019, 1,480 (20% increase from 2014) and 1,930 (57% increase from 2014).
- 9.11 In Brentwood, while the growth in the ageing population and potential challenges in delivering specialist support and care is important and forecast to grow considerably, the rates of growth are considered modest compared with many other parts of Essex. There are particular challenges in parts of Essex, such as Tendring, Castle Point and Maldon, which have historically had a large older population, particularly coastal areas which attract retirees.
- 9.12 The strategic and legislative framework for social care is set nationally with local strategies and initiatives developed to interpret national strategy and reflect local priorities. The Care Act 2014 has integrated the provision of social care and health services for the benefit of the client. Health and social care providers in Essex are increasingly seeking to join up their efforts into integrated pathways which provide a consistent service for citizens and make

⁵ NHS and Essex County Council – Shaping Futures Market Position Statement – Designing Services for the Future 2015-2025.

best use of resources. Essex County Council has appointed Integrated Commissioning Directors to work with each of the five local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to join up services.

- 9.13 Essex County Council delivers a range of social services, which can broadly be broken down into care for children and adult social services. Key aspects of children's social care include:
- a. Protecting vulnerable children, family advice and work relating to children placed in foster care, adoption services and residential accommodation;
 - b. Working with the Youth Offending Service to help young people in trouble with the law;
 - c. Supporting children and young people with disabilities;
 - d. Health and well-being services for children and young adults.
- 9.14 The Essex Children and Young People's Strategic Plan outlines six overall 'system' objectives, which includes protecting the most vulnerable children and reducing the social, educational and health inequalities gaps. There is also a focus in the strategy on promoting more self-reliance in families and a subsequent reduction in reliance on the state. The final three objectives centre upon making the most of resources, assets and workforces.
- 9.15 Youth work in Essex is delivered through a range of informal learning and personal development services that fulfil a number of statutory obligations as well as providing personal development opportunities. Access to good quality youth services is vital in ensuring strong community cohesion and can ultimately contribute to the success of a development and the area's economic well-being. The Service works mainly with young people between the ages of 13-19. It works alongside schools and other partners to:
- a. Provide access to advice and guidance;
 - b. Deliver targeted support to those at risk of not progressing;
 - c. Provide practical and emotional support to young carers
 - d. Deliver targeted support to those between the ages of 13 – 19 presenting at A&E
 - e. Support volunteering and community development;
 - f. Provide access to personal and social development programmes;
 - g. Support young people to have a voice and active involvement in their communities.
- 9.16 Services are delivered from 'youth hubs', Basildon University Hospital, satellite centres, community buildings, mobile units and outdoor spaces where young people gather. Critical to the work is involving partners, particularly young people, who are fully involved in service design, delivery, governance and evaluation of our services.
- 9.17 Personalisation is a top priority element of emerging markets for social care over the coming years and presents wide ranging opportunities for new service offers from infrastructure and technology, online home banking and accounting support, through to menus of care itself to

ensure that service users and their carers can transparently buy and monitor their own packages of care and top up care as needed. Approximately 32,000 people receive social care services in Essex over the course of a year and at any one time 17,566 of those 32,000 were adults aged 65+ and this proportion is set to increase.

- 9.18 There is a significant link between areas of deprivation and the volumes of people accessing services – until the age of 65 – when the correlation (across the UK) becomes less significant and we can assume therefore more age group specific. Investment in early intervention and prevention of falls, for example, reduces the ongoing and lengthy cost of a hospital stay and aftercare. Prevention is a key focus for our service moving forward. Older children leaving care are a high-risk customer group. In earlier years, the average cost of an excluded child over a lifetime to society has been quantified as £638,511* and these children are at high risk of becoming dependent young offenders as they move out of care. The nationally predicted age spike (a decent quality of life beyond 80s/90s) in the population will appear in Essex. Whilst people are not coming into services any earlier, they are living (and hence staying) in need and in services for longer – real terms volume and general demand for social care will increase over the next 10 years.
- 9.19 With regards to adult social care, key work areas include:
- a. Cross-over services on health, safety and well-being.
 - b. Adult carer support.
 - c. Signposting for support on money, legal help, work and learning.
 - d. Care and health support in older age.
 - e. Blue badges

Community Facilities

- 9.20 Local facilities, such as parish, village and neighbourhood halls provide for a range of community and cultural activities, such as play groups, clubs, social activities and public meeting space. The Borough has a vibrant community arts sector, including over 70 organisations and societies who deliver high quality events throughout the year.
- 9.21 As noted above with regard to more rural areas, the NPPF also indicates that local plans should promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship.

Rural Services and Facilities

- 9.22 Approximately 72% of Essex County is rural in nature⁶, with 89% of Brentwood Borough within London's Metropolitan Green Belt. Although the County is located within close

⁶ Essex Rural Partnership – Respecting our Past, Embracing our Future: A Strategy for Rural Essex (2016-2020)

proximity to London and is home to major motorway infrastructure, two airports (Stansted and Southend) and two international ports (Harwich and Tilbury), there are particular challenges to supporting the rural economy and local services, which are shared with many other rural parts of the UK.

- 9.23 In August 2015, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs published its 10-point plan for boosting productivity in rural areas.⁷ Key themes in the plan include supporting:
- a. extensive, fast and reliable broadband services;
 - b. high quality, widely available mobile communications;
 - c. modern transport connections;
 - d. access to high quality education and training;
 - e. expanded apprenticeships in rural areas;
 - f. enterprise zones in rural areas;
 - g. better regulation and improved planning for rural businesses;
 - h. more housing;
 - i. increased availability of affordable childcare, and
 - j. devolution of power
- 9.24 The Essex Rural Partnership was established in 2002 and brings together organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors to co-ordinate action on the major economic, social and environmental issues facing rural Essex. The key aims of the partnership include:
- a. Prosperity – building a dynamic and sustainable rural economy, where businesses and communities are mutually supportive, and where all the aspects and benefits of rural Essex are actively promoted to encourage investment;
 - b. Well-being – to enable everyone in Essex to enjoy the rich and diverse environment, and support rural residents to live well and access health services when they need them;
 - c. Connection – to support the development of rural broadband and rural transport, while championing rural networks and facilities;
 - d. Innovation – to promote new approaches to service access and delivery for rural communities, with a focus on mobilising community assets.
- 9.25 The partnership has a strong record of progress and has been successful in securing membership of the Defra Rural and Farming Network; helping initiate LEADER funding

⁷ Department for Environment and Rural Affairs – Towards a one nation economy: A 10 point plan for boosting productivity in rural areas – August 2015

activity in Essex; representing rural interests and hosting visits; the production of a woodland strategy and undertaking a county-wide audit of rural service provision.

- 9.26 A summary of the key partnership priorities for 2016-2020 are detailed below in Figure 9.1, together with infrastructure themes arising. From this figure, it can be noted that rural strategy issues are wide ranging and cut across a number of local plan and core infrastructure priorities.

Figure 9.1 Rural Strategy Priorities

Priority Reference	Detail	Local Plan Themes	Infrastructure Priorities
	Harnessing the potential of our rural economy		
1 a	We will continue to provide both support and challenge to the superfast broadband programme to help address inadequate broadband and mobile connectivity – in particular, we expect to see the Rural Challenge pilot looking to reach out to other parts in rural Essex	Social and Community Infrastructure / Economic Prosperity	Broadband and Mobile Telecommunications
1b	We have also become increasingly aware of the limited information that we have about our rural economy, and will be working with partners to address this, as we develop our new evidence material.	Economic Prosperity	
1c	We will seek to maximise the benefits of programmes and projects which encourage economic growth and job creation. We will also identify, support and where appropriate lead on, opportunities to bring forward new programmes to Essex.	Economic Prosperity	
1d	We will work with partners to remove barriers to diversification for land-based businesses.	Economic Prosperity	
1e	We will encourage use of redundant buildings, especially those with historic merit, and we will explore the potential for under-utilised and redundant buildings to be adapted to support rural development.	Economic Prosperity / Environmental Protection and Enhancement	Heritage
	Education and Skills for Life		
2a	We will engage with Government to ensure it delivers in Essex on its pledge to increase apprenticeships in rural areas to support food, farming and small tourism businesses, and support high quality apprenticeships in our communities.	Economic Prosperity	
2b	We will engage with local authorities and academy providers to ensure the long-term future of rural schools.	Social and Community Infrastructure	Education

Farming for the Future			
3a	We will help to promote and develop a food and farming sector that is resilient to global commodity price fluctuations by creating a dynamic and forward looking business environment and infrastructure.	Sustainable Communities Economic Prosperity	
3b	We will support the food and farming sector to meet the challenges of climate change by exploring approaches that either protect against the negative impacts or enhance the positive aspects of climate change.	Sustainable Communities Environmental Protection and Enhancement / Physical Infrastructure / Green Infrastructure	Water and Drainage Green Corridors
3c	We will encourage developments that support and enhance the food supply chains across the county to help integrate local food production with the wider Essex population.	Sustainable Communities	Allotments
Attracting Visitors to Rural Essex			
4a	We will facilitate sustainable tourism development.	Economic Prosperity	
4b	We will work with Visit Essex and local partners to promote rural Essex, package the tourism offer and give it an identity.	Economic Prosperity	
4c	We will support the development of the England Coast Path in Essex.	Economic Prosperity	
Celebrating Our Culture and Heritage			
5a	We will continue to work with partners on creative approaches to ensuring our historic buildings remain at the heart of rural communities, for example, in the use of church spaces for community groups and shops.	Environmental Protection and Enhancement / Social and Community Infrastructure	Heritage
5b	We will develop closer links to national bodies to ensure their programmes are aware of and engaged with issues and opportunities in rural Essex.	Duty to Cooperate	
5c	We will assist in promoting our heritage to a wider audience.	Environmental Protection and Enhancement / Social and Community Infrastructure	Heritage
Securing a Place to Live			
6a	We believe that the shortage of affordable housing in rural areas can only be addressed if a range of housing types	Sustainable Communities	

	and tenures, including provision of housing for rent, can be made more widely available.		
6b	We believe that provision of affordable housing should be guided by up to date evidence of local need and should prioritise meeting the needs of local residents.	Sustainable Communities	
6c	We recognise the importance of the Rural Housing Enabler service but in view of the changing strategic context would encourage providers that support the service to explore new approaches to delivering affordable homes.	Sustainable Communities	
Accessing the Services We Need			
7a	We will encourage the development of effective rural proofing processes for use by local service providers.	Duty to Co-operate	
7b	We will support initiatives that improve access to health care, support independent living and reduce isolation and loneliness in rural areas.	Social and Community Infrastructure	Health Outreach services Social Services
7c	We will encourage the development of innovative and sustainable transport solutions, which are responsive to the needs of dispersed rural populations.	Transport and Accessibility	Transport
7d	We will ensure that support is available to facilitate community enterprise and other initiatives that strengthen the provision of essential local services.	Economic Prosperity	Infrastructure Partnerships and Delivery
7e	We will encourage non-commercial solutions to providing the transport that is necessary to reach essential and valued services.	Transport and Accessibility	Transport Infrastructure Partnerships and Delivery
Thriving and Pro-active Communities			
8a	We will encourage initiatives that promote leadership from parish and town councils and local voluntary organisations.	Sustainable Communities	Infrastructure Partnerships and Delivery

8b	We will encourage the devolution of responsibilities to local communities in appropriate circumstances.	Sustainable Communities	Infrastructure Partnerships and Delivery
8c	We will promote the benefits of Neighbourhood Planning and other measures that give communities greater influence over their future development.	Sustainable Communities	Infrastructure Partnerships and Delivery
8d	We will support those who give of their time to keep community facilities available for those who live and work in rural areas.	Sustainable Communities	Infrastructure Partnerships and Delivery
8e	We will encourage de-regulation to reduce barriers to volunteering.	Sustainable Communities	Infrastructure Partnerships and Delivery
Feeling Safe and Reducing Crime			
9a	We will encourage the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex and Essex Police to support community safety initiatives that address the specific needs of rural communities and businesses.	Social and Community Infrastructure	Emergency Services
9b	We will support communities in taking local action to make their homes and environments safer.	Physical Infrastructure	Emergency Services
9c	We will support initiatives which bring benefits to rural areas.	Sustainable Communities	
9d	We will work with other partners to ensure our residents feel safe. This will include Essex Trading Standards and Essex Civil Protection and Emergency Management.	Social and Community Infrastructure	Emergency Services
Protecting and Promoting Our Natural Environment			
10a	We will use our influence with Defra and DECC to ensure the voice of Landowners – as ‘custodians of our landscape’ is represented, and funding mechanisms do not have unintended impacts upon Rural Essex.	Environmental Protection and Enhancement	Ecological Assets Green Corridors
10b	We need to interact fully with organisations such as EPOA (Essex Planning Officers Association) and statutory bodies (e.g. Environment Agency and Natural England) and the local environmental	Duty to Co-operate	Infrastructure Partnerships and Delivery

	bodies (like Essex Wildlife Trust, the National Trust and the RSPB) at a strategic/national level.		
10c	We need to ensure that the Essex Rural Partnership continues to be both 'Champion' of the rural economy, environment and society, extending our membership to those organisations/decision makers whose actions impact directly upon the environment.	Duty to Co-operate	Infrastructure Partnerships and Delivery
10d	We will support initiatives that record and protect the unique biodiversity found in rural Essex, and which enable this to add value to tourism and benefit economic prosperity.	Environmental Protection and Enhancement / Green Infrastructure	Ecological Assets
10e	We will engage with Natural England and the designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) in our county to ensure that ongoing boundary reviews are to the benefit of rural Essex.	Environmental Protection and Enhancement	

Existing Infrastructure, Gaps and Programmes

Social Infrastructure

9.27 The Brentwood CVS website provides an initial overview of the range of local groups, charities and organisations which are members of the CVS. Figure 9.2 below provides summary information and a basic classification of the organisations by type of activity. The range of organisations is only a small percentage of the overall social infrastructure - a full audit is outside the scope of this study.

Figure 9.2: Local Groups, Charities and Community Organisations

Organisation (by principal activity)	% of Total Memberships
Animal support	2%
Arts and Culture	7%
Disability Focused	24%

Education / Spiritual	7%
Health / Care	19%
Housing / Accommodation	5%
Sport	8%
Support / Advice	26%
Other	2%
Total	100%

Social Services

9.25 The key social services / facilities activities which operate within the Brentwood Borough area are listed below in Figure 9.3.

Figure 9.3: Social Services – Key Activities in Brentwood Borough

Type of Service / Facility	Activities	Locations
Family Support		
Larchwood Gardens Child and Family Wellbeing Hub	Integrated children and family services (health, care and support). Partners: ECC, Barnardo's and Virgin Care.	Larchwood Primary Larchwood Gardens Pilgrim's Hatch, CM15 9NG
Youth Services		
Local Youth Service	Offers a range of services for young people aged 13-19 (and up to 25 with additional learning needs). Also operates as a music venue with recording studio. Offers support for young carers aged 0-19	The Hermit, Shenfield Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AG https://youth.essex.gov.uk https://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/young-carers/

9.28 Information on senior housing within the Borough is summarised below in Figure 9.4 and has been obtained from the housing care website.⁸

Figure 9.4: Senior Housing within Brentwood Borough

Name of Accommodation	Broad Location	Types of Facilities	Management / Ownership	Tenure	Dwellings	Number of Rooms	Additional care Info
Almshouses	South Weald	Age exclusive housing	Management - Browne and Wingrave Almshouse Charities	Rent (social landlord)	12		
Ardtully Retirement Residence	Ingatestone	Care Home	Ownership - Amba Care Homes Group			18 single rooms and 4 shared rooms (22 en suite). 26 residents in total	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close Care
Aspen Court	Brentwood	Age exclusive housing	Management - London & Quadrant Housing Trust	Rent (social landlord)	11		
Beech Spinney	Warley Hill	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Retirement Lease Housing Association	Leasehold	28		
Berman's Close	Hutton	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: William Berman's Trust	Rent (social landlord)	12		
Bishops Hall / The Retreat	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	35		

⁸ <http://www.housingcare.org/residential-care-homes/area-2-brentwood.aspx>

Name of Accommodation	Broad Location	Types of Facilities	Management / Ownership	Tenure	Dwellings	Number of Rooms	Additional care Info
Brentwood Care Centre	Pilgrims Hatch	Care Home, Care home with nursing	Owned by: Ranc Care Homes Ltd			112 single rooms (112 en suite)	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close Care
Brickstock Furze	Shenfield	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: HML Ashton Chater	Leasehold	20		
Brook field Close	Hutton	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	25		
Brook House Care Home	Brentwood	Care Home	Owned by: Larchwood Care			5 8 single and 6 shared rooms (64 ensuite) - 70 residents in total	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close Care
Chichester House	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	41		
Danbury Close	Pilgrims Hatch	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	47		
Douglas Matthew House	Brentwood Town	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Anchor	Rent (social landlord)	69		
Dudbrook Hall	Kelvedon Common	Care Home	Owned by: St Michaels Homes			43 residents in 31 single and 3 shared rooms (18 en suite).	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close Care

Name of Accommodation	Broad Location	Types of Facilities	Management / Ownership	Tenure	Dwellings	Number of Rooms	Additional care Info
Harewood Road	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	50		
Hedgerows Nursing Home	Brentwood	Care home with nursing	Owned by: Outlook Care			36 residents	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close care
Heron Court	Herongate	Care Home	Owned by: Runwood Homes plc			35 residents in 31 single and 2 shared rooms (18 en suite).	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close care
Hibbard House	Brentwood	Age exclusive housing	Brentwood Housing Trust	Rent (social landlord)	6		
Homehurst House	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: FirstPort	Leasehold	59		
Howie Cottages	Brentwood	Age exclusive housing	Managed by: Stonewater	Rent (social landlord)	4		
Hutton Village Care Home	Hutton	Care home with nursing	Owned by: BUPA Care Homes			40 residents in 40 single rooms (40 en suite).	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close care
Ingleton House	Ingatestone & Fryerning	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	25		
Juniper Court and	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood	Rent (social landlord)	30		

Name of Accommodation	Broad Location	Types of Facilities	Management / Ownership	Tenure	Dwellings	Number of Rooms	Additional care Info
Coronation Cottages			Borough Council				
Leonard Lodge Care Home	Hutton	Care home with nursing	Owned by: Barchester Healthcare Ltd			60 residents in 60 single rooms (60 en suite)	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close care
Montbazou Court	Brentwood	Extra care housing	Managed by: L&Q Living	Rent (social landlord)	26		
Old Shenfield Place	Shenfield	Care Home, Care home with nursing	Owned by: Amba Care Homes Group			31 residents in 21 single and 5 shared rooms (20 en suite).	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close care
Primrose Court	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Orbit Housing Association	Leasehold	46		
Queenswood House	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Home Group Ltd	Leasehold	56		
Quennell Way	Hutton	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	29		
Ravenscourt	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Warwick Estates Property Management Ltd	Leasehold	46		
Roseberry Court	Hutton	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Genesis Housing Association	Rent (social landlord)	30		

Name of Accommodation	Broad Location	Types of Facilities	Management / Ownership	Tenure	Dwellings	Number of Rooms	Additional care Info
Rowen Green	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	26		
Sawyers Court	Shenfield	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: FirstPort	Leasehold	26		
Seton Unit	Warley	Care home	Sisters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul			8 residents in 8 single rooms (8 en suite)	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close care
Seven Arches	Cornsland	Care home with nursing	Owned by: Brookvale Healthcare			30 residents in 30 single rooms (24 en suite).	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close care
Signature The Beeches	Brentwood	Care home with nursing	Owned by: Signature Senior Lifestyle Limited			124 residents in 124 single rooms (124 en suite).	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close care
Sir Francis Way	Kelvedon Hatch	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	9		
St. Georges Court	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing / Extra care housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	55		Extra Care
St. Thomas Court	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Anchor	Rent (social landlord)	25		
Sycamore Court	Little Warley	Care home	Owned by: Holmes Care Group			39 residents in 39	Enhanced Sheltered

Name of Accommodation	Broad Location	Types of Facilities	Management / Ownership	Tenure	Dwellings	Number of Rooms	Additional care Info
						single rooms (39 en suite).	/ Close Care
Tara	Brentwood	Care home	Owned by: Mr & Mr Sookary			8 residents in 4 single and 3 shared rooms	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close care
The Gables	Warley	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	38		
The Lawns	Warley	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Orbit Housing Association	Leasehold	44		
The Meads	Ingatstone & Fryerning	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	39		
The Squirrels Care Centre	Great Warley	Care home	Owned by: Larchwood Care			48 residents in 47 single and 1 shared rooms (44 en suite).	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close Care
Victoria Court	Brentwood	Retirement / sheltered housing	Managed by: Brentwood Borough Council	Rent (social landlord)	35		
Winifred Dell House	Brentwood	Care home	Owned by: Excelcare			76 residents in 76 single rooms (76 en suite).	Enhanced Sheltered / Extra Care / Close Care

Name of Accommodation	Broad Location	Types of Facilities	Management / Ownership	Tenure	Dwellings	Number of Rooms	Additional care Info
Total					1,004		

Community Facilities

- 9.27 This section of the chapter provides baseline audit information on a wide range of community facilities, including community halls and centres, village halls, parish rooms / remembrance halls, libraries, cemeteries, graveyards and crematoria.
- 9.28 Brentwood Borough Council owns five community halls and has the head lease on one other facility. The six community halls are leased to Brentwood Leisure Trust (BLT). These are detailed below in Figure 9.5.

Figure 9.5: Community Halls⁹

Community Hall	Description
Bishops Hall	An established community hall situated off Elizabeth Road, in Pilgrims Hatch, in a recently refurbished park. It can accommodate seated events for 100 - 130 people and 170 for discos. It has an adjacent garden area with car parking and parkland setting. It has a good-sized hall, kitchen facilities and plenty of toilets. It has been a target for Anti-Social Behaviour and vandalism. It is not an attractive building and anti-climb features add to this image.
Merrymeade House	An attractive building set in a central location in Brentwood Town Centre. It is mixed use with six seven rooms of varying sizes capable of accommodating from 20 - 40 people. A Buddhist Group is a tenant and operates a cafe on the premises. It is also shared by a housing association and residential lets so there needs to be care with any bookings to avoid noise issues. There is limited parking and Sawyers Hall has a number of schools which leads to peak time congestion in the immediate area. The tenants and limited size of accommodation do not allow for higher value social functions.
Hutton Poplars Hall	Set in Hutton Poplars, Hutton the historic building has 2 halls, a main hall with capacity for 150 seated and 200 standing and the Lansbury Suite for up to 60 people. Both are licensed for civil ceremonies and are popular for social events. Good parking, toilet facilities. Long standing and regular users

⁹ Information reproduced from 4 Global Study – Value for Money Review and Management Options Appraisal - Table 6.1 Summary of Community Halls – Feb 2017.

	including nursery. The historic nature of the building means that there are high maintenance costs.
Hutton Poplars Lodge	A small hall located in Hutton Poplars in Hutton with a maximum capacity of 40. It has an office, car parking and clubhouse/bar operated by a Bowling Club which uses the adjacent green in the summer. It is small and needs to be updated and the use by the Bowling Club make it difficult to let.
Nightingale Centre	Purpose built venue located in Warley with a mixed-use hall for 100 - 130 people seated. It has a small kitchen, offices and car parking. The building is shared with SNAP who rent office space. It is busy and one of the more modern halls in the group. The shared car parking, and unauthorised commuter parking for Brentwood Station, limits availability of parking for hall users.
Willowbrook Hall	This was built within Willowbrook School in Hutton as a replacement for Hutton Parish Hall. Limited use was transferred from that venue. It has a capacity of 50-60 seated. The primary school site means that there are major operating restrictions and very limited parking. Willowbrook is owned by ECC and leased to BBC and then is sublet to BLT

9.29 In addition to the halls detailed above there is a community centre in Ingatestone (Ingatestone and Fryerning Community Club, 7 High Street, Ingatestone, CM4 9ED) and Hutton Community Centre, Harrison Close, Brentwood, CM13 1LP. Both facilities are well used by social / community groups.

9.30 In addition to the community halls and centres noted above, there is also a wide range of village halls, parish rooms and remembrance halls across the Borough. These are listed below in Figure 9.6.

Figure 9.6: Village Halls, Parish Rooms and Remembrance Halls

	Location	Type of Facility	Available for hire for the following activities / events
1	Blackmore, Hook End and Wyatts Green	Blackmore Village Hall, Nine Ashes Road	Wedding, Parties, Children's parties, Dinner Dances, Quiz nights Dance/fitness classe, adjoining sports and

			social club, outdoor facilities nearby
2	Doddinghurst	Doddinghurst Village Hall, Church Lane	Meetings, Private Events, Group Classes, Parties.
3	Herongate and Ingave	St Andrew's Church Hall, Herongate	Information not available
4	Ingatestone and Fryerning	Seymour Pavillion, New Road	Information not available
5	Kelvedon Hatch	Kelvedon Hatch Village Hall, School Road	Group Classes, Art Classes, Private Events
6	Mountnessing	Mountnessing Village Hall, Roman Road	Club meetings, wedding and other parties, dance classes and village activities
7	Navestock	Navestock Village Hall	Activities pertaining to village halls - clubs, wedding receptions, shows, local events, classes
8	Stondon Massey	Stondon Massey Village Hall, Ongar Road	The parish hall is maintained for use by local groups, clubs and individual hirers, which currently include, w.i, darts, art, pilates, dance, first responders, parish council and casual lettings for various purposes.
9	West Horndon	West Horndon Village Hall, Station Road	Dancing karate bridge keep fit friendship club under 5s play group art group baton twirlers l.a.y. womens w.i.
10	Shenfield	Shenfield Parish Hall, Hutton Road	the charity runs Shenfield parish hall for

			the benefit of the local community.
11	Brentwood	The Cathedral Parish Hall	Information not available
12	Brentwood	Willowbrook Hall, Brookfield Close	Conference, Meeting Rooms, Group Classes, Parties, Catering.
13	Hutton	Hutton Parish Hall, Rayleigh Road	w.i. table tennis history groups domino drives social evenings parties bridge exercise classes
14	Warley	Little Warley and Childerditch Village Hall, Magpie Lane	Raising funds to support the daily maintenance of the village hall for the benefit of the local community. organise events which is supported by the elderly, the disabled and local children who attend the kindergarten classes or may live in the village together with the villagers.
15	Pilgrims Hatch	Pilgrims Hatch Parish Room, Crow Green Road	Provides a small hall, heated and with toilet and kitchen facilities, for the use of small groups and clubs, and for private parties.
16	South Weald	South Weald Parish Hall, 85 London Road	Provides facilities for all ages in the Brentwood, Essex area. such facilities include fitness and dance classes, childrens

			groups, brownies, drama groups and childrens parties.
17	Tipps Cross	Tipps Cross Remembrance Hall	Activities include: pre-school, badminton, carpet bowls, aerobics, table tennis, croquet, senior citizens club, karate, childrens' dance ,disabled group post office, / pre school, table tennis, group classes
18	Brentwood	Willowbrook School Community Centre	Information not available
19	Brentwood	Knights Way Centre	Group Classes, Private Events

9.31 Brentwood Borough Council's Town Hall is currently undergoing a transformation to provide accessible office space for community and charitable organisations such as MIND and CAB, while the upper floor of the building is being converted into residential apartments. Essex Police located office functions to the Town hall in 2017.

9.32 Cemeteries, graveyards and crematoria is listed below in Figure 9.7. The table also includes some provisional information on whether the facility is closed or available for interments.

Figure 9.7: Cemeteries, Graveyards and Crematoria

London Road Cemetery	This cemetery is closed to new full interments (burials), only interments in pre-purchased grave spaces are accepted. There is a large area available for cremated remains interments. The chapel is not available for use.
Woodman Road Cemetery	Woodman Road Cemetery can accept both full burials and cremated remains interments. A small chapel is also available. *Please note that due to constant abuse, the toilets at Woodman Road Cemetery will only be available for use when funerals are taking place.

Lorne Road Cemetery, Warley	The oldest cemetery in the Borough and is now closed to full burials and has been given over to a nature reserve and is still open to visitors.
Essex Regiment Chapel, Clive Road, Brentwood	No information available.
St Mary's Churchyard, Hall Lane, Shenfield	No information available.
Herongate Wood - Green Burial Site, Billericay Road, Brentwood	Managed by in-house Funeral Directors, Adam & Greenwood. The facility offers a full range of services, both 'green' and traditional for burial, cremation or the burial of ashes. The facility currently has capacity to accept interments.
St. Mary the Virgin, Fryerning, Mill Green Road	No information available.
Priory Church of St Laurence, Church Street, Blackmore	No information available.
St Peters Church, Weald Road, Brentwood	No information available.
Bentley Crematorium and Cemetery, Ongar Road	Run by Dignity Funerals, Bentley Crematorium and Cemetery opened in October 2012 with a multi-faith chapel. The chapel can seat 100 mourners and is heated and air conditioned. For large congregations the waiting area can accommodate and additional 100 people standing. The crematorium also has access for the disabled, disabled toilets, a hearing loop and has a speaker system throughout the building. The facility currently has capacity to accept interments.
Pilgrims Hall, Christian Centre	No information available.
St. Edmund & Mary, Ingotstone Parish Church, High Street	No information available.
St. Mary the Virgin Parish Church, Hall Lane, Shenfield	No information available.

All Saints Church of England, Church Lane, Doddinghurst	Doddinghurst Parish Council manages the burial ground for the Village which is situated to the North West of All Saints Church. The Church's own burial grounds to the front and rear of the building are closed to new interments. The Burial Ground is managed as a "Lawned Cemetery" and the regulations relating to this type of Burial Ground are given below. The burial plots are double (depth) plots and the deed of grant is for 30 years. Following the meeting of the General Purpose Committee, held on 17th February 2014, it was agreed that a formal ashes lawn would be created alongside Ashes Plot 1, near the central pathway, (see burial ground layout), to enable residents to be able to scatter human ashes. The scattering of ashes is unrecorded and no fee applies. Expected to meet the needs of the village until 2025.
St Thomas of Canterbury Church, St. Thomas Road	No information available.
All Saints Church, Hutton Village	No information available.
St. Nicholas' Church, Church Road, Kelvedon Hatch	No information available.
St. Johns Mountnessing, Hall and Church, Old Church Lane, Padhams Green	No information available.
St. Nicholas Church, Brentwood Road, Ingrave, Brentwood	No information available.
St. Mary the Virgin, Great Warley Street, Brentwood	No information available.
St. Helens RC Cathedral, Ingrave Road	No information available
The Parish Church of Christ Church, Warley, Watley Hill, Brentwood	No information available
St Stephens Church, St. Stephen Close, Ingrave	No information available

All Saints & St. Faiths Church, Church Lane, Childerditch	No information available
St Georges's Church	No information available
Trinity Church, 49 Coxtie Green Road, Pilgrims Hatch	No information available
St Peter's Little Warley Church, Little Warley Hall Lane, Brentwood	No information available
The Gospel Hall	No information available

Library Provision

- 9.33 The Library Service is statutory (1964 Public Libraries & Museums Act) and is required to provide a comprehensive and efficient service for all residents and persons working and studying in Essex. This statutory requirement is articulated by central Government through its inspection regime. Further information is found on the Department of Culture, Media and Sport website. The Library service has increasingly become a shared gateway to other services and also for accessing digital information and communications. The Library service reviews its community profiles for existing libraries on a regular basis.
- 9.34 Essex County Council is responsible for the network of libraries and mobile library services across the Borough. The main public libraries in the Borough are:
- a. Brentwood Library, New Road, Brentwood, CM14 4BP – open 5.5 days per week, the facility also features reading and story events for younger readers, various book groups (including an audio book group for blind and partially sighted people) and drop in sessions by Essex Sight for people who are blind or partially sighted.
 - b. Ingatestone Library, High Street, Ingatestone, CM4 9EU – open 4 half days per week, the library also hosts events for younger readers, various book and reading groups, and a tea and talking books event.
 - c. Shenfield Library, Hutton Road, Shenfield, Brentwood, CM15 8NJ – open 5 days per week and features events for younger readers, a 'knit and natter' group and various book groups.
- 9.35 The Borough is also served by a number of mobile library routes:
- a. Chelmsford Mobile Route Week 1 – Friday – Hutton, Ingrave, Brentwood, and

- b. Chelmsford Mobile Route Week 2 – Fortnightly visits Tuesday – Highwood, Tipps Cross, Hook End, Wyatts Green, Doddinghurst, Brentwood and Pilgrims Hatch Community Facilities

Implications of Growth

Dunton Hills Garden Village

9.36 Dunton Hills Garden Village is a unique opportunity to not only create a new settlement but also a new community. Much of the work of the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) has focused upon the need for garden towns / villages to establish and support a charitable trust or organisation to look after the development and its residents, funded through a service charge and potentially an endowment or set of income sustaining assets. Stewardship may include physical maintenance and improvement of the public realm, managing the public realm, and organising community activities.

9.37 The TCPA is explicit in stating that:

‘The stewardship task goes beyond the management of green space to cover the broadest range of community assets, including the active and positive management of everything from arts provision to commercial estates and utility companies. Putting local people at the heart of this process can generate increased local support, creativity, and entrepreneurialism. For new garden villages of a smaller scale, approaches to stewardship may differ from that taken for a much larger community, and the economics make matters more challenging’.¹⁰

9.38 Dunton Hills is likely to require ‘hard’ community facilities but also effective resourcing to support the growth of a new community and support its sustainability both economically and socially. Community capacity building could be supported initially by existing networks and community structures.

9.39 There are also options within the garden village as part of the wider community infrastructure to develop a new community orientated building. Further options analysis will need to be undertaken and this could include a multipurpose building with public facing services, such as medical facilities, as well as space for multi-faith activities, recreation and estates services. The feasibility and operational value of various models will need to be explored with stakeholders.

Social Care

9.40 Statistics from the JSNA indicates that there are 90,500 older people with social care needs who live in Essex.¹¹ This equates to 35% of the older population over 65 years. There is a

¹⁰ <https://www.tcpa.org.uk/>

¹¹ NHS Basildon and Brentwood CCG – Essex Council Council ‘Integrated Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2014

projected 22.8% increase in older people with care needs over the next five years which is higher than the anticipated 19.2% increase for England. Basildon and Brentwood have a rate of older people above the Essex average known to social care. Furthermore, due to the collective increase in individuals 56 years and older there will be a subsequent increase in the demand for care and support services for a population that will often experience poor health, dementia or disability in these extra years of life. Individuals currently using such services report their satisfaction to be below the regional and national level.

- 9.41 The Essex County Council Market Position Statement, which is updated at regular intervals, provides a picture of the County in terms of demand, supply and opportunity for a range of specialist housing. Specific needs identified include:
- a. Older people: Data analysis tells us that there are approximately 5,000 Essex residents who meet the criteria to access specialist housing with care that is being provided as an affordable housing option. This figure increases only slightly over the next 5 years. A proportion of these 5,000 residents will be best served by a form of specialist housing with care.
 - b. Working age adults with disabilities: There is an identified shortfall of around 270 units of supported accommodation of various types across the County.
 - c. Mental health: There is a need for blocks of 12 or so flats, with an on-site office, in a number of areas. In addition, there is a need for move-on accommodation of self-contained flats in general needs accommodation.
 - d. Vulnerable people: Support is currently provided to a range of vulnerable groups such as women fleeing domestic violence; homeless single people and families, older people and people with substance misuse problems.
- 9.42 Engagement work with local schools (primary, secondary and special education needs) as part of the Dunton Hills Garden Village scheme has highlighted opportunities to provide specialist or supported living housing for young adults with special education needs, including autism and the benefits that better integration with local communities can make for families and carers and the young adults themselves. This could form part of a wider supportive urban design and housing framework within the site masterplan for Dunton Hills. The opportunities to provide specialist housing is however not unique to new settlement planning.

Working Across Generations

- 9.43 Essex County Council estimate that for every 20 dwellings there will be a young person needing some youth work provision. The minimum size of development requiring a bespoke youth centre or dedicated youth space (catering for approximately 60 young people) is around 1,200 houses. The capital cost of such a facility is estimated at about £700,000.
- 9.44 Most youth provision is, however, delivered through flexible community spaces. The need for developer contributions, thereby, needs to be considered on a case by case basis and in partnership with other services that may be delivered out of multi-functional community hubs.

- 9.45 In addition to community buildings there are a number of low cost 'big win' facilities that can be provided as part of new development of various sizes. Examples include (at current costs):
- a. Multi Sports Arena or Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) - costing around £45,000;
 - b. A basic skate park - costing around £40,000;
 - c. An outdoor gym - costing around £12,000
 - d. Youth shelters - costing around £12,000.
- 9.46 There are also opportunities to focus upon innovation in the delivery of facilities and services across generations. Much has been made recently in the media and care and housing circles of linking pre-school provision with care homes / retirement homes and the positive values that can be created for all age ranges.

Community Facilities¹²

- 9.47 Library services are integral to society, helping people to thrive and prosper. They help create great places to grow up, live and work and help people get a good start in life and age well. The Essex Future Library Services Strategy (2019-2024) states that libraries have a key role to play in enabling Essex County Council to deliver on its strategic aims, be that through providing spaces and resources to help people in Essex to increase their skills and prosper, or through providing safe, welcoming and stimulating spaces for all users to learn, engage and remain connected to their communities.
- 9.48 The Essex County Council Developers' Guide to Infrastructure requires contributions to be sought to provide additional facilities where there is expected to be significant growth in population created by development, or where a new community remote from an existing provision is established. The long term capacity and future requirements across the area will also be taken into account.
- 9.49 Where the increase in projected population more than doubles an existing library catchment area, it is likely that a new facility or building will be required. Provision of this space could be as part of a shared community or educational facility for example – and would allow consideration to be made for varying scales of development. Additional requirements, which may include expansion of existing buildings, and/or furniture, technology and stock, will be directly proportional to the increase in the projected population of the specific area, as set out in the Developers' Guide.

¹² Information from Guide to Developer's Contributions ECC

Financial Implications

9.48 The key financial considerations from this chapter are detailed within Part B of the IDP.