

Policy Justification

- a) The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) includes the recognition of the social role of the planning system to 'support vibrant and healthy communities'. and to 'take account of and support local strategies to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all'. The select committee on Public Service and Demographic Change report '*Ready for Ageing*' (2013) suggests that the housing market is delivering much less specialist housing for older people than is needed and the CLP, and that aging populations are putting increasing pressures on Health services.
- b) In 2015 the over 65 age group of the Liskeard and Looe CNA population was estimated as being 23%. By 2030 the predicted over 65 age group is estimated as being 27% of the population - a higher percentage than either the national (17.7%) or the South West (21.4%) (*Mid-year estimates ONS 2015*). Predicted changes in age structure of the population by 2030 are significant in their predictions of much lower numbers of younger people of working age in the local population and of children of School age. The need for a balanced mix of housing types and ownership/ rental provision is seen as a key need to ensure that the communities within the area can maintain a secure future, and encourage the maintenance of family and other ties and intergenerational relationships which can support both older people and young children in working families within the community.

The health of older people in the community is one of several issues related to health in Cornwall.

- Only 3 in 10 adults eat the recommended 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day (ref 2)
- 1 in 3 children leaving primary school are overweight or obese. There are an estimated 16,000 children who are obese in Cornwall (age 0-16) (ref 2)
- Only 13% of adults in Cornwall achieve the recommended level of physical activity (ref 2)

CLP Policy16. Health and Wellbeing supports the maximisation of opportunities for physical activity through the use of open space, indoor and outdoor sports and leisure facilities.

- c) The town of Liskeard (approx 2.8 miles, 6 minute drive from Dobwalls, approx 4.2 miles 10 minute drive from Trewidland) provides the nearest health facilities which include: a Community Hospital (2 wards, MIU, x-ray dept, OP clinics) ; 2 GP surgeries, deliver medications 3 Dental Surgeries
All these services are under significant pressures, and opportunities to supplement their provision with part time local clinics, e.g. for chiropody / asthma etc. to serve the aging local population would improve the access to services for many of those in the community.

Intention

- To ensure that planning policy supports and encourages a balanced demographic mix across the parish to meet the changing population needs
- To ensure that new development provides improved opportunities for outdoor activity and active leisure to support physical and mental health
- To ensure that development is designed to support positive social interaction across the community
- To ensure that CIL income is used to maximise health benefits to the community through improved health service facilities and upgrading of poor quality housing.

NDP Policy : Community Health

HE1: Development proposals will be encouraged that take account of the existing housing provision and contribute to a balanced mix of affordable, accessible homes for: the elderly, those with disability, impaired mobility and additional needs, open market and affordable rented homes including family dwellings. Developments located to take advantage of the level access to Shop, Public Transport services and other local facilities (available in the centre of Dobwalls) will be supported.

HE2: Development proposals will be supported that:

- contribute to the provision of useable open space on the site contribute to local playable spaces for children; form part of the green-space network for walkers; or
- provide other appropriate public open space and facilities for teenagers and adults.