

Appendix C - Wells City Council Response to Settlements Study

1. Settlement area facilities as shown on the grid are correct but as stated in Project 4 of the Neighbourhood Plan:

Project 4: The City Council will seek involvement in negotiations relating to infrastructure and planning gain between developers and Somerset Council and Somerset Integrated Care

Currently Wells City has, as a result of increased housing developments on its western boundary:

No minor injuries walk in centre and insufficient GP services, and increased pressures on parking and transport infrastructure.

2. **10 top amenities for Wells:** Wells has good overall provision and the top ten below are identified from common knowledge and not from a survey. The order of priority depends on the demographics of a population and where it is located.

1. GP/Health Services
2. Schools- all levels e.g. pre, primary, secondary
3. Shops
4. Banks
5. Post office
6. Dentist/optician
7. Leisure
8. Playgrounds etc

3. Top planning related issues/ challenges: These are some of the top issues identified from common knowledge- surveys on public transport, pavements and accessibility and climate and biodiversity in the last 2 years have indicated these are a challenge/issue for residents.

Housing affordability

Public transport access

Ability to walk/wheel to facilities

Health and Well Being

Climate resilience

Biodiversity

Access to education

4. Other priorities not mentioned-

Parking

Mental Health

5. Top 5 Infrastructure Needs - Wells City Council has not listed order of priority and has not carried out a recent survey.

GP and health

Education

Broadband

Public Transport

Tertiary Education

6. How satisfied? Quality/ physical accessibility

What types of facilities- Wells has most listed in the questionnaire but several need improvements or increased services

7. Which groups are less well served- teenagers/disabled/ people with mental health needs

8. What role should Local Plan focus on to enable Open Spaces in Wells?

Protecting and enhancing sites/inclusivity/promoting community participation/climate resilience/active travel

9. Obstacles to Open Space provisions

Funding /management/resources/HS/

10. Map- of leisure/OS facilities- appears correct