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POLICY A1: COMMUNITY FACILITIES	<u>Additional text added</u> Development proposals that help to sustain the existing community facilities and create new facilities either directly through developer contributions or indirectly by encouraging local spending will be supported provided development conforms with other policies in the plan. Any new development should prioritise both dedicated youth facilities and facilities for older and disabled residents.	To acknowledge older and disabled residents, following consultation with residents and to reflect the provisions of the Equality Act 2010.
POLICY A2: OPEN SPACE	<u>Amendment to text</u> All major development should provide open areas of amenity and recreation, for community use and to protect and enhance biodiversity. Links should be provided between areas of open space, community facilities and the public rights of way network. Management plans confirming operating responsibilities should be put in place to safeguard the future retention of these areas.	To recognise the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity, and cross referencing to Policy In2.

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Health Care	<u>Amendment to text</u> In 2022, the Marden Medical Centre provided primary medical care services to 7,627 patients, an increase of 26% since 2014. In 2021 the Marden Medical Centre was extended to incorporate a temporary portacabin for 3 years, due to expire in 2028.unless the planning permission is renewed. However, this is not large enough for the current patient population let alone having to accommodate further population growth over the next few years. Building an extension on the current site and extending the car parking may prove challenging. Therefore, land for alternative sites in, or close to the village centre, should be considered. Marden has expanded from a largely rural village into a Rural Service Centre with an increasingly diverse population. This has caused extra demand, not just in terms of the patient numbers but also from the higher incidence of health and social problems. The additional health related social and support services, such as midwives and health visitors, are already suffering the results of resource limitations. The services are becoming inadequate to support the increasing and changing population effectively. The Medical Centre is thus under pressure to increase the range of services provided. Future development will also need to make appropriate contributions in order that the Marden medical services can meet the demand resulting from the associated increase in services and patient numbers. Marden is also fortunate to have a busy Pharmacy and the Marden Dental Surgery which is a thriving practice. Marden has now received status as a Dementia Friendly community.	Update text and added clarity following information from medical centre unless planning permission is renewed.