# **Community Facilities & Services**

The community has been clear about the importance of ensuring the new development is designed so that residents have easy access to facilities and services in the neighbourhood, ideally with facilities clustered together to reduce the need to travel to multiple locations. We have considered a number of ways to work this into our evolving proposals:

### Centres

Two local centres will be accessible to most within a 15-20 minute walk. Several community cores, within a 5-10 minute walk, will provide a network of local spaces, facilities and services that support a vibrant community life and creates opportunities for community stewardship.









**Community core** 5-10 min catchment

Inspired by the village greens of Hertfordshire, a community space to gather. A flexible community room, a swap shop, a mobility hub, play space, arts club, or a community growing space will activate a central open space



**Community core + school** 10-15 min catchment

Community core with a primary school anchor, supporting a small shop or cafe

## **Local centres** 15-20 min catchment

Commercial and community activity hub of north and south neighbourhoods, providing a range of community and commercial uses to support daily life within easy walking distance of most residents



Revitalise Westwick Row and Wood End Farms for community uses such as cafe, brew pub, farm shop, events, community space and education









#### Health

A new health hub in the northern neighbourhood, with other facilities such as dentists and pharmacies located across East Hemel. We will also look to support health facilities across the wider HGC Growth Areas.

## Education

Early Years, nurseries, and three new primary schools co-located at the heart of communities, easily and safely accessible. There will also be an 8 form entry secondary school in the northern neighbourhood.

## Community

Historic Westwick Row and Wood End Farm will be revitalised to create accessible hubs for community, learning and culture. Other spaces could include community halls, food growing spaces, orchards, and play spaces.

#### Shops and services

Two local centres providing a range of day to day shops and services, which could include food stores, cafes, pharmacies, food and beverage, gym, local shops like bakeries and florists and services like hairdressers, bike shops or yoga studios.

#### Sports

Two sports areas are proposed, in the north and in the south, including provision for football, hockey, rugby, cricket and tennis, as well as looking at opportunities to introduce other sports such as padel and pickleball.

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