A. HEALTH CARE

This section of the NP seeks to address the issues identified during the consultation process in relation to both Health and Education. Both will be affected by a growing population and we need to make sure there are adequate facilities for our current and future residents.

This means being supportive of expansions to GP Practices, our local hospitals and existing schools whilst also protecting existing education land. It is also notable that we currently have no state 6th form or Higher Education facility in the area.

Policy HE01 - General Practice

Intention: Our NP seeks to provide adequate GP facilities in the CR3 area over the next 10-20 years. Two of the four practices are situated on constrained sites which will hinder expansion to meet the needs of an expanding population.

Justification: Total patients in CR3 - 31,864 (38% of registered Tandridge patients).

A Residents Questionnaire was sent to approximately 11,000 households, of whom 1,136 responded. The responses showed that 95.3% were registered in the area.

Patients over 85 years - 825 (2.6% of workload). All the practices consider that the projected increase in resident numbers and particularly the increasing percentage of elderly patients and patients with dementia will inevitably lead to pressure on their premises and services.

Chart 1: Pie Charts to show the percentages of age bands in the four parishes It is noted that the Whyteleafe patient list grew by 52% from 3,800 to 5,800 in 12 years.
Projected figures for population growth suggest a significant rise in patient numbers over the next 10 to 20 years (see above). Although 3 of the 4 practices considered their current accommodation for patients to be satisfactory, both the Chaldon Road and the Whyteleafe practices accepted that this would not be the case in the future. The Whyteleafe practice already believes they need to increase their premises by 100% as soon as possible to cope with their current patient load.

Chart 2: Population change

![Population change 2001-2011](image)

The data presented in this report suggests that plans should be considered for the future expansion of all four of the GP premises and for the provision of adequate parking to satisfy the demands of both the staff and the rising population.

Expansion of the Chaldon Road practice might be possible if the current refuse and recycling area were moved from Chaldon Road. The location of this refuse dump close to a school and a medical facility is considered to be inappropriate and removal could allow re-configuration of a portion of Hillcroft School and the Chaldon Road GP premises.

The lead GP of the Chaldon Road Practice discussed a possible move of the practice to the Dene Hospital site. This would be the preferred option as it would give a chance to build a very satisfactory surgery with good facilities for X-ray, physiotherapy etc. on site as well as good car parking. The presence of GPs on site would also be beneficial for the Dene.

Nursing and admin staff recruitment does not appear to be a major problem except perhaps for Whyteleafe which has the largest percentage of staff living outside of the CR3 area.

**Policy HE01 - General Practice**

- Proposals to enlarge and/or relocate the two general practice surgeries at Chaldon Road and Whyteleafe shall be supported within a mile of their current location.

- Onsite provision of a General Practice surgery within a new development scheme shall be supported.
Policy HE02 - Caterham Dene Hospital

Intention: We wish to safeguard and expand the facilities available in the Dene hospital for our local community.

Justification: The response to the Residents Questionnaire showed that 67.6% had used the Dene Hospital.

It is generally agreed that the Dene Hospital is an extremely useful facility for the CR3 area and that it is much valued and supported by residents and voluntary organisations. There is community pressure to increase the number of beds and the range of facilities provided by the hospital and this pressure will increase inevitably as the population grows over the next 20 years. (An expansion would of course be dependant on the Clinical Commissioning Group funding any increased service).

Problems for the future of the hospital include adequate financial resources, the recruitment of appropriate medical staff and a satisfactory service for the transfer of old and frail patients from hospital beds to either home care services or nursing homes.
It is believed that the clinical success of this hospital provides good evidence for supporting an expansion both in services and buildings on the site.

Expansion on this site would allow an increase in medical/healthcare facilities for the CR3 and adjacent areas. Further more, the presence of a General Practice on site would improve the availability of medical cover for the hospital and provide facilities for improved access to investigations, such as blood tests and x-rays for Practice patients.

**Policy HE02 - Caterham Dene Hospital**

A plan for expansion of the hospital buildings within the existing site would be supported up to a maximum of three storeys.

The NP would also support the relocation of one of the CR3 General Practices onto this site.

**Policy HE03 - North Downs Hospital**

**Intention:** We wish to support the North Downs hospital which is well used by local residents.

**Justification:** The hospital has a very good reputation amongst patients and GPs and it provides an excellent service for NHS and Private Patients. The last 10 years have seen a steady growth in patient numbers which has been made possible through the reduction in recovery times and more rapid discharge from hospital after surgery. NHS funded patients account for approximately 65% of the annual admissions. The hospital also provides valuable employment opportunities for local people in nursing, ancillary services such as radiology and physiotherapy, and support services.

**Policy HE03 - North Downs Hospital**

We would strongly support expansion of the medical/healthcare facilities of this hospital on its present site or on another site in the CR3 area subject to compliance with the policies set down in the Neighbourhood Plan.
B. EDUCATION

Education Report Executive Summary & Policies

Information was collected from the Ofsted website, a meeting with the Head teacher at de Stafford and Oakhyrst schools, telephone calls to Marden Lodge, Audley, St Peter & Paul, Woodlea, Hillcroft, St Francis, Whyteleafe and St Johns. In addition, questionnaires were sent out to all pre-schools, infant, primary and secondary schools as well as those in the private sector. Reports published by the independent schools inspectorate were also examined to obtain data in relation to schools falling within their remit.

The evidence gathered indicates that further primary and secondary school places will be required over the next 10 to 20 years to meet the predicted growth in population and thus the demand for school places. The current provision, although now adequate, is unlikely to meet a predicted increased demand.

In light of the above the following policies are considered to be appropriate.

**Policy HE04, HE05, HE06, and HE07 - State and Private Schools**

**Intention:** To strengthen and maintain the present public sector education provision.

**Justification:** There are currently 2,242 primary places and 800 secondary school places.

There is potential for an additional 200+ secondary places which would utilise the 6th Form places previously available at de Stafford. The calculations suggest an increase in school provision will be required. The current provision does not allow for this expansion and there is no 6th Form facility and no higher education facility.

Furthermore, the predicted population growth in the adjacent areas of Croydon will add to pressure on the CR3 educational resources. It was noted that the skills base in Tandridge is reported as the lowest in Surrey County.
Policy HE04 - Primary State Schools

Proposals for expansion of primary schools within their own site are supported. The Plan has no objection to two primary schools merging to achieve benefits of economy of scale, improved facilities and improved access.

Policy HE05 - Secondary State Schools

The Plan supports intensification and/or expansion of a secondary school within its current site.

Policy HE06 - Higher and Further Education

The Neighbourhood Plan will support the formation of a 6th Form College and/or a University Technical College to enhance the employment prospects for the youth in the CR3 and adjacent areas.
Policy HE07 - Private Primary / Secondary Schools

The Neighbourhood Plan would support any private school that wished to expand on its own premises providing they could satisfy the other requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan particularly in relation to parking and accessibility to local transport. Off street parking is a primary requirement. They must demonstrate a need and be in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Policy HE08 - Nursery Provision

Intention: The CR3 area needs adequate preschool facilities to enable families to have the choice to go to work and give children the best start in life.

Justification: The birth rate will go up and additional housing will bring young families to the CR3 area.

Policy HE08 - Nursery Provision

Provided there is a demonstratable need, the Plan supports the establishment of new nurseries or the expansion of current nurseries subject to them satisfying the other requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan particularly in relation to parking and accessibility to local transport.

Policy HE09 - New Schools

Intention: To increase the number of school places available to local residents and give more choice, and to support the education sector and the employment that follows on from this.

Justification: Further school places will be required over the next 20 years as new homes are built leading to an increase in families and children to the CR3 area.

Policy HE09 - New Schools

The NP will support provision of a new school as long as it can be demonstrated that there is a need and that it adheres to local planning policies, and is easily accessible by public transport.
Policy HE10 - Community Use of Education Sites

Intention: To broaden the range of School/Education facilities available to the local community i.e. swimming pools, school halls.

Justification: Such provision does exist but only with limited facilities.

Policy HE10 - Community Use of Education Sites

The NP will strongly support development to support/provide community use of educational facilities which enhances the local provision of leisure facilities. This could include provision for adult education/evening classes and supplementary activities.

This could also include the possible re-siting of Caterham Library at de Stafford School.

Policy HE11 - Education Land

Intention: To safeguard against change of use or the loss of land currently used for education purposes.

Justification: Further school places will be required over the next 20 years due to increases in birth rate and as new homes are built leading to an increase in families.

Policy HE11 - Education Land

The NP will resist any application for the change of use of land currently used for education purposes unless a replacement facility can be reprovided.

The NP will not support the proposals that would result in a loss of school capacity in the CR3 area.

The NP will strongly support the protection of playing field areas in the CR3 area, unless evidence demonstrates they are surplus to requirements.