

## Fressingfield's Hierarchy Status in the Draft Local Plan

Fressingfield was previously identified as a "Primary Village" having infrastructure capable of sustaining limited development of about 50 houses over a ten year period. BMSDC in the Draft Local Plan have designated Fressingfield as a " Core Village" capable of sustaining greater levels of development than would have been assumed for a "Primary Village." Within the Draft Local Plan there are 2 important supporting documents " BMSDC Services Facilities Audit - August 2017" and "BMSDC Topic Paper: Settlement Hierarchy Review-August 2017." These documents very logically allocate a score to each village based on facilities available. Unfortunately in respect of Fressingfield some services identified do not exist. This results in Fressingfield being incorrectly designated as a " Core Village." Below is an analysis of the criteria, the "points" allocated and an explanation as to what is available.

Criteria	B M S D C Score	My score	Comment
Convenience store	2	2	Agreed
Post Office	0	0	Agreed
Restaurant/public house	2	2	Agreed
Butcher / Baker / fuel / hairdresser ATM/newsagent	3	0	We do not have any of these
Pre School	1	1	Agreed
Primary school	2	2	Agreed
Secondary Education	0	0	Agreed
Local Employment	0	0	Agreed
Village Hall	1	1	Agreed
Place of Worship	1	1	Agreed
Library	0	0	Agreed
Doctors' Surgery	2	2	Agreed
Chemist/Pharmacy	2	0	The dispensing practice does not provide the services of a retail chemist.
Dentist/Optician	0	0	Agreed
Bus Service	2	0	We have one bus per week.
Railway Station	0	0	Agreed
Allotments	0	0	Agreed
Recreation Ground	1	1	Agreed
Sports Centre /leisure centre	1	0	We do not have a sports centre as described.

Broadband speed	2	1	Only part of the village can access superfast broad band
Proximity to town	0	0	Agreed
Proximity to key centre	0	0	Agreed

### **Conclusion**

When the corrections are made Fressingfield scores 13, not 23 in respect of facilities available. Fressingfield should be classed as a " hinterland village" (18 and above being a core village).