

Rural Areas

**POLICY RT8**

**PLANNING PERMISSION WILL NOT NORMALLY BE GRANTED FOR THE CHANGE OF USE FROM VILLAGE SHOPS AND POST OFFICES EXCEPT WHERE IT CAN BE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT THE BUSINESS IS NO LONGER COMMERCIALY VIABLE AND THAT ALL POSSIBLE MEANS OF RETAINING THE FACILITY HAVE BEEN EXPLORED.**

- 6.27 The District Council considers it important that rural communities have the benefit of a local shop and post office and will seek to retain these if at all possible. If, however, it can be clearly demonstrated that the business is no longer commercially viable and that all possible means of retaining the facility have been explored, then a change of use may be permitted
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