

Some Points to Consider when Exploring Site Options

- Does the site have easy pedestrian access and good parking?
- Is it accessible for all to comply with current Disability Discrimination legislation?
- Is it likely to draw in passing traffic and passers-by?
- Is it central to the village, on 'neutral' ground?
- Is it already a focal point - if not, is it likely to engender a sense of community?
- Is it near another service, such as a village hall, school or church?
- Is the site big enough? The trading area should ideally be at least 50 sq m with additional storage facilities, office space and a staff cloakroom
- Are there basic facilities - electricity, water?
- Is it a shared premise? This could mean shared costs and could increase the viability of the host business/community property, but could also bring problems over issues of maintenance and access
- Will the shop be taking up space which others might use?
- Are there any legal restrictions, requirements or planning regulations?
- Are there any security issues with the site?