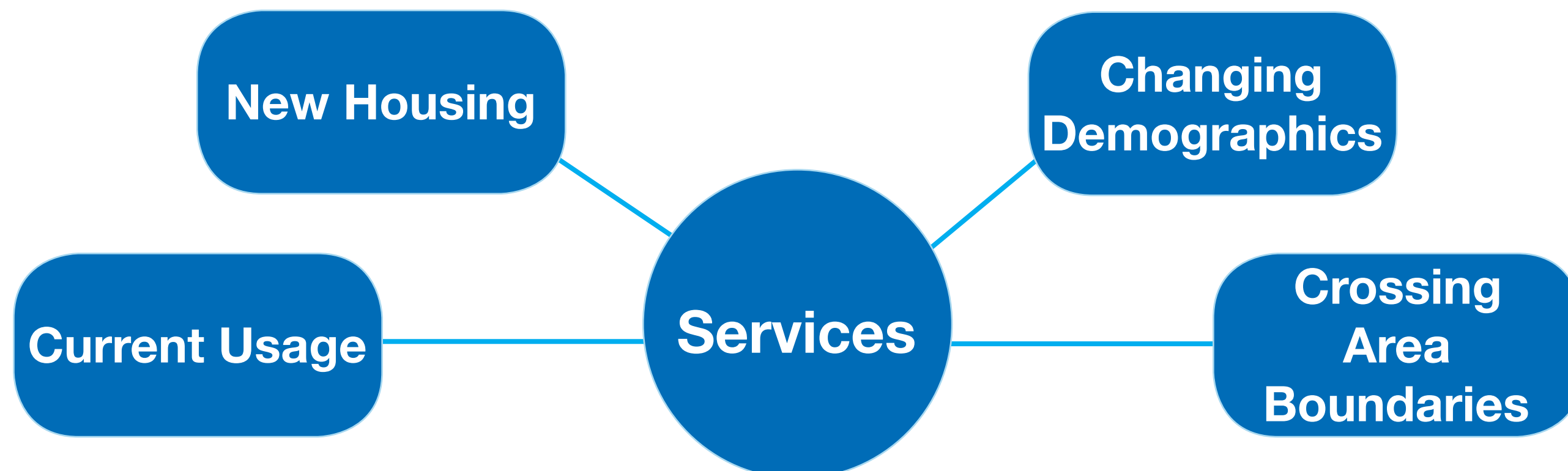


# Leisure, Learning and Community Facilities

The aims of this Focus Group are to consider the suitability and effectiveness of local amenities to deliver services. In doing so, the group takes into account a number of factors.



## CHALLENGES

Use of KDBH facilities by those outside the Area

Financial viability

Autonomy of schools, eg through academy status

Additional housing creating increased demand

Changing age profile

## EMERGING PRIORITIES

People state that we must preserve and enhance open spaces

Sports clubs identify the need for more grassed and all weather areas. Only 161 pitches for 460 teams in the Borough (2012)

People state that we need good facilities for sport and fitness

Young people want members of the community to have access to high quality learning facilities

Admission information indicates that any further housing will require more places in primary schools

Some people see the need for better access to primary health care

There are mixed views about the changing profile of retail provision (shops, restaurants, stores, bars, etc)

Some community groups need more appropriate venues. Currently over 20 meeting places registered

We need your views on the appropriateness of the facilities for:

Health and welfare

Lifelong learning and education

Sport, leisure and recreation

The Arts, culture, libraries

Business, employment & shopping

What can the Neighbourhood Forum do?

Identify and raise awareness of any need to improve services linked to new development

Define policies and priorities to improve services for managed growth