

Appendix 4i – draft Burwell Masterplan exhibition boards

The volume of traffic through the village at peak times was cited as an issue during the Masterplan consultation and there was virtually unanimous agreement that the most pressing issue is the bridge on Exning Road, which is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Burwell Masterplan proposes

- A cycleway/footpath around Exning Bridge
- Transport Assessments be conducted for any development and required site specific improvements to roads and junctions be provided.
- To promote public transport and cycling and include ways to make it easier to walk and cycle around Burwell.

The local Highways Authority estimates that 350 homes (plus infill) may generate c.2975 all mode daily (24hr) trips. The roads in Burwell have sufficient capacity to take this increase in traffic and the Highways Authority has advised that they are not aware of any junctions in Burwell that are likely to be over capacity as a result of 350 more homes. Traffic management measures, pedestrian crossing and speed prevention initiatives will be needed to mitigate the extra traffic

Local people report that traffic through the village is very heavy at peak times due to commuters using the route to access Cambridge. The Masterplan also proposes that a traffic count along Swaffham Road is conducted to determine the extent of the problem.

With regard to car parking in Burwell, in some areas of the village there are sufficient parking spaces but they are underused, such as around the Co-op, in other parts of the village, such as the centre of Burwell and near the church, there is a lack of parking spaces which needs addressing.

Provision of a safe cycle and footpath around Exning Bridge is a top priority for the community. This will provide a safe route for residents to Exning and Newmarket. In addition, footpath/cycle paths and cycle parking facilities should be provided from any new development to the centre of Burwell. Bus stops should also be provided at entrances to new developments to encourage use of public transport. Community transport options, for example, a bus service to link with Cambridge Park and Ride and dial-a-ride schemes.



Throughout the Masterplan process the focus from the public in terms of community facilities has been on outdoor sport. In particular there is a desire within the community for a multi-sport hub, including changing facilities and car parking, to consolidate outdoor sports facilities on a single site. Concerns have also been raised about capacity at the primary school and how additional pupils can be accommodated.

The Burwell Masterplan proposes:

- Maximisation of opportunities to improve outdoor sports provision
- Expansion of the primary school on the current site on order to accommodate additional pupils

Outdoor sports provision

There is currently a deficiency of 0.7 hectares of outdoor space in Burwell and the 350 homes level of growth would require the developer to provide a further 0.95 hectares. However, there may be an opportunity for the village to negotiate provision of additional sports facilities on the selected site beyond the level required by planning rules.

Primary School

Burwell Village College (primary) is currently at capacity and additional primary school facilities will be needed to cater for the additional pupils as a result of future growth.

Results of the public consultation revealed that the preference was not to have two schools in the village, but that the existing school should be expanded on the existing site. The current school site has a good central location at the heart of the community.

Cambridgeshire County Council has conducted site assessment and confirmed that there is capacity on the existing school site to extend the school up to three forms of entry size, which would cater for the future growth in pupil numbers.



The informal open spaces in Burwell, such as Priory Wood and the area around the Castle, are an important community resource as well as adding to the character of the village. The Masterplan proposes that these should be improved and developed wherever possible

The Burwell Masterplan proposes:

- Improvements to the Weirs in terms of access and usage
- Maximising the benefits of the proximity of Wicken Fen
- Retention of trees and hedges in the landscape
- Signed heritage trails
- A new link to create a 'Burwell Circular Route'
- A cycle/footpath around Exning Bridge

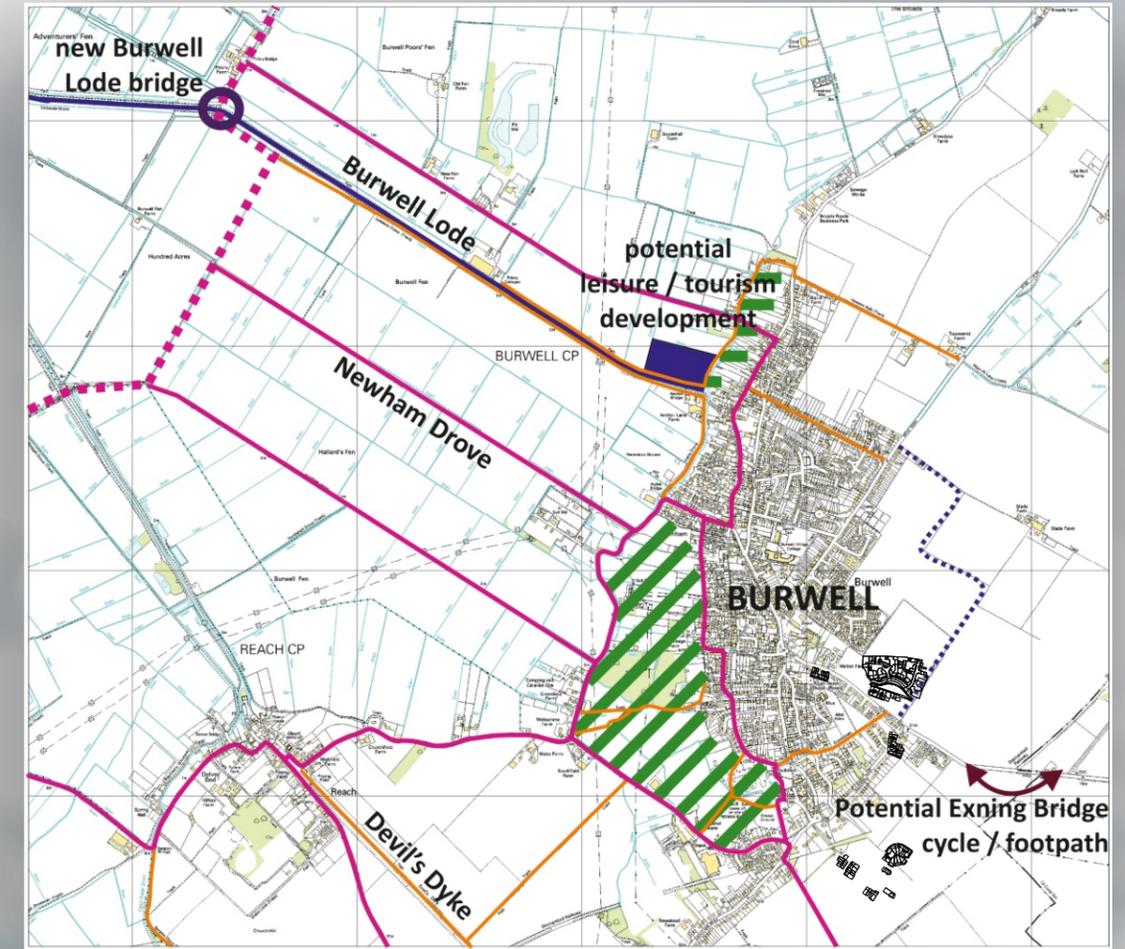
The Weirs form the boundary of the village on the western side of the village. This is an attractive area, which at present is spoilt by litter and dumping. It was significant in the historic development of this area but there is little acknowledgement of this. The Weirs provides an attractive footway that could be used to develop a village trail to trace the former industrial history of the village and there is also scope to promote the natural history and biodiversity of the locality.

Along the Weirs there is potential for a small scale marina development, with associated facilities, employment and recreational opportunities associated with fishing and boating. However, the scale of this proposal needs to be modest and in keeping with this rural Fen area. Traffic generation from the site must be controlled in view of the potential impact on North Street.

In order to protect the open and rural nature of the western edge of Burwell from development and to retain a green edge to the village, the draft Masterplan also indicates a 'green zone' where the natural character of the area should be protected and development not permitted.

As part of the new development off Newmarket Road, a requirement should be made for provision of a cycleway/footpath which links with existing footpaths in the area. This would then enable a circular route to be created around Burwell, considerably improving connectivity as well as providing for a leisure route. There is also potential to develop local heritage trails in the Burwell area, incorporating, for example, Devils Dyke, Stevens Mill, The Castle area.

The existing street trees and hedges make a major contribution to the Burwell streetscape and this should be protected and reinforced along with replication in new development. In particular the existing trees along The Causeway need to be retained and where necessary replaced. There is potential to repeat the form of The Causeway in the proposed new development areas.



Burwell - green infrastructure

- Green edge to village to be retained
- Lodeway path and cycleway
- Cycleways
- Public footpaths and bridleways (selected)
- Proposed village perimeter route link

The proposals described in the previous panels provide the foundation upon which future detailed project specific studies, proposals and funding bids can be developed.

Successful delivery of this Masterplan will be dependent upon effective partnership working between the District, Parish and County Council, landowners, local voluntary and the private sector.

The Masterplan will require an integrated approach to delivery, enabling sustainable economic growth alongside housing growth and other priorities and a clear implementation plan. Crucial elements of delivery will be:

- Strong and integrated programme management
- Phasing of development and agreement of risk
- Funding

Next Steps

All comments received on the draft document will be considered by the District Council and the Plan will be amended further to take these views into account before the Burwell Masterplan is adopted early next year.

The Burwell Masterplan vision will also be incorporated within the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan, which is currently being reviewed. This will embed the vision in the statutory planning policy process and will also facilitate the taking forward of projects.

Please let us know your views

Please take a few minutes to complete the draft Burwell Masterplan questionnaire.

These display boards are also available to view on the District Council's website and if you wish to complete the questionnaire online then please go to www.eastcambs.gov.uk

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