

BLACK HORSE DROVE



1 Settlement characteristics

Black Horse Drove is located 3 miles north-west of Littleport close to the border with Norfolk County. It is a linear village that has been developed mainly to the north of the drove. There is a mixture of bungalows and houses and there are extensive views across the surrounding fens.

Black Horse Drove has a limited range of services – there is a community centre, children’s play area and field, public telephone and a post box. There is also a bus service that runs through Black Horse Drove one day a week. The main features of the village are shown on Map xxx.

2 Key statistics

<i>Black Horse Drove</i>	
<i>Population¹ (mid-2010)</i>	220
<i>Dwellings²</i>	93
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011</i>	5
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	Xx
<i>Employment³</i>	12% work from home, 68% travel up to 20km to work, 27% travel over 20km to work
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	A limited service which operates once a day to Littleport, Prickwillow and Ely (Thursdays only) (as at September 2012)

3 Housing

Black Horse Drove is likely to continue to grow at a slow rate, with new housing being built on suitable ‘infill’ sites within the village. No new housing allocation sites are proposed on the edge of Black Horse Drove.

¹ Population for Black Horse Drove, Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group (mid-2010)

² Dwellings in Black Horse Drove, Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group (mid-2010)

³ Distance travelled to work, East Cambridgeshire 005A and 005B Lower Layer Super Output Areas (covering Black Horse Drove), Census 2001

A 'development envelope' has been drawn around Black Horse Drove to define the built-up part of the village where infill development may be permitted. The purpose is to prevent sprawl into the open countryside. Development on infill sites will need to be in line with Policy xx.

Outside the development envelope, housing will not normally be permitted – unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as essential dwellings for rural workers, or affordable housing. Housing schemes outside the development envelope will be assessed against Policy xx and other Local Plan policies as appropriate.

4 Employment

No new employment allocation sites are proposed on the edge of Black Horse Drove. However, suitable new employment proposals within or on the edge of the village will be supported in principle, subject to Policies xx, xx and xx.

5 Infrastructure and Community Facilities

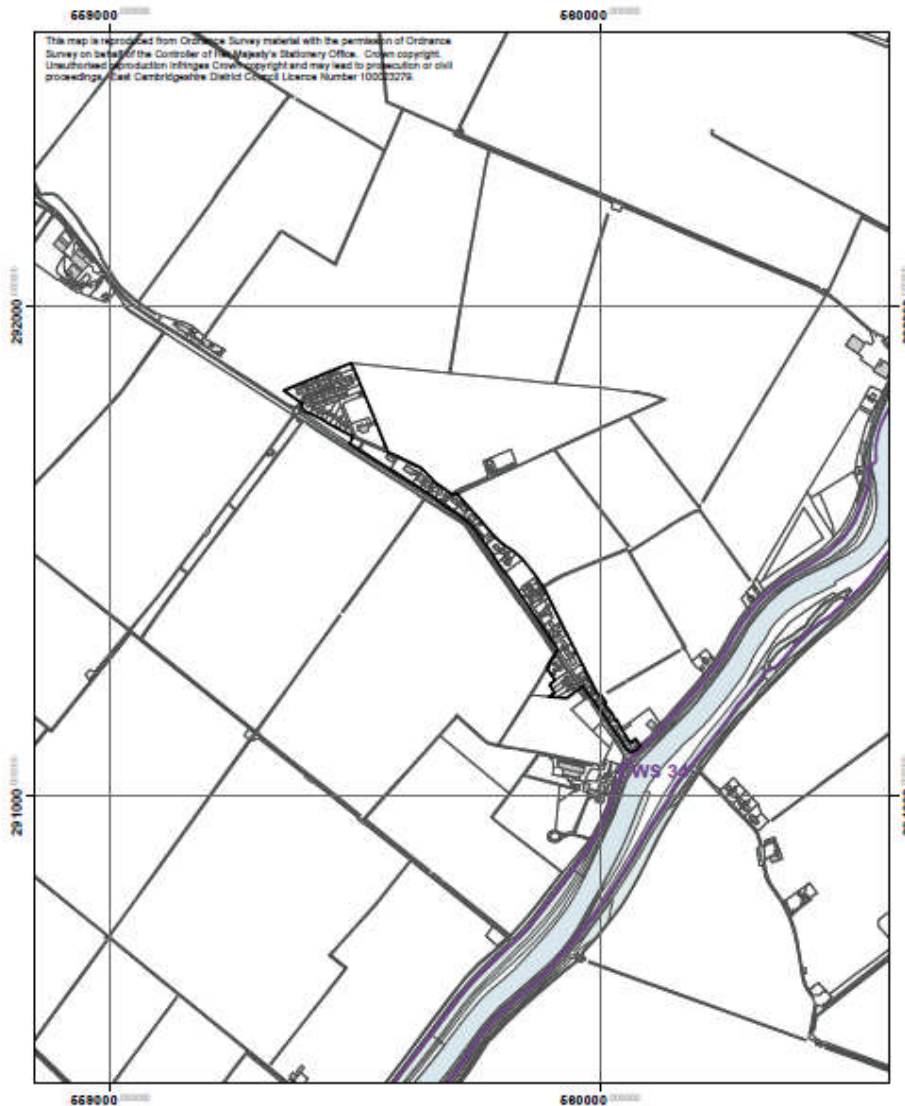
Residents in Black Horse Drove have identified a number of infrastructure and community improvements. A list of priorities is set out in the table below:

	<i>Priority</i>
1	Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes
2	Improvements to play area and field

The first priority are improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes with the second being improvements to the play area and field. The District Council will work with the Parish Council and County Council to explore options for funding for such schemes.

The current community facilities in Black Horse Drove (including the Community Centre and children's play area and field) contribute to the quality of people's lives. The District Council will work with the County Council and Parish Council to secure funding, including developer contributions, to improve facilities wherever possible. The loss of community facilities will also be resisted under Policy xx. Proposals for new community development that benefits the village will be supported in principle, subject to proposals to Policies xx and xx.

6. Spatial strategy for Black Horse Drove (Map x)



Key

Development Envelope	Conservation Area
Housing allocation	County Wildlife Site
Employment allocation	Area of International Importance for Wildlife
Scheduled Ancient Monument	Listed Building
Historic Parks & Gardens	Site of Special Scientific Interest



Map x
Black Horse Drove



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