

BARWAY



1. Settlement characteristics

Barway is a small rural village, located three miles south of Ely and four miles north-west of Soham.

The village contains several listed buildings including a small medieval church, which has been converted into a house. The village is a compact shape and is largely set around the village green.

There are no real facilities within the village, with residents travelling to nearby Ely or Soham for their goods and services. There is a bus service one day a week into Ely.

2. Key statistics

<i>Swaffham Prior</i>	
<i>Population¹</i>	130
<i>Dwellings²</i>	55
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i>	1
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	
<i>Employment³</i>	
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	Return bus service into Ely, one day a week (Thu) as at 2012.

¹ Population for Swaffham Prior parish, Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group (mid-2010)

² Dwellings in Swaffham Prior parish, Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group (mid-2010)

³ Distance travelled to work, East Cambridgeshire 006C Lower Layer Super Output Area (covering Swaffham Prior, Swaffham Bulbeck, Reach and Commercial End), Census 2001

3. Housing

Barway has experienced limited new growth in the last ten years on small ‘infill’ sites within the village. There are likely to be some further opportunities for infill development over the Plan period. Additionally, two new housing allocation sites are proposed on land east of The Barn, Randall Farm and land east of 5 Barway Road.

A ‘development envelope’ has been drawn around Barway to define the built-up part of the village where development (infill and the allocation sites) 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. Development on the allocation sites will need to be in line with Policy BARW1 and BARW 2.

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.

Policy BARW 1: Housing allocation, land east of The Barn, Randalls Farm

0.3 hectares of land is allocated for residential development for approximately 5 dwellings.

Development proposals will be expected to:

- Provide an element of affordable housing (currently 30%) as required under Policy xx, with priority being given to people in local housing need.
- Provide contributions in lieu of on-site open space towards the creation of a community woodland, play area and seating on the former village hall site (see the infrastructure section below)
- Provide a mix of dwelling types and sizes to reflect housing need within Barway
- Ensure new dwellings are connected to the foul sewerage and drainage network
- Comply with the other policies of the Local Plan.

Policy BARW 2: Housing allocation, land east of 5 Barway Road

0.3 hectares of land is allocated for residential development for approximately 5 dwellings.

Development proposals will be expected to:

- Provide an element of affordable housing (currently 30%) as required under Policy xx, with priority being given to people in local housing need.
- Provide contributions in lieu of on-site open space towards the creation of a community woodland, play area and seating on the former village hall site (see the infrastructure section below)
- Provide a mix of dwelling types and sizes to reflect housing need current within Barway
- Provide landscaping along the boundary with the agricultural land to the north and east
- Ensure that new dwellings are connected to the foul sewerage and drainage network
- Comply with the other policies of the Local Plan.

4. Employment

There are several small businesses within the village, including a coach firm and laundry. Additionally there is a large agricultural firm on the edge of the village that employs a high number of people. The District Council is keen to retain the stock of business land and premises in order to support local economic growth. Proposals to re-use employment sites for other purposes will only be permitted in certain circumstances (see Policy xxx). Other suitable new employment proposals within, and 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 Barway have identified a number of infrastructure and community improvements. A list of priorities is set out in the table below:











	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
1	Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	Provision of a picnic/rest area for cyclists using the NCN cycle route District and County Council to ensure access remains possible to existing Rights of Ways Work with District and County Council to ensure better maintenance of footpaths/cyclepaths and improved footpath/cyclepath surfacing
2	Traffic calming/highway improvements	District and Town Council to work with County Council to explore and seek funding for the following improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widening of road on entrance to the village • Provision of traffic lights and improved signage on the A142 junction • Extension of 30 mph speed limit to Goose Fen Drove turning, before the first five houses in the village
3	New play area/improvements to open space	District Council to seek developer contributions to provide community woodlands, with play area and seating on the former Village Hall site.

The top priority is for improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes, followed by the provision of traffic calming/highway improvements and the need for a new play area and open space in the village. The District Council will work with the Town Council and County Council to explore options and secure funding for such schemes.

Proposals for new community development that benefits the village will be supported in principle, subject to Policies xx and xx.

6. Spatial strategy for Barway (Map xx)



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



Map x
Barway



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