

BRINKLEY



1. Settlement characteristics

Brinkley is a pleasant village set in wooded, rolling countryside, approximately 5 miles south of Newmarket. The village has a number of attractive listed buildings including Brinkley Hall, which stands in extensive grounds that are included within the County list of Historic Parklands. The older parts of the village are covered by a Conservation Area. The main features of the village are shown on Map xxx.

Facilities in the village include a church, Memorial Hall, public house and play area. The village has a regular bus service which runs to Newmarket.

2. Key statistics

<i>Brinkley</i>	
<i>Population¹</i>	370
<i>Dwellings²</i>	160
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i>	1
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	
<i>Employment³</i>	Of those in employment: 13% work from home, 66% travel up to 20km to work, 13% travel over 20km to work
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	Regular services to Newmarket (Monday-Saturday) (as at 2012)

3. Housing

Brinkley 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 Brinkley.

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

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

³ Distance travelled to work, East Cambridgeshire 009A Lower Layer Super Output Area (covering Bottisham, Lode, Westley Waterless and Brinkley), Census 2001

A ‘development envelope’ has been drawn around Brinkley 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

There are few businesses in the village. 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 xx).

No new employment allocation sites are proposed on the edge of Brinkley. 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 Brinkley have indicated a desire for improvements to infrastructure and facilities in the village. A list of priorities is set out in the table below:

	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
1	Reduce speeding through the village	Parish Council to work with District and County Council and Cambridgeshire Police in exploring options to address speeding issues.
2	Improvements to the speed of local broadband service	Options for the provision of access to either superfast or basic broadband will be considered by the Connecting Cambridgeshire project http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/
3	Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	Cycle route to Burrough Green (along the road, not across country).
4	Improvements to the community/village hall	Identify specific improvements to be considered for future funding sources e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New flooring • Landscaping • Repaint the exterior
5	Community shop	Explore options for the provision of a community shop.
6	More school places	Work with County Council to ensure that any shortage of spaces is fully considered and addressed within the next capital expenditure programme.

The top priority is to address speeding issues through the village. Other priorities include more school places at Burrough Green School and improvements to the Memorial Hall. The District Council will work with the Parish Council and County Council to explore options and secure funding for the above improvements in Brinkley and will also liaise with the County Council to explore issue of extra school places. The District Council will also work in partnership to try to retain existing public transport levels, and encourage self-sufficient transport services, such as community transport.

The current community facilities in Brinkley (including the church, Memorial Hall, public house and play area) contribute to the quality of people’s lives. The loss of community facilities will be resisted

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

6. Spatial strategy for Brinkley (Map xx)

