

## **CHETTISHAM**



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### **1. Settlement characteristics**

Chettisham is a small settlement located approximately 2 miles north of Ely. It lies in the parish of Ely, and has a population of approximately 180 people.

The village is mainly located to the west of Lynn Road, and is surrounded by open farmland. Chettisham Business Park lies to the east of the village, and there is a County Wildlife Site, Chettisham Meadow, to the north. There is also a railway line that crosses north of the village, but with no station. The main features of the village are shown on Map xxx.

There are limited community facilities within the village, with dependence on either Ely or Littleport for services. There is a church, a public telephone, and a garage with petrol station. Chettisham is well served by public transport with a bus that runs through the village 6 days a week taking residents to either Ely/Cambridge or Littleport.

### **2. Key statistics**

<i>Chettisham</i>	
<i>Population<sup>1</sup></i>	180
<i>Dwellings<sup>2</sup> (est)</i>	83
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i>	2
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	
<i>Employment<sup>3</sup></i>	13% work from home, 66% travel up to 20km to work, 13% travel over 20km to work
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	Regular bus service Mon – Sat between Littleport and Cambridge.

<sup>1</sup> Population for Chettisham (mid-2010), Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

<sup>2</sup> Dwellings in Chettisham (mid-2010), Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

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### **3. Housing**

Chettisham 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 Chettisham. A 'development envelope' has been drawn around Chettisham 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.

Although no new housing allocations are proposed on the edge of Chettisham, there are proposals for a large area to the north of Ely to be developed for housing and employment uses. It will be important to ensure that the integrity and setting of Chettisham is not adversely affected by this proposal and that adequate separation is provided. Further details can be seen in the Ely Town Vision section.

### **4. Employment**

There are a number of current businesses in the village, including Chettisham Garage, Century Park and Chettisham Business Park. The District Council is keen to retain employment land and premises in order to support local economic growth. Proposals to re-use any 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 Chettisham. 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**

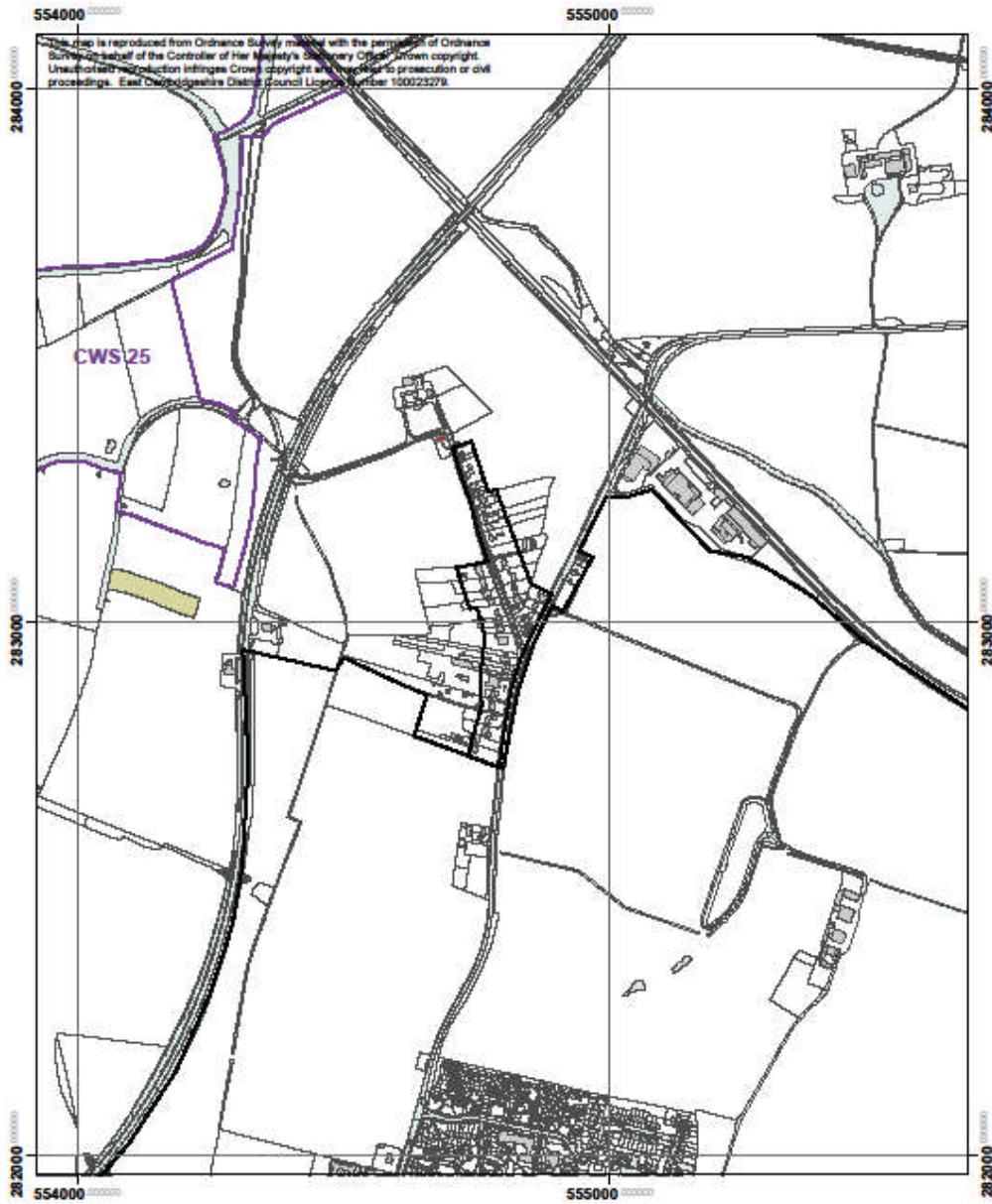
Residents in Chettisham have indicated a desire for improvements to infrastructure and facilities in the village. A list of priorities is set out in the table below.

	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
1	New recreational facilities within village	Provision of a children's play area
=2	Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	More footpaths and cycle routes, especially towards Ely.
=2	New community facilities	New community/village hall

The top priority is to provide a new children's play area to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of young people in the village. The following priorities were equally important to residents. First is the need to improve the pedestrian and cycle routes to better link the village to surrounding settlements such as Ely and Littleport, as well as Chettisham Meadow. Second is the need for a new community/village hall as the last hall closed over 30 years ago. This will enhance the community facilities in the village and contribute to the quality of people's lives. The District Council will work with the County Council and Parish Council to explore options and secure funding for improvements to community facilities and transport infrastructure within Chettisham.

Proposals for new community development that benefits the village will be supported in principle, subject to Policies xx and xx. The loss of community facilities will also be resisted under Policy xx.

**6. Spatial strategy for Chettisham (Map xx)**



**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  
Chettisham**

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