

KIRTLING & UPEND



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1. Settlement characteristics

The parish of Kirtling includes Kirtling Green and Upend and is located to the east of the district, approximately 5 miles south-east of Newmarket.

There are many listed buildings in Kirtling parish but no conservation area. There is an area of Ancient Woodland, Lucy Wood, to the northwest of Kirtling, which is also a County Wildlife Site. There are also three Scheduled Ancient Monuments to the north of the village at Kirtling Tower. The scattered settlement of Kirtling has a reasonable range of facilities for its size. These include a garage, pub (closed in June 1012), two churches, a well equipped village hall, and cricket and carpet bowls club. There is a bus service that runs through Kirtling four days a week. The main features of Kirtling are shown on Map xxx.

Upend is located northeast of Kirtling, with a population of only 70. The small village has a conservation area and also includes many listed buildings. The bus service mentioned above serving Kirtling is available to Upend residents subject to advance telephone request. The main features of Upend are shown on Map xxx.

2. Key statistics

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| <i>Kirtling Parish</i> | |
| <i>Population¹</i> | 370 |
| <i>Dwellings²</i> | 160 |
| <i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i> | 9 |
| <i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i> | |
| <i>Employment³</i> | |

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

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

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| <i>Existing public transport services</i> | There is a bus service that runs through Kirtling and Upend (on request) four days a week to Newmarket |
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3. Housing

Kirtling and Upend are likely to continue to grow at a slow rate, with new housing being built on suitable 'infill' sites within the villages. No new housing allocation sites are proposed on the edge of Kirtling or Upend. A 'development envelope' has been drawn around both villages to define the built-up areas of the village where infill development may be permitted. Due to the dispersed nature of both settlements there are separate sections of the development envelope. 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 a small number of current businesses in the villages, including the Garage and ATL Agricultural Technology Ltd, and bed and breakfast establishments in Kirtling, and Fittocks Stud in Upend. However, there is little employment land and premises (e.g. industrial or offices) 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 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 Kirtling or Upend. 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 Kirtling parish 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> |
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| 1 | Traffic calming/highways improvements | Reduction of speed limit of 40mph (due to be introduced in early 2013 – see below). Resurfacing of some roads – this is ongoing as County Council funds allow. |
| 2 | Improvements to broadband | The Council is part of a countywide scheme for broadband improvements. |
| 3 | A village shop/general store in Kirtling | A small shop remains an aspiration for the village where a feasible location will be sought for the future. |
| 4 | New sports facilities/play area | No children's play area currently available within the village. |
| 5 | Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes | More pavements and some cycle routes alongside existing roads is desired although considered a lower priority. |

There are two main priorities for Kirtling and Upend. Firstly, for the reduction of the speed limit, which has been achieved and is due to be introduced in early 2013. Approval has been received (in August 2012) from Cambridgeshire County Council to reduce to 30mph in both Kirtling and Upend. Secondly, for the improvement to broadband provision, which is poor in both Kirtling and

Upend and is a high priority for the parish. This is an important issue in rural areas and improvements can benefit local businesses as well as having social benefits to residents. The District Council is currently working with the County Council on a countywide project to improve broadband connections in rural areas where there is no planned private sector investment.

A small shop attached to the pub has in the past been suggested as a location for a village shop in Kirtling, but with the closure of the pub this is unlikely to be feasible in the near future. However, this remains an aspiration and is a medium priority for the parish. 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 Kirtling parish.

The community facilities in Kirtling parish are relatively few but excellent (including the village hall, churches, sports clubs and garage) and contribute to the quality of people's lives. Proposals for new community development that benefits the two villages will be supported in principle, subject to Policies xx and xx. The loss of community facilities will also be resisted under Policy xx.

7. Spatial strategy for Upend (Map xx)



Key

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| 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
Upend**

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