

LODE AND LONG MEADOW



1. Settlement characteristics

Lode is a small village on the edge of the fen, approximately 7 miles northeast of Cambridge. The parish also includes the hamlet of Longmeadow.

Lode contains a number of attractive buildings, including a number of timber-framed thatched cottages. The most spectacular building in the parish is Anglesey Abbey (now owned by the National Trust) with its remarkable gardens. The house is listed Grade II and the gardens appear on the English Heritage list of Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest.

Lode has a good range of facilities including a Post Office and shop, a recreation ground (the Passage), a church, a chapel, a Social Club, a tennis court, allotments and a community orchard. Both Lode and Long Meadow have a regular daily bus service which runs to Newmarket and Cambridge. The main features of the settlements are shown on map xxx.

2. Key statistics

Lode and Longmeadow	
Population ¹	890
Dwellings ²	390
New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)	5
Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031	
Employment ³	13% work from home, 66% travel up to 20km to work, 13% travel over 20km to work
Existing public transport services	Regular daily bus services to Newmarket and Cambridge (Monday-Saturday) (as at June 2012)

3. Housing

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

² Dwellings in Lode 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

Lode and Longmeadow is 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 Lode or Longmeadow.

A ‘development envelope’ has been drawn around both Lode and Longmeadow to define the built-up part of the settlements 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 very 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 Lode or Longmeadow. 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

In 2008 the Parish Council set up a steering group to produce a Parish Plan which was to be used to take the development of the village forward. As many of the initiatives generated as the result of this original plan had been achieved it was agreed that the project should be re-visited. A questionnaire consisting of 30 items was distributed to the village and from the responses the following were prioritised.

	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
1	More Cycle Routes	From Lode to both Quy and Waterbeach.
2	Footpaths	To continue the development and maintenance of the network
3	Social Club	To continue informal liaison with the Club as part of the process of continuous improvement
4	Anglesey Abbey	To chair the Liaison Committee with the National Trust to foster better relations
5	Bus Service	To identify the need for an enhanced bus service
6	Web Site	Using the ECDC Shape Your Place publicise the village more widely.

The current community facilities in Lode and Longmeadow (including the shop, church, chapel, recreation ground, Fassage Hall (community room/changing rooms) and the tennis court) contribute to the quality of people’s lives. 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 policies xx and xx.

6. Spatial strategy for Lode (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
Lode**

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7. Spatial strategy for Long Meadow (Map xx)



Key

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**Map x
Long Meadow**

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