

PRICKWILLOW



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1. Settlement characteristics

Prickwillow lies in the south of the Fens, 4 miles east of Ely. Prominent features in the village include the River Lark and the Drainage Museum.

Facilities include a village hall with play area, church and the Hiams Sports and Social Club. Residents travel to nearby Ely for their goods and services. The main features of the village are shown on Map xxx.

2. Key statistics

<i>Prickwillow</i>	
<i>Population¹</i>	480
<i>Dwellings²</i>	192
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i>	18
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	
<i>Employment³</i>	Of those in employment: 15% work from home, 53% travel up to 20km to work, 29% travel over 20km to work
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	1 weekly service to Ely

3. Housing

Prickwillow is likely to continue to grow at a slow rate, with new housing being built on suitable 'infill' sites within the village. Additionally, a new housing allocation site is proposed on land adjacent to Putney Hill Road.

¹ Population for Prickwillow village, Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group (mid-2010)

² Estimated dwellings in Prickwillow, Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group

³ Distance travelled to work, Ely East Ward (covering the east of Ely, Prickwillow, Queen Adelaide and Stuntney), Census 2001

A development envelope has been drawn around Prickwillow to define the built-up part of the village where development (infill and the allocation site) 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 site will need to be in line with Policy PRICKWILLOW 1.

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 xxx and other Local Plan policies as appropriate.

Policy PRICKWILLOW 1: Housing allocation, land adjacent to Putney Hill Road

Approximately 0.5 hectares of land is allocated for residential development for up to 10 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 a mix of dwelling types and sizes to reflect current evidence of need within Prickwillow.
- Demonstrate that the flood risk on the site can be adequately mitigated.
- Comply with the other policies of the Local Plan.

4. Employment

There are a small number of 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 reuse 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 Prickwillow. 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.

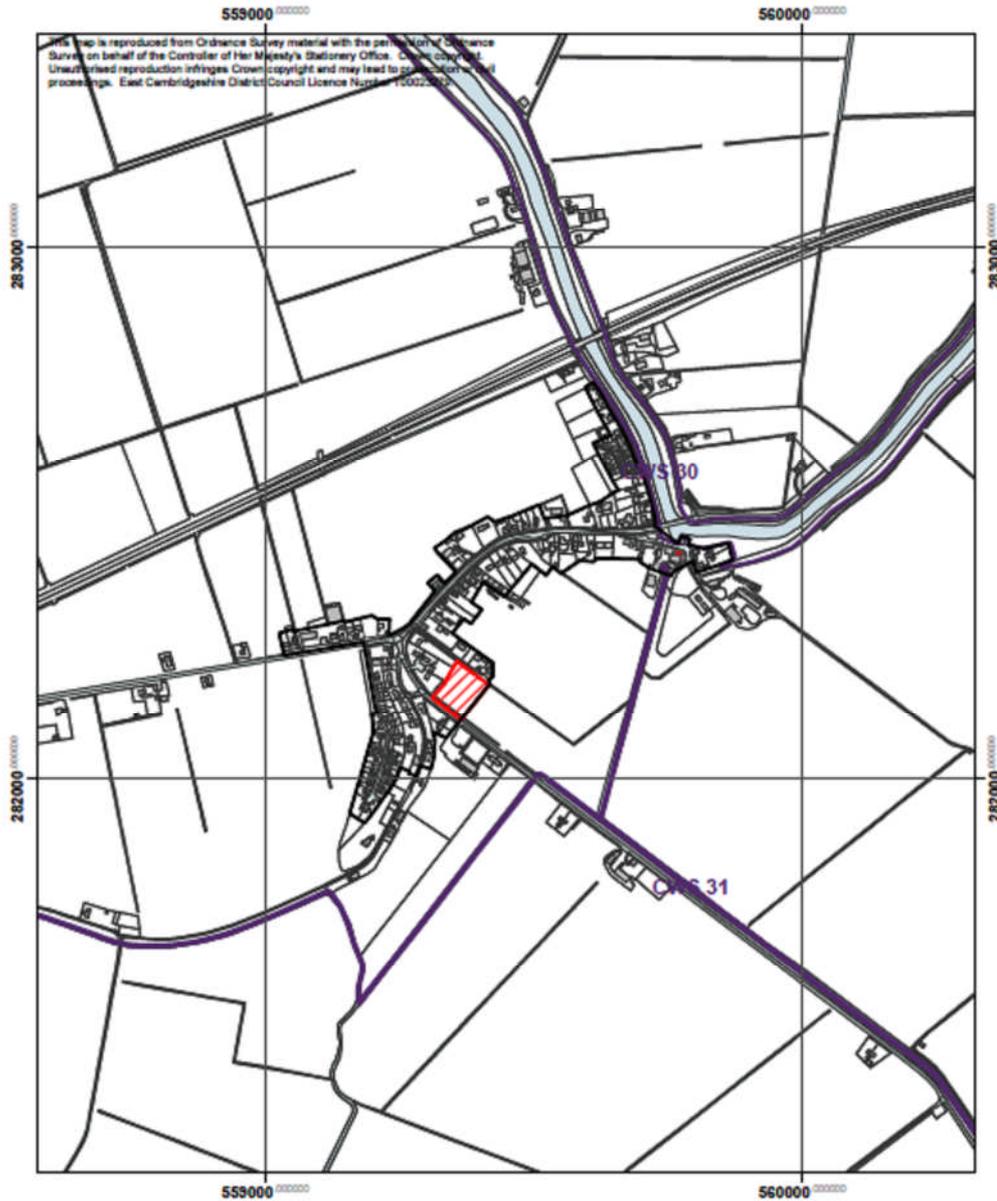
5. Infrastructure and community facilities

Residents in Prickwillow 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 the broadband service	Options for the provision of access to either superfast or basic broadband in areas such as Prickwillow will be considered by the Connecting Cambridgeshire project http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/
2	Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	Work with partners to explore the provision of an off road cycle route into Ely.
3	New sports ground/open space	Development of playing pitches, possibly as an extension to Hiams sports and social club to be considered for future funding sources.
4	Improvements to play areas	Identify specific improvements to be considered for future funding sources e.g. new play area equipment.

The current community facilities in Prickwillow (including the village hall and sports / social club) contribute to the quality of people's lives. The District Council will work with the County Council and Parish Council to secure funding, including developer contributions, to improve facilities wherever possible. The loss of community facilities will also be resisted under Policy xx. Proposals for new community development that benefit the village will be supported in principle, subject to Policies xx and xx.

6. Spatial strategy for Prickwillow (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
Prickwillow**

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