

SNAILWELL



1. Settlement characteristics

Snailwell is situated about 2 miles north of Newmarket at the northern edge of the racecourse industry area surrounding the town. The village is small and attractive with its Norman round towered church and several older buildings, including the Old Rectory and Church Farm. The main features of the village are shown on Map xxx.

The few facilities in the village include the church and the public house. The village has a daily bus service which runs to Newmarket.

2. Key statistics

<i>Snailwell</i>	
<i>Population¹</i>	230
<i>Dwellings²</i>	90
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i>	8
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	
<i>Employment³</i>	12% work from home, 55% travel up to 20km to work, 28% travel over 20km to work
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	1 bus service a day to Newmarket (Monday-Saturday) (as at June 2012)

3. Housing

Snailwell 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 Snailwell.

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

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

³ Distance travelled to work, East Cambridgeshire 007B Lower Layer Super Output Area (covering Kennett, Chippenham, Snailwell), Census 2001

A ‘development envelope’ has been drawn around Snailwell 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 Snailwell. 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 Snailwell 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	A community/village hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of village hall• Convert part of church into a space for village activities
=2	Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More footpaths and cycle routes• Improved signing and waypoints for existing routes
=2	New play areas	Provision of play area on the green
4	More school places at Fordham Primary School	Liaison with County Council

The top priority is for a village hall in Snailwell, which would provide a space for community activities in the village. Other priorities include improvements to pedestrian/cycle links and new play areas. The District Council will work with the Parish Council and County Council to explore options and secure funding for community facilities and pedestrian/cycling infrastructure in Snailwell. 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 Snailwell (including the church and public house) 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 Snailwell (Map xx)

