

STUNTNEY



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1. Settlement characteristics

Stuntney is a small village located about one and a half miles south-east of Ely, just off the A142. It sits at an elevated position and enjoys views to Ely Cathedral at the northern edge of the village. The village is located within the parish of Ely. The main features of the village are shown on Map xxx.

Facilities in the village are limited, however there is a social club, a church and recreation ground with children’s play area. Stuntney Old Hall is located to the north-east of the village, and is now a B&B and wedding venue. There is a good bus service to Ely and Newmarket/Cambridge that runs 6 days a week in the village.

2. Key statistics

<i>Stuntney</i>	
<i>Population¹</i>	300
<i>Dwellings² (est)</i>	138
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i>	5
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	
<i>Employment³</i>	
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	Regular bus services to Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge 6 days a week.

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

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

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3. Housing

Stuntney 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 Stuntney. A 'development envelope' has been drawn around Stuntney 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 is little employment land and premises (e.g. industrial or offices) in the village. 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 Stuntney. 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

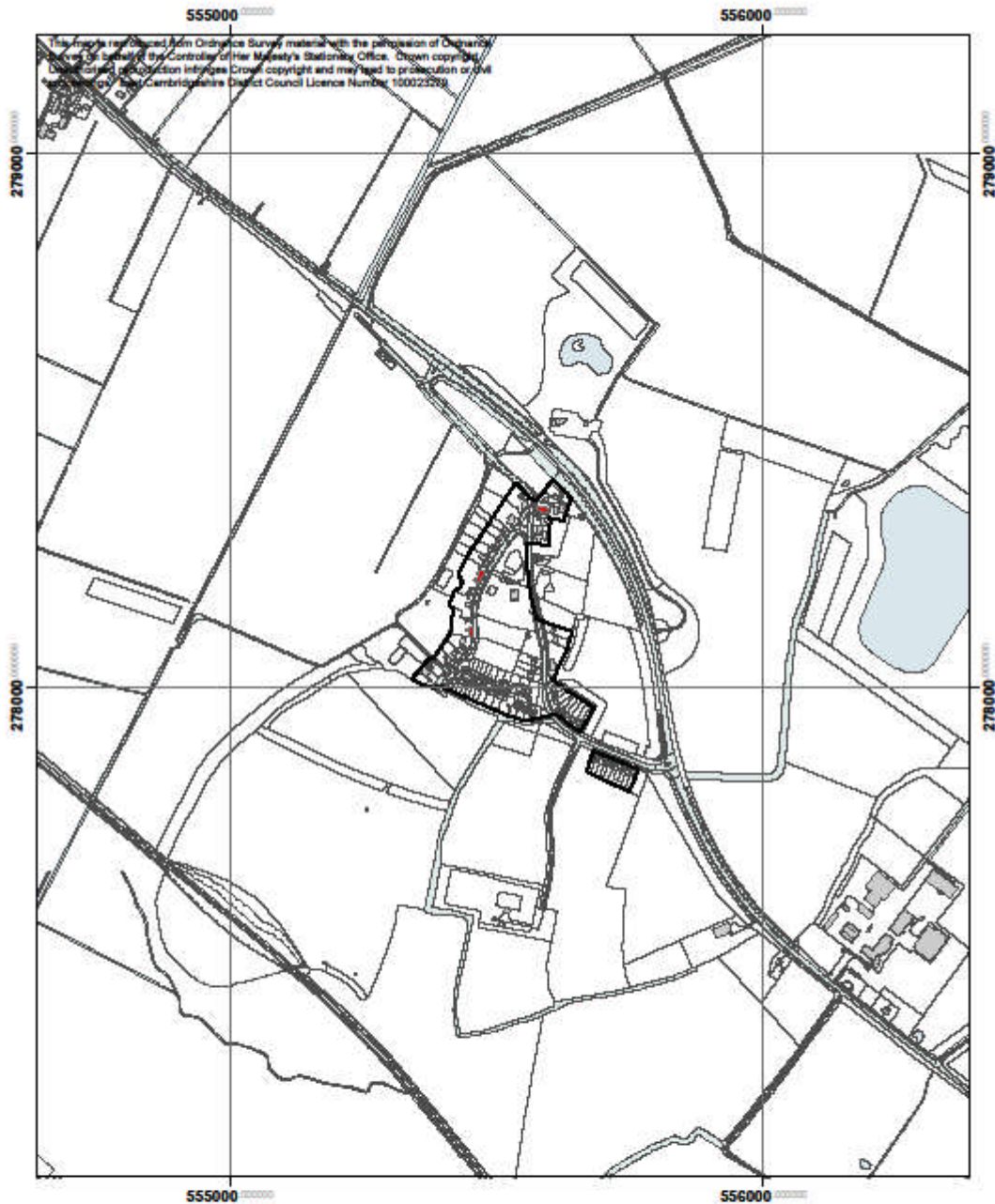
Residents in Stuntney have indicated a desire for improvements to infrastructure and community facilities in the village. A list of priorities is set out in the table below.

	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
1	Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	Extended pedestrian and cycle routes including a possible cross-country route to Ely.
2	Improvements to community facilities	Improvements to existing Social Club, or relocation closer to playing field with car park. A new village shop to either be incorporated in to new village hall scheme or a stand alone venture.
3	Improvements to sports ground/open spaces	Improvements to existing playing field and the creation of a nature reserve/orchard
4	Minor road/transport improvements	Traffic calming measures to reduce speed of traffic through the village.

The top priority is to improve and extend existing cycle routes and footpaths in the area, including a possible cross-country link to Ely, avoiding the busy A142. The second priority is to improve the community facilities in the village. There was much support for either the improvement or relocation of the social club/village hall. Relocation next to the playing field along with a car park was noted as an option, and that the new facility should include a shop. The third priority was to improve the playing field and to also designate an area for a nature reserve/orchard. The District Council will work with the Parish Council and County Council to explore options and secure funding to improve community facilities and infrastructure in Stuntney.

The current community facilities in Stuntney are good (including the social club, church, and recreation ground with play area) and contribute to the quality of people's lives. 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 Stuntney (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
Stuntney**

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