

WENTWORTH



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1. Settlement characteristics

Wentworth is a small, attractive village lying to the south of the A142 between Witchford and Sutton, approximately 5 miles west of Ely.

The village is centred on St Peter's Church and a number of listed buildings at the junction of Main Street and Church Road. Part of the church is used as a village hall/community room and there is a children's play area. Residents travel to nearby settlements including Ely for their goods and services. The main features of the village are shown on Map xxx.

2. Key statistics

<i>Wentworth</i>	
<i>Population¹</i>	180
<i>Dwellings²</i>	60
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i>	8
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	
<i>Employment³</i>	Of those in employment: 37% work from home, 52% travel up to 20km to work, 11% travel over 20km to work
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	

3. Housing

Wentworth is likely to continue to grow at a slow rate, with new housing being built on suitable 'infill' sites within the village. Additionally, two small housing allocation sites are proposed on land opposite the old Red Lion on Main Street and land east of 1 Main Street.

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

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

³ Distance travelled to work, East Cambridgeshire UV80 Haddenham ward (covering Haddenham, Aldreth, Wentworth, Witchford), Census 2001

A development envelope has been drawn around Wentworth to define the built-up part of the village where development (infill and the allocation sites) 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 sites will need to be in line with Policy WENTWORTH 1 and WENTWORTH 2.

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 WENTWORTH 1: Housing allocation, land opposite the old Red Lion, Main Street

Approximately 0.15 hectares of land is allocated for residential development for up to 2 dwellings.

Development proposals will be expected to:

- Provide for frontage development only, to reflect the existing character of this part of Main Street
- Have particular regard to the protected trees which are present on the site through the submission of a full trees assessment
- Have particular regard to the scale, height, design and massing of buildings, and landscaping, in order to provide a high quality scheme which enhances the character of the village and minimises amenity impact on neighbouring properties
- Provide any necessary highway improvements and/or traffic calming measures to Main Street as required by the Highways Authority
- Comply with the other policies of the Local Plan

Policy WENTWORTH 2: Housing allocation, land east of 1 Main Street

Approximately 0.12 hectares of land is allocated for residential development for up to 2 dwellings.

Development proposals will be expected to:

- Provide for frontage development only, to reflect the existing character of this part of Main Street
- Have particular regard to the protected trees which are present on the site through the submission of a full trees assessment
- Have particular regard to the scale, height, design and massing of buildings, and landscaping, in order to provide a high quality scheme which enhances the character of the village and minimises amenity impact on neighbouring properties
- Provide any necessary highway improvements and/or traffic calming measures to Main Street as required by the Highways Authority
- Comply with the other policies of the Local Plan

4. Employment

The village has no business premises, although a handful of small businesses are run from residential properties including JFB interiors and Desiderata Bed and Breakfast.

No new employment allocation sites are proposed on the edge of Wentworth. However, suitable new employment proposals on the edge of the village will be supported in principle subject to Policies xx, xx and xx.

5. Infrastructure and community facilities

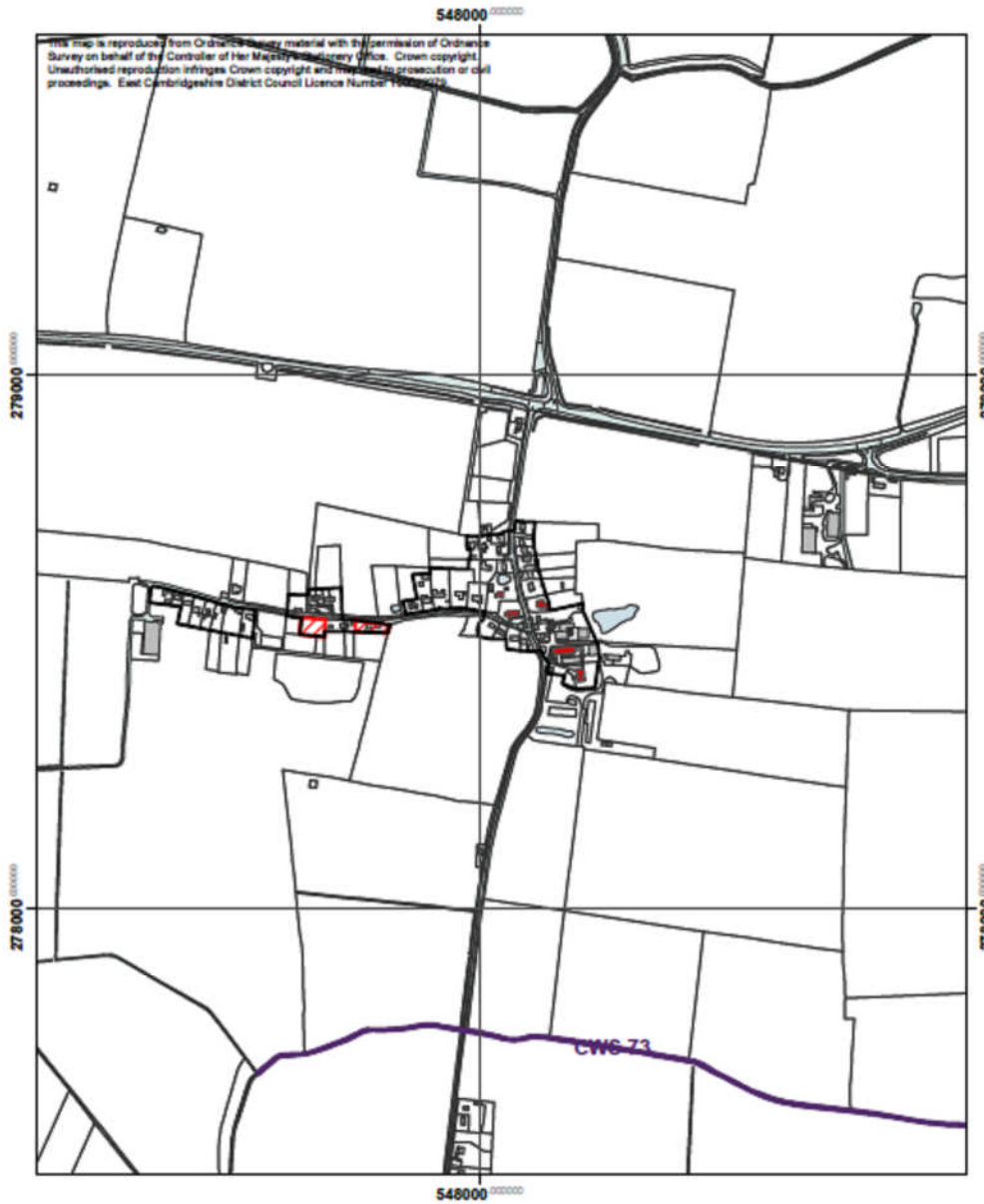
Residents in Wentworth have identified a number of infrastructure and community improvements.

A list of priorities is set out in the table below:

	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
1	Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	Pedestrian/cycle routes to link village with surrounding settlements including Sutton and Witcham Toll
2	Improvements to play area	More equipment for all ages of children in the new play area, e.g. swings
3	Improvements to the community / Village Hall at St Peter's Church	Installation of a new heating system
4	More school places	Need for adequate school places to be provided in Witchford for Wentworth children

The current community facilities in Wentworth (including the church/community hall and play area) 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 Wentworth (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
Wentworth**

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