

WESTLEY WATERLESS



1. Settlement characteristics

Westley Waterless is a small, long village in the south of the district, approximately 5 miles south of Newmarket, close to the South Cambridgeshire border. The village comprises a small group of houses along a single street that runs north-west from Burrough End, and most houses are strung out along its north-eastern side. The recently restored parish church of St Mary-the-Less contains one of the finest examples of British brass design in the brass portraits of Sir John and Lady Alyne de Creke.

Facilities in the village include the church and a village hall. The village has a regular bus service which runs to Newmarket. The main features of the village are shown on map xxx.

2. Key statistics

<i>Westley Waterless</i>	
<i>Population¹</i>	170
<i>Dwellings²</i>	60
<i>New dwellings built 2001-2011 (net)</i>	0 (outstanding planning permission for 2 dwellings in the village at April 2012)
<i>Estimated new dwellings 2012-2031</i>	
<i>Employment³</i>	13% work from home, 66% travel up to 20km to work, 13% travel over 20km to work
<i>Existing public transport services</i>	Regular services to Newmarket (Monday-Saturday) (as at June 2012)

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

² Dwellings in Westley Waterless 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

3. Housing

Westley Waterless has experienced very low growth over the last ten years and new housing may come forward on suitable 'infill' sites within the village. No new housing allocation sites are proposed on the edge of Westley Waterless.

A 'development envelope' has been drawn around Westley Waterless 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 sensitively designed to reflect the open and attractive character of the village and 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 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 Westley Waterless. 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

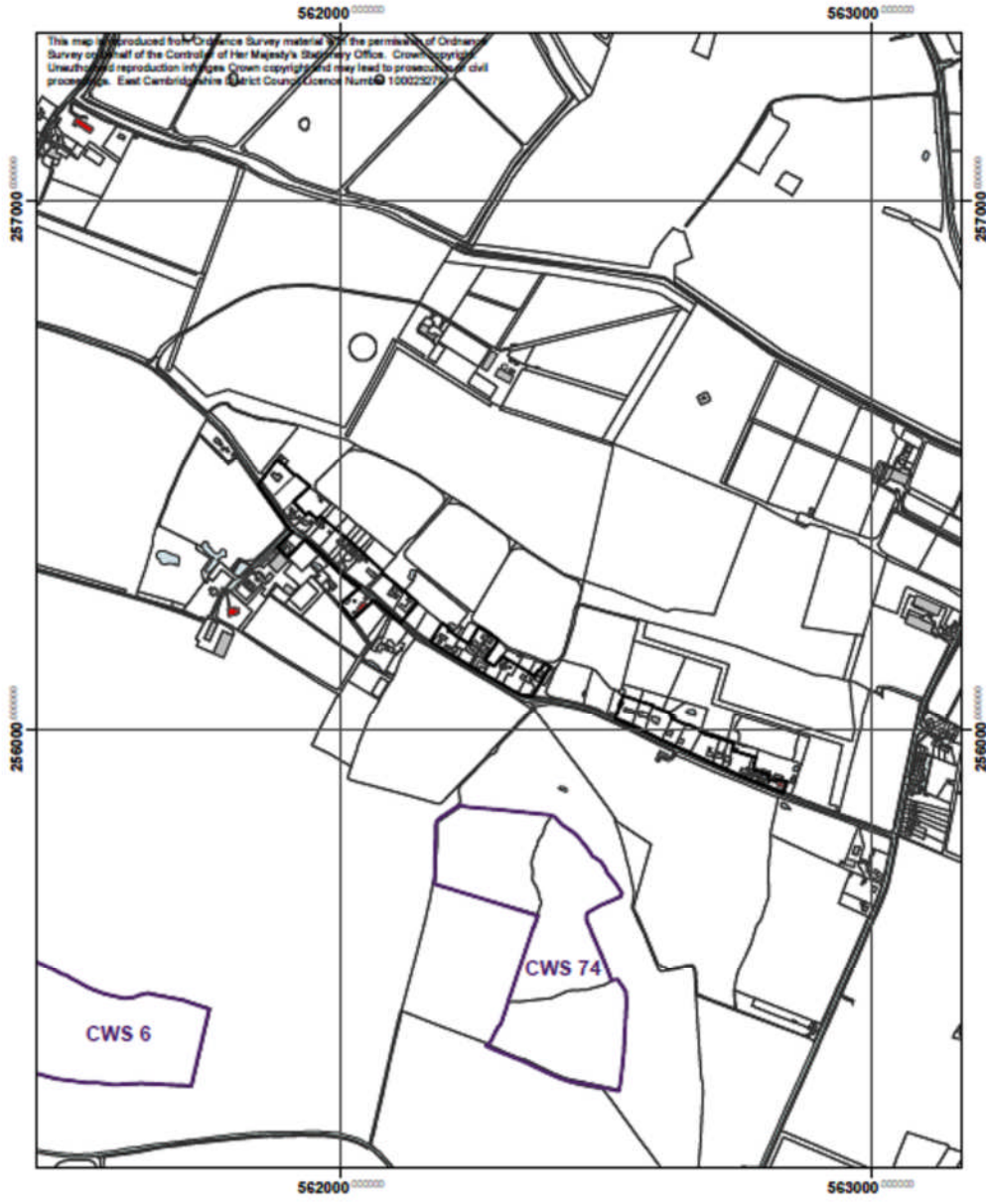
Westley Waterless Parish Council has indicated a desire for improvements to infrastructure and facilities in the village; their key priority is set out in the table below:

	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Suggestions</i>
1	A road improvement scheme	Traffic calming at entrances of village

The District Council will work with the Parish Council and County Council to explore options and secure funding for traffic calming features in Westley Waterless.

The current community facilities in Westley Waterless (including the church and the village hall) contribute to the quality of people's lives. The loss of community facilities will 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 Westley Waterless (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
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