

Amendments to Draft Burwell Masterplan suggested at Burwell Masterplan Working Party meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012

Page 3: Foreword – add the following text:

The level of community interest and involvement in the development of this Burwell Masterplan has been very high. The Burwell Masterplan working party meetings all attracted large audiences, necessitating the finding of a larger venue to accommodate everyone, the Parish Council have assisted in many ways, and the village consultation events all had good response levels. This been invaluable to the working party in its work to develop this Masterplan for the future of the village, and we are very grateful for this participation by the community. We hope that this draft plan reflects a broad consensus of your views, even if we could not include all of the individual suggestions and ideas put forward.

It is very clear that Burwell has a good quality of life that residents value highly. Throughout the Masterplan process local people told us that they don't want Burwell to grow into a town. Its rural character and strong community networks are what make Burwell special and they want to retain the village feel of the community.

However, the village is facing a number of issues; the primary school is at capacity and there are undeveloped employment sites. Recent infill development has been of high density and not in keeping with the character of the village, and there are continued growth pressures from both housing and increased traffic.

So this Masterplan seeks to provide for a modest level of growth which will meet housing need, but is also sympathetic to Burwell's village character. The key principle of the Masterplan is balanced growth, promoting job creation alongside housing development to reduce out commuting, thereby creating a more sustainable community. The Masterplan also considered the impact of growth on infrastructure and services and contains a number of infrastructure proposals. Together, the proposals give a clear spatial framework for the development of the village over the next 20 years.

The Masterplan will protect Burwell from unwanted, unplanned development by setting out plans that have been agreed by the wider community. It will raise the profile of Burwell and provide a foundation upon which detailed project specific studies, proposals and funding bids can be developed. The next stage of work will be to develop an implementation plan, which sets out how the Masterplan vision for Burwell can be delivered. This will require a partnership approach involving the public, private and voluntary sectors as well as the local community. Together we can ensure that Burwell develops as a thriving rural community.

We are now consulting formally on the Masterplan before we finalise it. Please respond with your views so that we can make sure that we have got it right.

**Add Cllr Moakes electronic signature and photo**

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Chairman, Burwell Masterplan Working Party, Leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council

Page 5: Amend Proposed village perimeter route link label in key to 'proposed village perimeter route link foot/cycle path'

Page 7: 'What is a Masterplan' box: add 'A Masterplan in this context does not provide detailed layout plans for development, but focuses on the overall spatial framework. Other points in box require bullet points.'

Page 9: 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph from bottom – amend to read '....many people in Burwell look to Newmarket and Cambridge for shops and services'.

Last paragraph, alter order of place names so reads ...close proximity to Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket.

Page 15: Public Transport and Highways. Amend 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence to read 'A safe link to Exning for walking and cycling is a key infrastructure requirement.'

Health: insert text 'The Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust have indicated that the needs of proposed dwellings could be met, if necessary via an extension to the existing surgery premises.'

Page 21: 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph. Amend to read: 'The village also has an ageing population. Data from 2011 indicates that over the next 20 years .....

Page 26: 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph. Amend to read: 'Local people report that traffic through the village is very heavy at peak times due to commuters using the route to access Cambridge - a traffic count along Swaffham Road is needed to determine the extent of the problem. The main impact of development....'

5<sup>th</sup> Paragraph. 'With regard to car parking in Burwell, in some areas of the village there are sufficient parking spaces but they are underused, such as around the Co-op, and better signage is need to raise awareness and usage of the existing parking spaces. However, in other parts of the village, such as the centre of Burwell and near the church, there is a lack of parking spaces which needs addressing.'

2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph from the bottom. Amend to read: 'In addition, footpath/cycle paths and cycle parking facilities should be provided.....'

Page 28: Amend 1st sentence to read 'The informal open spaces in Burwell, such as Priory Wood and the area around the Castle, ....'

2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph from bottom re modest marina facilities. Add 'Traffic generation from the site must be low key and controlled in view of the potential impact on North Street.'

Bottom paragraph: add 'and development not permitted.' to end of sentence

Page 29: Amend Proposed village perimeter route link label in key to 'proposed village perimeter route link foot/cycle path'

Page 30: Amend 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph to read: ‘Burwell Parish Council are best placed to take a lead role in taking forward the ideas and suggestions made in the Masterplan, in partnership with the District and County Council. A first task will be to develop an implementation plan for the Burwell Masterplan, indicating how the vision in the plan will be realised.

Amend fourth paragraph to read: ‘Other tasks could involve’ (omitting the reference to the Parish Council) and bullet point the 3 tasks.

### Page 30

Delete last paragraph and add the following text:

### **Phasing & Review**

The previous chapters have set out the long term plan for Burwell, taking the village forward to 2031. There will be a need to consider phasing requirements, so that housing development does not all take place solely in the early stages of the plan, without the supporting infrastructure or jobs growth being in place. This would impose too rapid a change on the village.

One of the key infrastructure improvements will be the school extension and the development of any housing must be closely phased with increases in school capacity, through the Local Plan and planning application processes.

Similarly it would be desirable to phase new housing alongside jobs growth. The proposed employment sites, however, are in different ownership to the main housing site, which limits phasing possibilities. It is likely that commercial considerations and the economic climate will also dictate the timings of employment growth, which could act as a restraint on needed housing development if housing and employment growth are tied too closely.

A requirement for provision of live – work homes on the new housing site should be made as a step towards encouraging employment growth in the village. A proactive approach by the landowners and local authorities will also be necessary to bring the employment sites into use, and the District Council will investigate ways of achieving this. The Burwell Masterplan document itself can be used as a promotional tool to encourage small scale employment growth in the village.

The table below sets out an initial indicative phasing, - this will need to be refined as the housing and employment development proposals take shape, and will need to be flexible, to take into account new opportunities or changed circumstances that might arise.

Similarly it will be important to build in a Masterplan Review process, alongside the District Council’s regular Local Plan review periods, again to monitor progress against the original plan, take into account new opportunities or changed circumstances.

	Short Term 2013-2021	Long Term 2022 2032
Exning Cycleway Improvements	xxxxxx	

School capacity expansion	xxxxxxx	
Initial employment generation – Phase 1 of site development and work hub facilities	xxxxxxx	
Stage 1 of land release and housing development (150 houses) together with associated road improvements/traffic management measures	xxxxxxx	
Improvements to the Weirs access and usage	xxxxxxx	
Centralisation of outdoor sports facilities off Newmarket Road		xxxxxxx
Stage 2 of land release and housing development (200 houses) together with associated road improvements/traffic management measures		xxxxxxx
Creation of circular walk around village		xxxxxxx
Phase 2 of employment site development		xxxxxxx