
FRIDAY BRIDGE

Inset Proposals Map No. 11

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This section contains the detailed planning background, policies and proposals for Friday Bridge. It must be read in conjunction with the general policies set out in Part One of the Local Plan which apply throughout the District.

2. LOCATION

- 2.1. Friday Bridge is located approximately 5 miles south of Wisbech on the B1101 which serves as a secondary link between the market towns of Wisbech and March.

3. HISTORY

- 3.1. Friday Bridge is a village founded on agriculture, which has developed in a largely linear way west and north. One of the village's impressive features is the Water Tower which dominates the village. The clock tower and church are unique features which add to the village's sense of history and character.

4. POPULATION

- 4.1. The population of Friday Bridge has changed little, falling from 1230 in 1981, to 1220 in 1986, only to rise to the current total of 1230.
- 4.2. In mid 1990 the housing stock numbered some 380 dwellings.
- 4.3. Between mid 1986 and mid 1990 there were 40 housing completions in Friday Bridge.

5. SERVICES AND FACILITIES**Shops and Associated Services**

- 5.1. The village has a modest range of shops, a post office, a church, petrol station and garage, two public houses and a community centre. To the south west of the village is the Agricultural Camp, although it is recognised this is coming to the end of its useful life.

School

- 5.2. Friday Bridge C. P. School has a capacity of 150 with a current roll of 116 (January 1990).

Public Open Space

- 5.3. Although the village has its own sports field on Maltmas Drove, there is still a shortfall in public open space of 0.4ha (1 acre) when compared with NPFA standards. This is not, however, perceived as a problem by the Parish Council.

Public Utilities

- 5.4. Drainage in the village is linked to the Wisbech/West Walton system and is adequate at present. However, any further large scale development would require more detailed examination of spare capacity levels. This may result in the possible upgrading of pumping stations. There is no surface water system.

6. KEY FEATURES OF FORM AND CHARACTER

- 6.1. The village has developed on a system of roads radiating out from the centre, defined by the clock tower. Most of the original village is centred around this area, but more recent development has taken place along the Stitch, quite separate from the original settlement.

7. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Constraints

- 7.1. In Friday Bridge development has taken place along road frontages almost completing a square to the north and east of the village centre. This type of development pattern is able to accommodate additional growth with little visual intrusion by gradually infilling the form of the square. Further linear development should be resisted in favour of compacting the form of the village. The village is in danger of coalescing with Elm to the north. Further development between these two villages should be restricted in order to retain their separate identities.

Commitments (1. 7. 90)

- 7.2. The village currently has planning permissions for an additional 104 dwellings. The principal site is:

	Hectares	(Acres)
Opposite Redmoor Farm	3.24	(8. 0)

Policy

- 7.3. Friday Bridge is an attractive village with a good range of facilities and services. Its physical form makes it possible to accommodate further development in the future although other factors may limit the rate at which development takes place. It is for these reasons that it is proposed that Friday Bridge be designated a Limited Rural Growth Settlement (Policy H6).

8. SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS

- 8.1. Part One of the Local Plan sets out the general policies and proposals for the District as a whole. This section sets out specific proposals for Friday Bridge.

Housing Allocations

FB/H1 IT IS PROPOSED TO MAKE PROVISION FOR 125 DWELLINGS IN FRIDAY BRIDGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY H7. THESE SITES WHICH COMPRISE EXISTING PERMISSIONS AND ALLOCATIONS ARE SHOWN ON THE PROPOSALS MAP. THE PRINCIPAL ALLOCATIONS ARE:

	HECTARE (ACRES)	
SOUTH OF MALTMAS DROVE	1.2	(3.0)
SOUTH OF REDMOOR FARM	0.7	(1.75)

- 8.2. The site south of Maltmas Drove is well located in relation to the school and community centre.
- 8.3. The land allocation south of Redmoor Farm, Wisbech Road, is for frontage development only (in line with Back Road), subject to the enlargement of the 'cut' open space by 0. 3 hectares (0. 75 acres), which will provide an attractive amenity open space in the village.

Development Area Boundary

- 8.4. The proposed Development Area Boundary for Friday Bridge is shown on the attached Inset Proposals Map. Development will not normally be allowed beyond the defined Development Area Boundary (Policy H3) and this is particularly important to the north of the village. In order to protect the visual break between Friday Bridge and Elm residential proposals in this area will be evaluated in accordance with Policy ELM/H2. Development within the defined Development Area Boundary will be expected to comply with all other policies of the Plan.

Environment

- 8.5. Areas within the Development Area Boundary such as open spaces, wooded areas and gap sites which form an important part of the character of the village, will be protected under Policy E2.

