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# East Cambridgeshire Survey of New Developments

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# **Summary**

This report details the findings of the 2010 survey of new development residents in East Cambridgeshire. This follows on from previous surveys in Cambourne (2006), Huntingdonshire (2007) and Fenland (2010)

Five areas were identified where there has been a considerable amount of new housing development in the last few years: Ely (North and West), Littleport, Soham and Sutton. Information was gather via postal survey. Just under 1,500 surveys were sent to households in these areas and 31% were returned.

The topics covered by the questionnaire were

Moving to new developments in East Cambridgeshire.

Information about current homes and tenure.

Household size and structure.

Work and travel to work.

Shopping patterns

Opinions of residents about the best and worst things about the area.

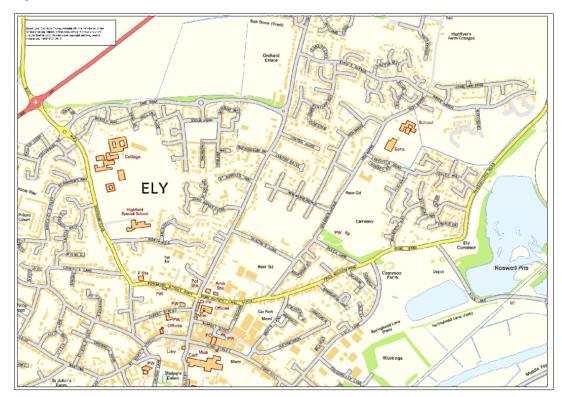
In the district as a whole, the survey shows a large number of people moving to set up home or specifically to purchase. People choose new developments in East Cambridgeshire because they are well connected to other areas and cheap compared to Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire, where a relatively large proportion of people work and study. There are also quite a few households coming to the area from London and the South East. Households on new developments are generally younger than in the district as a whole, with more school aged children and fewer people over 60. On average homes on new developments have around three bedrooms, although there is some variation between sites – this means properties are larger than in Fenland new developments but smaller than in Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire.

Public transport usage is highest in the areas with rail links and is perceived as generally poor where bus is the only option. Most households own at least one vehicle.

The best things about living in new development in the district as a whole are they are quiet, friendly, and have good links to other areas. The worst things are the lack of shops, and entertainment and leisure facilities, and too much traffic.

Presented below are some of the key findings about each area.

#### **Ely North**



Ely North includes addresses on Prickwillow Road, The Vineyards, Cam Drive, Clayway, Kings Avenue and Lynn Road.

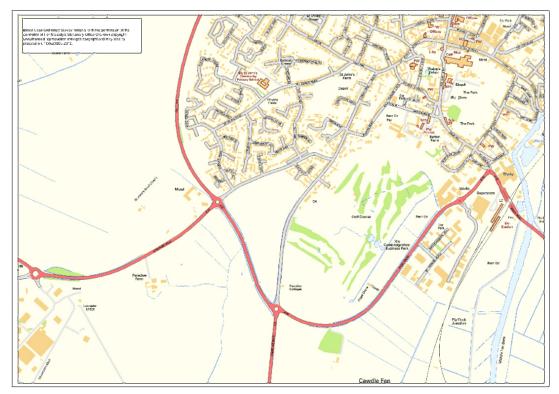
351 surveys were sent to address in this area and 111 were returned (a 32% response rate). Ely North had the highest number of respondents moving from outside East Cambridgeshire. While there was a lot of movement from Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire, there was also a lot of movement from further afield – 14% of households came from London and the South East, and 6% came from overseas.

The top reason for leaving their previous address was to look for a larger or smaller home and the top reason for choosing their current property was design/ appearance. This area had the highest proportion of owner occupiers, the highest proportion of flat dwellers and the largest size by average number of bedrooms.

Nearly a quarter of the population on this development are school aged children. This area had the second highest proportion of people over 60 (9% of respondents).

More people living in Ely North worked in Cambridge City than in East Cambridgeshire District. It was also the site with the smallest percentage of people travelling by car (either alone or sharing), and good public transport links i.e. the rail station was considered one of the best things about living in the area. It was also an attractive, friendly area to live. The worst things about the development were a limited choice of shops in the city, traffic congestion and a lack of entertainment and leisure facilities.

#### **Ely West**



Ely Wet includes address on Cambridge Road, Witchford Road, St Johns Road, Tower Road, and West End.

The response rate for Ely West was 32% (79 surveys out of 247 sent were returned). There was less movement from outside East Cambridgeshire than there has been into Ely North. The most common reason for leaving the previous address was wanting to set up home or buy and this development had the highest percentage of responses from people who were previously renting in the private sector. More than half chose the development because they liked the design/appearance of the home or development. Other common reasons were liking the idea of new development living, the ease of buying from the developer and proximity to shops and services.

Most of the homes were terraced and detached properties with more than 3 bedrooms. Ely West has the second largest proportion of owner occupiers and the second largest proportion of people in intermediate tenures. Sixty-nine percent of the population are working age adults, compared to 61% in Ely North.

As with the other Ely development, there was a higher proportion of people working in Cambridge City than in East Cambridgeshire on the development, but a smaller proportion of these travelled to work by public transport (even though good public transport links were one of the best things about the area). This development had the highest proportion of people travelling to work by bike (6% compared to 1-3% on other developments).

Other attractive things about the area was Ely itself, good links to other towns and nice shops. The worst things about the area were lack of shops, entertainment and leisure facilities and traffic problems.

#### Littleport

Littleport had the lowest response rate -58 (25%) of the 232 questionnaires sent were returned.

The development had the highest proportion of responses from social tenants. The main reason for choosing the development was appearance and design, but price compared to other areas also scored highly. This development had the highest proportion of people saying they liked the home they had moved into, mostly because it was new. But the proportion of people intending to move within 2 years was higher than on other developments (15% compared to 7-11% elsewhere).

The development also had the lowest employment rate. A large proportion of respondents were not working because they were staying at home to look after the family. The proportion of households using public transport to commute to work and study is similar to Ely North (28%). Most of this (23% is by train), but this development has the highest proportion of bus users. Seven percent of working respondents work in London, and people in this area travel further than people on other new developments in the district. As well as the quality of the houses, the best things about living in Littleport are that it is quiet, friendly and has good links to other towns. The worst things are a lack of shops, entertainment, leisure and other facilities and anti-social behaviour.

129 of the 417 surveys sent were returned – an overall response rate of 31%.

#### **Soham**

and price and general affordability of the development was the top reason for choosing to move there. This area had the highest proportion of respondents from intermediate tenures and the lowest proportion of responses from private tenants. It also had the largest proportion of households who had previously been living with family and friends.

This area had the highest proportion of households with children and the highest number of children per household. Only 4% of respondent household members were aged 60 or over. Properties in the area are smaller in terms of number of bedrooms than Ely and Littleport developments – on average properties in Soham have fewer than three bedrooms.

While East Cambridgeshire was the top location of work, a high percentage (28%) of people work in Cambridge City. Only 8% of people in this area do not use a car or van to travel to work and the development has the highest number of vehicles per household. One of the worst things about the development is a lack of good public transport. The overall worst thing was complaints that the development has not been finished (the main contractor for the site went bankrupt before the roads, paths etc were completed). The best things about the area

One in five households moved into Soham from Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire

#### Sutton

are quietness, cost and links to other areas.

Sutton had the highest response rate – 75 of the 226 surveys sent were returned (33%). Cost was also an important factor for people choosing to live in Sutton. Ten percent of respondents moved to this development from London and the South East. This development has the highest proportion of retired people, and looking to move closer to family and friends was a more common reason for choosing this development than moving close to work/ taking up a new job. Respondents in this area also had the smallest household size, smallest property size and lowest proportion of households with children.

Of those households travelling to work and study, people in Sutton travelled smaller distances on average than those on other developments, and the area had the lowest number of cars per household.

The best things about the development were quietness, friendliness and proximity to family and friends. The worst things are traffic, lack of shops and poor public transport.

# Introduction

This report details the findings of the 2010 survey of new development residents in East Cambridgeshire.

The aims of the survey was to find out about the households moving into new developments in order to inform planning decisions and service provision. It also asked people's opinions about the new developments and houses.

The question areas covered by the survey are

Moving to new developments in East Cambridgeshire – how far have people moved, previous tenure and reasons for leaving.

Homes and Tenure – the type, size and tenure of their current property and their reasons for choosing it.

Households – household size and structure; number of children and number of adults. This section also covers ethnicity, first language and country of birth.

Work and Travel – Economic activity and types of employment, distance travelled and means of travel.

Other services and activities – where people do their main food and non-food shopping. Opinions of residents – the surveys asks people the three best and three worst things about their area and the effect moving has had on quality of life.

Section II briefly describes the survey process and response rates. Section III contains analysis of the results, with more detailed tables in Appendix 1. Appendix 2 includes copies of all survey correspondence.

# Methodology

The questionnaire used was based on surveys of previous new developments in Cambourne (2006)<sup>1</sup>, Huntingdonshire (2008)<sup>2</sup> and Fenland (2010)<sup>3</sup>. For the Fenland and East Cambridgeshire surveys, an additional question was asked about how moving had affected household's quality of life.

Addresses were identified by

A postal survey was distributed to addresses of new properties in five areas of East Cambridgeshire: Ely North, Ely West, Littleport, Soham and Sutton. Almost 1,500 surveys were sent out. A reminder letter was then sent to all non-responding areas. A second reminder was sent to address in Sutton and Littleport, targeting the areas with the lowest response rate.

The table below shows the final response rate - 31% overall, although there is some variation between areas.

#### Summary of responses by development

	Received	Sent	Response Rate
Ely North	111	351	32%
Ely West	79	247	32%
Littleport	58	232	25%
Soham	129	417	31%
Sutton	75	226	33%
All new developments	452	1,473	31%

The overall response rate gives a level of statistical error of a little more than plus or minus 4%, but levels by development are slightly higher. Plus or minus 4% is a common standard for this type of survey. This means that at district level we can have a reasonable amount of confidence in the precision of results, but this decreases somewhat when looking at individual developments.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group (2006) "Living in Cambourne: A survey of Cambourne residents"

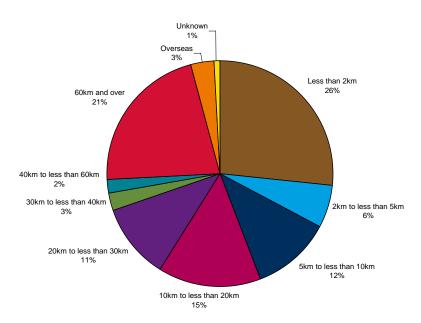
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group (2007) "Huntingdonshire New Developments: A survey of residents"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group (2010) "Fenland New Developments: A survey of residents"

# **Findings**

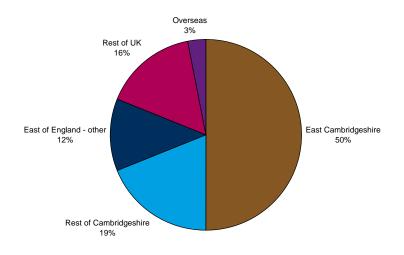
#### 1. Moving to East Cambridgeshire

Fig 1.1 Distance moved from previous home



Households were asked their previous address in order to calculate how far they had moved. On East Cambridgeshire new developments, 44% of people had moved less than 10 km from their previous address. Littleport and Soham had the most local movement (from less than 10 km). Ely North had the highest proportion of people coming from further than 60km and overseas. A lot of the long distance movement into this area was from London and the South East of England. Around 7% of respondents from this development also work in London.

Fig 1.2 Location of previous home



Half of the respondents moved within East Cambridgeshire and a further 19% moved within Cambridgeshire. Most of the movement from within Cambridgeshire was from Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. Fifteen respondents had previously been resident overseas. Most of these were from Europe (Germany, Italy and Portugal) and the USA (four of the six households moving from overseas to Littleport were from America). Longer distance movement from within the UK was typically from the South East and London – there were more households moving from here than from the neighbouring counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. A more detailed breakdown of distance moved and previous location is displayed in A1.1 and A1.2

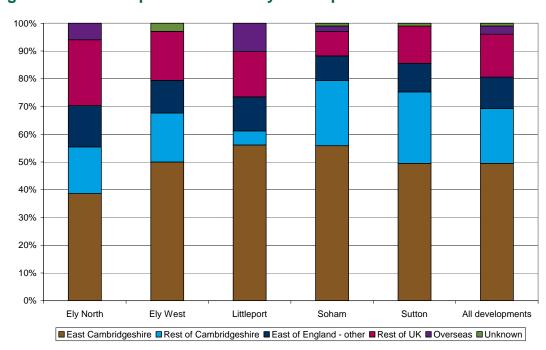
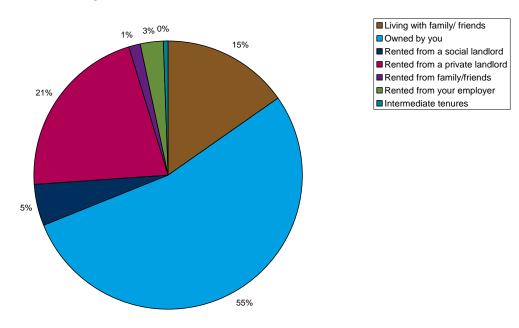


Fig 1.3 Location of previous home by development





More than half of respondents had owned previously. Included among these previous owners are two respondents who had previously owned with family members. Former private tenants were the second largest group. The two new development surveys conducted prior to the recession (Cambourne and Huntingdonshire) had around 8% of respondents previously living with family. The proportion of these households is 15% for East Cambridgeshire new developments and was 17% for new developments in Fenland, which may suggest people are taking advantage of a slight decrease in house prices and rents to set up home. Of the social tenants responding to the survey all but one previously rented from a housing association (the one former local authority tenant previously lived in Cambridge City. Within the Cambridge housing sub-region only two authorities manage housing stock at the time of writing - Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire.

Twelve households had previously rented from their employers. This includes USAAF personnel, and UK Armed Forces Personnel.

Further details of previous tenure by development are shown in A1.3

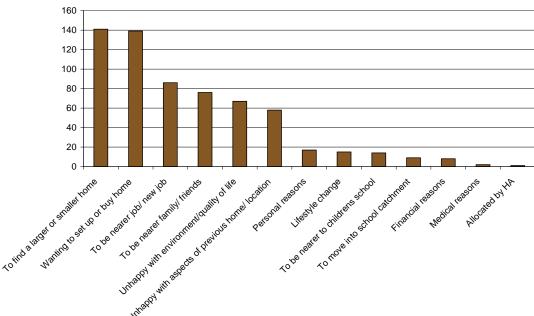


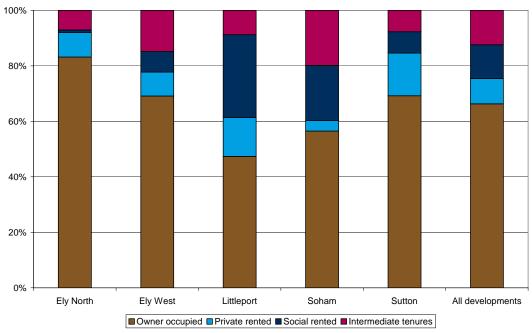
Fig 1.5 Reason for leaving

The main reason for leaving the previous home was to find a larger or smaller home in Elv North and Sutton, and wanting to set up or buy a home in Elv West, Littleport and Soham (see A1.4). These have been common reasons for leaving in previous new development survevs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Mostly this was people previously "living with parents/family", but four households who had previously been living with friends/ partners and partner's family are also included in this category.

#### 2. Homes and Tenures

Fig 2.1 Tenure by development



Ely North had the largest proportion of respondents who were previously owner occupiers and the smallest proportion on social tenants. Nearly one in five of the respondents from Soham were in intermediate tenures<sup>5</sup>, and Ely West had the second largest proportion of respondents in this group. Littleport had the highest proportion of social tenants, but Soham had the highest number of respondents from this tenure. Sutton had both the highest number and highest proportion of private tenants (11 households in this development were renting privately). This is the first new developments survey where there more responses from households in intermediate tenures than there were from private and housing association tenants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In most cases "intermediate tenures" means shared ownership, but three households specified that they were in keyworker accommodation, and one specified "discount or low cost home ownership."

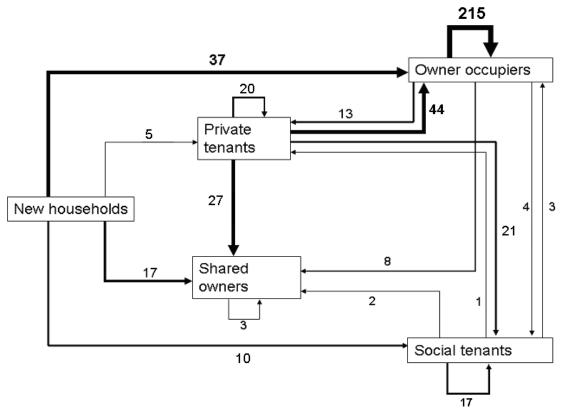


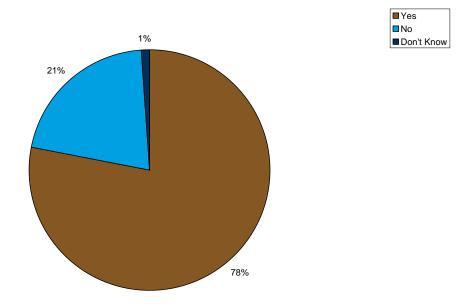
Fig 2.2 Number of households moving within and between tenures

Fig 2.2 shows movement within and between tenures in East Cambridgeshire new developments (Table A2.1 shows the percentages). Most of the movement in owner occupation is within the tenure. It is the main destination tenure for newly forming households and private tenants. Shared ownership is the second most common tenure for both of these groups.

The largest group of people moving into housing association properties is former private tenants – 21 households compared to 1 moving in the opposite direction. There is also quite a lot of movement within the tenure.

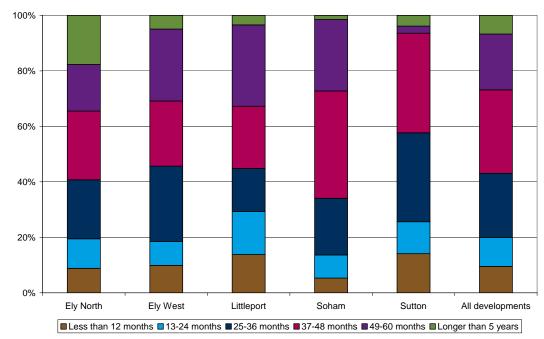
Current government policy aims to move people from the social rented sector into the private sector, but the data from this and previous surveys, shows more movement in the opposite direction (from the private rented sector into social rented and intermediate housing). More households left the private rented sector (in this case including households who had previously rented from employers or family), than came into it, but there was also a high level of movement within the tenure (people moving from one private rented property to another). Fifty-four households moved into intermediate tenures. There were no households moving into a different tenure. However, at least one household recorded themselves as a shared owner who had purchased their property fully and then moved into owner occupation). This was recorded as a move within owner occupation.

Fig 2.3 First occupiers of current home



Most households were the first in the property. A breakdown by development is shown in  $\frac{A2.2}{}$ .

Fig 2.4 Length of residence at current address by development



Overall more than half (57%) of the respondents have been resident in their current home for more than three years – before September 2007 and the "credit crunch".

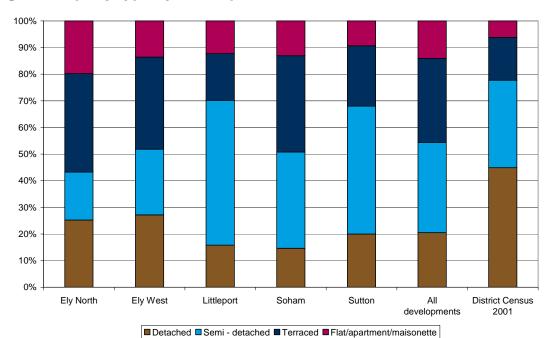


Fig 2.5 Property type by development

Semi-detached properties were the most common type of home for respondents. Compared to the district as a whole, responses suggest the new developments have a significantly lower proportion of detached properties, and a greater proportion of semi-detached and terraced homes. There are also more flats, especially in the Ely North area, where 20% of responses were from households in flats.

Thirteen households (12 of whom were owner occupiers) claimed to have an ambiguous number of bedrooms e.g. "2 to 3". For analysis purposes, where people have stated a response like this the lower number of bedrooms is used in calculations, so a 2/3 bedroom property is counted as a two bedroom property. This was chosen rather than higher number as it is more likely to be based on what they are using the property for currently. It may also suggest the extra room is on the small side of practical for use as a bedroom by some households. Table 2.6 shows the split with the ambiguous entries included, i.e. where someone has written 2/3 bedrooms, table 2.6 counts this response in both the two and three bedroom responses:

Table 2.6: Number of bedrooms by development (unadjusted)

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
1 bedroom	3-4	9	6	10	6	34-35
2 bedrooms	29-30	11	8	43-44	35	126-128
3 bedrooms	28-29	31-32	22	40-44	23	144-150
4 bedrooms	29-34	17-19	18	26-30	7	97-108
5 bedrooms	15-19	8	3	5	3	34-40
6 bedrooms	1					1

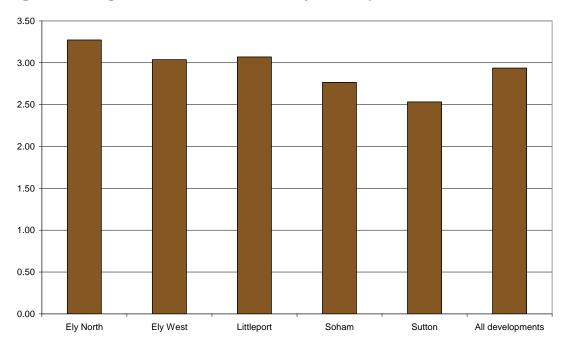


Fig 2.7 Average number of bedrooms by development

Households in Ely North have the largest homes on average. It also has the highest proportion of owner occupiers who tend to live in larger properties (see A2.4). Littleport (which has the highest proportion of social tenants) also has quite large properties. But it is also the area with the second largest proportion of children after Soham (see below). Compared to previous surveys, homes on East Cambridgeshire new developments are larger in terms of number of bedrooms than on new developments in Fenland, but smaller than homes in Cambourne or Huntingdonshire. This is consistent with the districts as a whole. South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire have more larger properties than elsewhere in Cambridgeshire, including East Cambridgeshire.

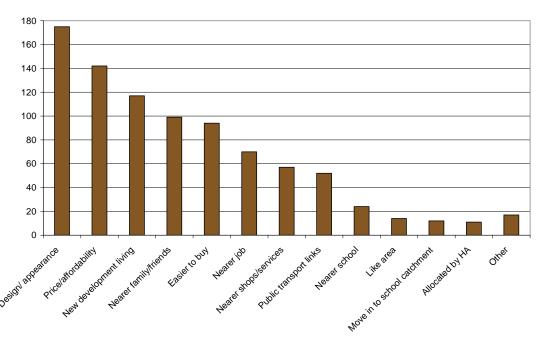


Fig 2.8 Reason for choosing current home

For a breakdown of reasons for choice by development, see <u>A2.5</u>. The main reason for choosing the current home was design or appearance, particularly in the Ely developments and Littleport. The top reason in Soham and Sutton was price compared to other villages/

general affordability. This was the second most popular reason in Littleport, but not even third most popular in either of the Ely developments, where the idea of living in a new development and the ease of buying a property from the developer both scored highly.

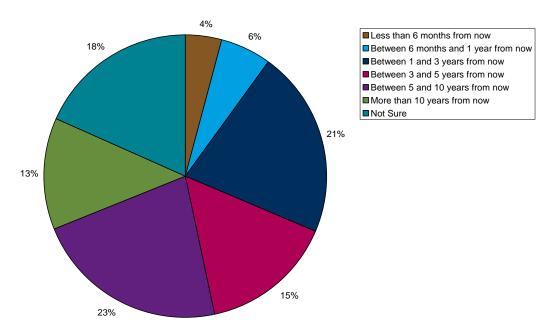


Fig 2.9 Intended length of stay

More than half of the respondents (53%) intended to stay in their current home for longer than 5 years. Ten percent were planning to move within the next year. Littleport had the highest proportion of people intending to move within the next year (15% compared to 7-11% on other developments – see A2.6). This may be because it has the largest proportion of young adults (17-24 year olds) – see 3.2 below. The area also had a high proportion of multi-adult households compared to other developments and this may also have an effect. But overall tenure made more difference to intended length of stay than development – for example between 27-8% of owners, shared owners and social tenants intended to move within the next three years compared to 64% of private tenants (see A2.7).

#### 3. Households

Table 3.1 Age structure of new development residents and 2001 Census age profile for East Cambridgeshire district

	Survey 2010 (n)	Survey 2010 (%)	Census 2001
0 to 4	113	10%	6%
5 to 11	87	8%	9%
12 to 16	61	6%	6%
17 to 24	101	9%	8%
25 to 29	123	11%	6%
30 to 44	351	32%	23%
45 to 59	153	14%	20%
60 to 74	83	8%	14%
75+	14	1%	8%

As with previous surveys, responses suggest a younger profile of residents in new developments than in the district as a whole, with a high proportion of under 16s and 30-44 year olds.

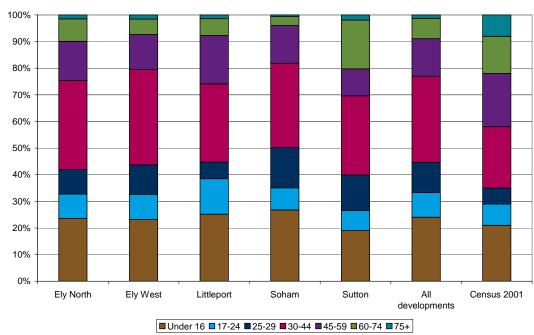


Fig 3.2 Age groups of household members by development

Sutton had the oldest population structure of all the new developments in East Cambridgeshire, but still has a smaller proportion of people over 60 than the district as a whole had at the time of the last Census (shown for comparison). Soham has the highest proportion of children and young adults (17 to 29 year olds). This fits with the high proportion of households in intermediate tenures – most shared owner households are quite young.

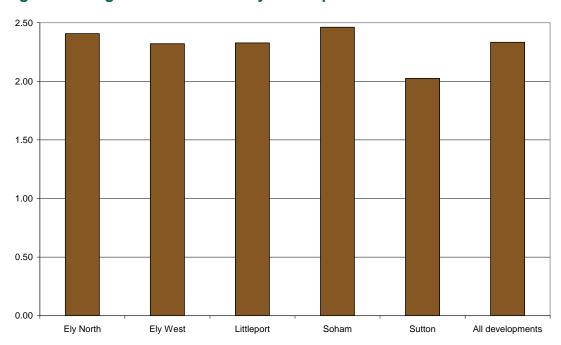


Fig 3.3 Average household size by development

Soham has the largest average household size of all the developments. Sutton has smaller households on the whole than elsewhere in the district, which fits with the smaller property size by number of bedrooms (see above). <u>A3.2-3.5</u> provides further information about household size, including average number of adults and children per household.

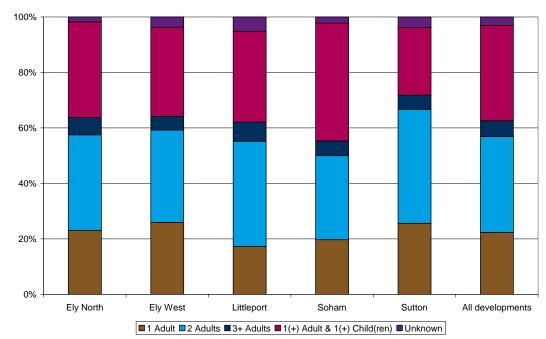


Fig 3.4 Household composition by development

Soham has the largest proportion of households which include children. Sutton has a high proportion of 2 adults households and a small proportion of households with children compared to the other developments in the district. Littleport has a large proportion of multiadult households compared to the other new developments. Overall the household composition of new development residents in East Cambridgeshire is similar to the composition of new development residents in Huntingdonshire and Cambourne. A more detailed breakdown of household structure by tenure and property size is shown in A3.7

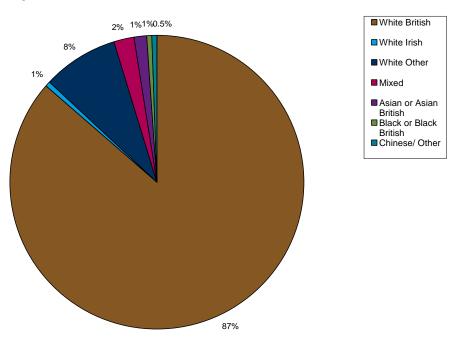


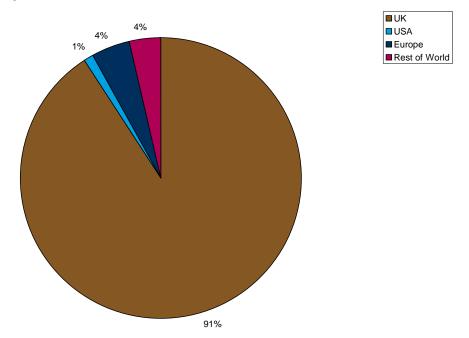
Fig 3.5 Ethnicity of household members

Eighty-seven percent of respondent household members in East Cambridgeshire are White British. The second largest group is White Other. This includes A10 nationals but also USAAF personnel and people from elsewhere in Europe.

Three households identified themselves as Travellers.

A breakdown of ethnicity by development is shown in A3.8.

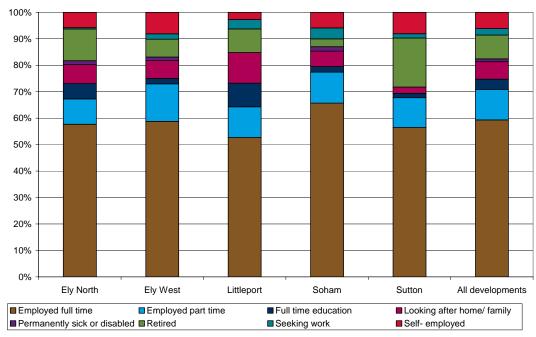
Fig 3.6 Country of birth



Most respondent households were born in the UK. There were 6 people born in the USA, 4 born in Poland, and 3 each born in Lithuania, the Netherlands, Australia and South Africa. A full list of countries of birth is shown in A3.10, and a list of languages spoken is given in A3.9. A question was also asked about religious worship. Just over three quarters (76%) of the responding households did not participate in any religious worship activities. Of the remainder, all but two households reported attending various Christian places of worship/activities. There were two responses from Muslim households.

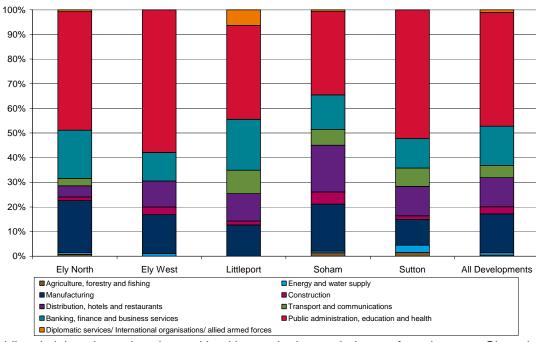
#### 4. Work, Study and Travel

Fig 4.1 Economic Status by development



Most household members are in employment. There is a large proportion of retired households in Sutton, which corresponds to the age profile shown above, but there is also a large proportion of retired household members in Ely North, compared to other developments. Soham and Littleport had the highest proportion of people seeking work. A breakdown of employment by tenure is shown in A4.1

Fig 4.2 Industries of employment by development



Public administration, education and health was the largest industry of employment. Given the number of people employed by the public sector, the planned cuts by the current government may have a detrimental impact on the local economy. The top places of employment in each

development are shown in <u>A4.2</u>. Schools are the largest employers in all developments except Littleport where there are more people working in social welfare, charity and community services, and banking.

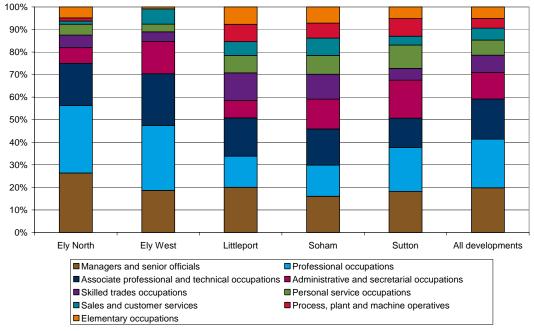


Fig 4.3 Occupation of employment by development

The top three occupations of respondents are teaching professionals, general office assistants and sales and marketing managers (see A4.3).

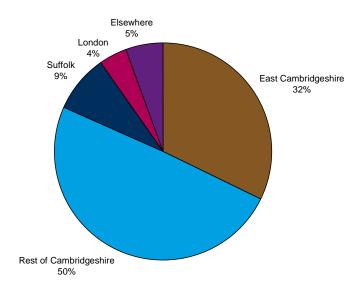


Fig 4.4 Location of employment and study (17+)

Nearly a third of respondents work elsewhere in East Cambridgeshire, and 29% work in Cambridge City. Table <u>A4.4</u> shows more people in Ely developments working in Cambridge City than work in East Cambridgeshire.

Four percent of respondents work in London. Most of these are based in Ely and Littleport (which have rail links to the City) but, a small number are also based in Soham.

Overseas Unknown
3% 1%

60km and over
21%

40km to less than 60km
2%
30km to less than 40km
3%

20km to less than 30km
11%

5km to less than 10km
12%

Fig 4.5 Distance travelled to place of work/ study (17+)

Nearly a third (29%) of respondents live within 10km of where they work, but more than half travel between 10 and 30km. Littleport and Ely north have the largest proportions of people travelling long distances (more than 30km – see  $\underline{\text{A4.5}}$  for further details.

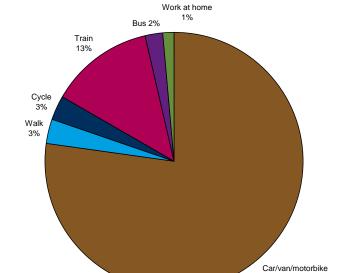


Fig 4.6 Method of travel

Most people travel to work by car. Public transport usage on East Cambridgeshire new developments is higher than in previous surveys. The Fenland survey of new developments also included developments in areas close to a rail station (March and Whittlesey). An annual season ticket from March to Cambridge is £732 more expensive per year than a similar ticket from Littleport to Cambridge<sup>6</sup>.

78%

<sup>6</sup> The time and number of services per hour is about the same. While this sounds high, by the time the relative house prices in the two areas is considered, it is overall slightly cheaper to live in March.

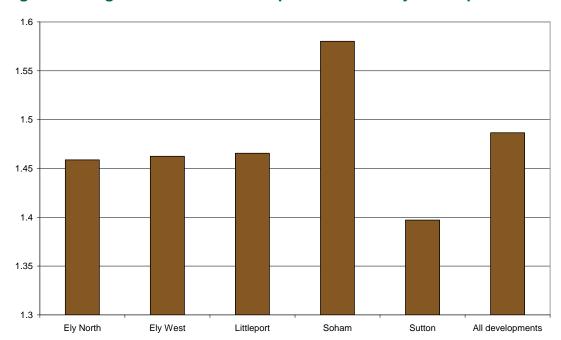
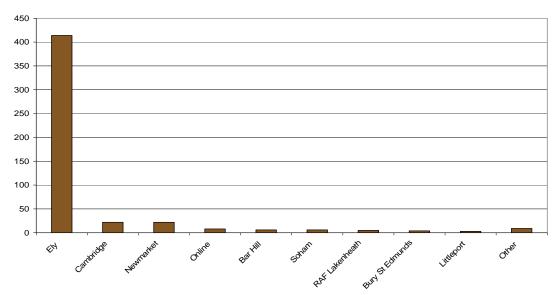


Fig 4.7 Average number of vehicles per household by development

The overall number of cars per household for all new developments in East Cambridgeshire is just under 1.5. This is higher than Fenland new developments (1.1), but roughly similar to Huntingdonshire and Cambourne (1.6). Sutton has the largest proportion of households with no cars (11%) and 59% of the respondents from Soham had access to two or more motor vehicles (see A4.7).

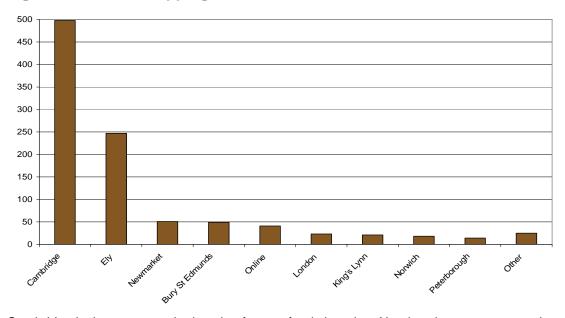
#### 5. Other Activities

Fig 5.1 Food shopping



Most respondents do their food shopping in Ely. This is a free text question and people can state more than one location as their main food shopping area. Newmarket and Cambridge are the second and third most popular places for food shopping with 5% of respondents shopping here regularly. More respondents shop online than at Bar Hill, Soham and Bury St Edmunds. The commissary at RAF Lakenheath is only accessible to USAF personnel. Of the five who responded in this situation, all appear to do food shopping exclusively on the base. A full breakdown of food shopping by area is given in A5.1

Fig 5.2 Non-food shopping



Cambridge is the most popular location for non-food shopping. Nearly twice as many people reported doing non-food shopping in Cambridge than in Ely (the second most popular location). A number of people do non-food shopping in London – this is not just households working in the city. A breakdown of non-food shopping locations by area is shown in <u>A5.2</u>.

#### 6. Opinions about your area

Table 6.1 Top 15 best things about East Cambridgeshire new developments

Quiet       139       329         Attractive area (scenery, history)       106       249         Friendly people       81       199         Links to main towns       77       189         Close to family/ friends       59       149         The house       56       139
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Location 54 129
Good public transport 53 129
Housing costs 53 129
Nice shops 46 119
Good parks/walks/countryside 38 99
Local facilities 35 89
Good schools 32 79
Feels safe 31 79
Clean and tidy 22 5%

#### A6.1 shows differences between developments.

Quietness was the thing that people liked best about new development in East Cambridgeshire overall and was the best thing in three developments outside Ely. The best thing about Ely new developments was Ely itself – many people commented on how attractive the city is, in particular around the Cathedral and the river. Events put on by the Cathedral were also highlighted as being of good quality. Good public transport and friendliness were the other best things about the city.

Respondents from Littleport like their homes and get on with their neighbours (these were the second and third most popular things after quietness in this area). Links to main towns were also a good thing about living in Littleport.

Residents of Soham also said that it had good links to other areas but they generally specified road links and access to a car as important (although some comments suggest a few people driving to the train station in Ely). Soham was the only area where the cost of housing was in the top three best things about the development. In particular respondents mentioned things such as the size of property they could afford compared to other areas.

Quietness, friendliness and proximity to family and friends came out as the three best things about Sutton, but links to other towns and location were also mentioned frequently. Six respondents from this village praised the local GP practice as being very good.

Table 6.2 Top 15 worst things about East Cambridgeshire new developments

	Respondents	Percentage
Lack/quality of shops	154	38%
Too much traffic	95	23%
Development not finished	83	20%
Lack of entertainment/leisure facilities	76	19%
Poor public transport	75	19%
Lack/quality of facilities	57	14%
Road quality	46	11%
Parking problems	45	11%
Mix of housing/people	39	10%
Anti-social behaviour	34	8%
Recycling facilities	29	7%
Location	28	7%
Quality of development	27	7%
Crime/fear of crime	23	6%
Litter	20	5%

Lack of or quality of shops is the worst thing over all and the most commonly cited bad thing about living in Ely or Littleport. In Ely many respondents felt that another supermarket was needed to challenge Tesco (a Sainsbury's will be opening in the town soon). A lack of DIY shops, local newsagent/corner shops and clothing stores (particularly for men and children was also noted as a problem. In the other areas, the issue was a general lack of all shops rather than specific types of store. Other problems highlighted in Ely were a lack of entertainment and leisure facilities (specifically a full time cinema, sports facilities, family friendly activities and pubs/restaurants/nightlife). Traffic congestion around the A10 and around the station also caused problems, and two households on the West development raised concerns about speeding on St Johns Road.

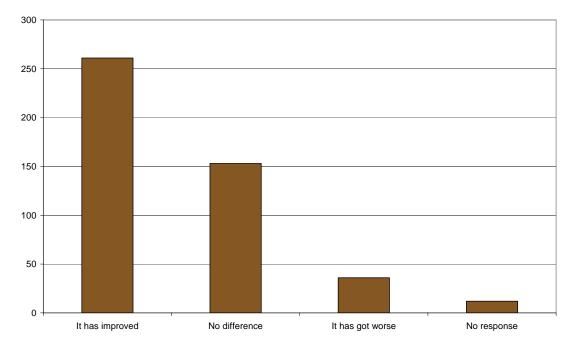
The joint worst thing about Littleport alongside lack of shops was anti-social behaviour, specifically from younger people. Fifteen of the 58 respondents from this area highlighted this as an issue. A lack of entertainment and leisure (specifically night time leisure like pubs, clubs and cinemas was also raised as a problem.

The contractor of the main area of development in Soham went bankrupt before the roads and the paths around the estate were finished, and more than half of the respondents (52%) from this area listed this as a bad thing, making it the worst thing overall. The second and third worst things about the development were a lack of shops and poor public transport respectively. While some people in Soham do commute by train, they have to drive to Ely or Cambridgeshire to catch the train. Many felt the buses through the area are too infrequent and expensive to make living in the area without access to a car difficult.

Thirteen respondents (10% reported problems with crime or fear of crime in the area – more than reported issues around anti-social behaviour. Most of these reports are drug-related and clustered around one point on the development. This information has been passed on to community safety colleagues for further investigation.

People in Sutton also highlighted issues with a lack of shops and poor public transport, but the worst thing in this area was complaints about traffic.

Fig 6.3 Quality of life



An additional question was included asking whether people felt their quality of life had improved on the new development. More than half of households (56%) felt it had improved and 33% said there was no difference. Twelve respondents did not answer this question.

**Table 6.4 Quality of life by development** 

	It has improved	No difference	It has got worse	Respondents (Total=100%)
Ely North	67%	30%	3%	109
Ely West	68%	30%	1%	79
Littleport	62%	26%	12%	58
Soham	43%	42%	15%	127
Sutton	56%	36%	8%	77
All Developments	58%	34%	8%	450

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# Appendix 1 – Additional/ detailed tables

## A1. Moving to East Cambridgeshire

#### A1.1 Distance from previous address by development (%)

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Less than 2km	21%	22%	38%	35%	19%	27%
2km to less than 5km	10%	10%		5%	1%	6%
5km to less than 10km	5%	14%	14%	9%	21%	12%
10km to less than 20km	7%	9%	7%	21%	27%	15%
20km to less than 30km	13%	15%	5%	12%	5%	11%
30km to less than 40km	5%	4%		2%	1%	3%
40km to less than 60km	2%		3%	1%	4%	2%
60km and over	32%	24%	22%	12%	20%	22%
Overseas	6%		10%	2%		3%
Unknown		3%		1%	1%	1%
Total respondents (=100%)	111	79	58	129	75	452

#### A1.2 Location of previous home by development (%)

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
<u>Cambridgeshire</u>	56%	69%	60%	81%	73%	70%
East Cambridgeshire	39%	51%	55%	57%	48%	50%
Cambridge City	10%	6%	5%	11%	8%	9%
Fenland	1%	3%		2%	3%	2%
Huntingdonshire	1%	1%		2%	5%	2%
South Cambridgeshire	5%	8%		9%	9%	7%
East of England - Other	15%	12%	12%	9%	10%	11%
Bedfordshire <sup>7</sup>		1%			1%	0.4%
Hertfordshire	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Essex <sup>8</sup>	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Norfolk	5%	1%	3%	1%	5%	3%
Peterborough	1%	3%			1%	1%
Suffolk	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%
Rest of UK	24%	18%	16%	9%	13%	16%
SOUTH EAST ENGLAND	6%	4%	5%	3%	7%	5%
LONDON	8%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%
EAST MIDLANDS	2%	4%		1%	1%	2%
NORTH EAST ENGLAND	3%	1%	2%			1%
NORTH WEST ENGLAND	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
SOUTH WEST ENGLAND	1%	1%	2%		1%	1%
YORKSHIRE & HUMBER	1%					0.2%
SCOTLAND	1%	3%	2%	1%		1%
WALES	1%			1%		0.4%
Other	6%	3%	10%	3%	1%	4%
OVERSEAS	6%		10%	2%		3%
UNKNOWN		3%		1%	1%	1%
Respondents	111	79	58	129	75	452

<sup>7</sup> Including Luton UA <sup>8</sup> Including Thurrock UA

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#### A1.3 Previous tenure by development (%)

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All Developments
Living with family/ friends	14%	13%	16%	19%	13%	15%
Owned by you	63%	52%	46%	47%	59%	53%
Rented from a social landlord	2%	4%	7%	7%	7%	5%
Rented from a private landlord	18%	27%	21%	23%	17%	21%
Rented from family/friends	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%
Rented from your employer	3%	4%	7%	2%		3%
Intermediate tenures		1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Total respondents (=100%)	111	79	57	129	75	451

Numbers shown in grey show new households forming with other tenures and are not included in the total figure. This includes

- one household in Ely West formed by some members previously in owner occupation and some
  previous shared owners (counted in the total as "owned by you"), and one household formed by a
  previous private tenant and someone previously renting from family/friends (counted in the total as
  "rented from a private landlord")
- one household in Soham comprised of members who had previously rented from a housing association and members who had previously been in key worker housing (recorded in the total under "rented from a housing association").

#### A1.4 Reason for leaving by development (%)

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All Developments
To find a larger or smaller home	<u>33%</u>	26%	23%	35%	<u>35%</u>	31%
Wanting to set up or buy home	28%	<u>31%</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>39%</u>	21%	31%
To be nearer job/ new job	23%	24%	23%	13%	16%	19%
To be nearer family/ friends	19%	15%	25%	9%	24%	17%
Unhappy with environment/quality of life	18%	15%	18%	10%	16%	15%
Unhappy with aspects of previous home/ location	14%	12%	14%	10%	16%	13%
Personal reasons	1%	3%	4%	6%	5%	4%
Lifestyle change	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%
To be nearer to children's school	5%	5%	2%	1%	3%	3%
To move into school catchment	2%	1%		4%	1%	2%
Financial reasons			2%	5%	1%	2%
Medical reasons		1%	2%			0.4%
Allocated by HA				1%		0.2%
Respondents	111	78	57	129	75	452

#### **A.2 Homes and Tenures**

#### A2.1 Current tenure by previous tenure (%)

	Current Tenure				
	Owner	Private	Social	Intermediate	All
Previous Tenure	occupied	rented	rented	tenures	tenures
Owner occupied	72%	32%	8%	14%	53%
Social Rented	1%	2%	33%	4%	5%
Private Rented	12%	49%	35%	37%	21%
Rented from family/friends	0%	0%	4%	5%	1%
Rented from your employer	2%	5%	2%	5%	3%
Intermediate tenures	0%	0%	0%	5%	1%
Living with parents/family	12%	12%	19%	30%	15%
Respondents	299	41	52	57	449

#### A2.2 First in property by development (%)

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Yes	71%	81%	67%	87%	75%	78%
No	28%	19%	33%	12%	21%	21%
Don't Know	1%	0%	0%	1%	4%	1%
Respondents (100%)	105	77	52	117	72	423

#### **A2.3 Type of property by tenure**

	Owner occupied	Private rented	Social rented	Intermediate tenures	All developments
Detached	29%	5%	4%	4%	21%
Semi - detached	32%	36%	33%	38%	33%
Terraced	33%	28%	18%	41%	32%
Flat/apartment/maisonette	6%	31%	45%	18%	14%
Respondents (Total = 100%)	296	39	51	56	442

## A2.4 Number of bedrooms by tenure

	One bed	Two beds	Three beds	Four beds	Five or more beds	All	Av. Number of bedrooms
Owner occupied	1%	20%	36%	31%	11%	298	3.31
Private rented	8%	43%	40%	10%	0%	40	2.53
Social rented	42%	33%	15%	8%	2%	52	1.94
Intermediate tenures	11%	58%	30%	2%	0%	57	2.23
All tenures	8%	28%	33%	23%	8%	447	2.94

## A2.5 Reason for choosing current home by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Design/ appearance of property/ development	47%	<u>51%</u>	<u>38%</u>	32%	27%	39%
Price compared to other villages/general affordability	23%	22%	31%	<u>40%</u>	<u>40%</u>	31%
Idea of new development living	26%	28%	28%	22%	28%	26%
To be nearer family/friends	21%	16%	33%	19%	27%	22%
Easier to buy new property from developer	27%	23%	17%	14%	24%	21%
To be nearer job	20%	18%	12%	13%	13%	15%
To be nearer shops/services	24%	23%	9%	3%	4%	13%
Better public transport than other areas	19%	16%	21%	2%	4%	12%
To be nearer children's school	10%	9%	5%	1%	3%	5%
Like area	3%	1%	2%	4%	5%	3%
To move in to school catchment	5%	3%	0%	3%	1%	3%
Allocated by HA	0%	0%	3%	6%	1%	2%
Required tenure	1%	1%	2%	4%	0%	2%
What was available at the time	0%	4%	0%	2%	0%	1%
Relationship breakdown	0%	0%	3%	0%	1%	1%
Don't know	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Respondents	111	79	58	129	75	452

## A2.6 Intended length of residence by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All Developments
Less than 6 months from now	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Between 6 months and 1 year from now	6%	7%	11%	5%	3%	6%
Between 1 and 3 years from now	23%	23%	23%	22%	16%	22%
Between 3 and 5 years from now	17%	15%	11%	16%	17%	16%
Between 5 and 10 years from now	20%	21%	25%	21%	26%	22%
More than 10 years from now	14%	11%	11%	15%	12%	13%
Not Sure	16%	19%	16%	16%	23%	18%
Total (100%)	111	81	56	130	77	455

## A2.7 Intended length of residence by tenure

	Owner occupied	Private rented	Social rented	Intermediate tenures	All tenures
Less than 6 months from now	3%	7%	6%	5%	4%
Between 6 months and 1 year from now	4%	24%	8%	2%	6%
Between 1 and 3 years from now	21%	34%	13%	21%	21%
Between 3 and 5 years from now	19%	0%	6%	18%	15%
Between 5 and 10 years from now	25%	5%	12%	26%	22%
More than 10 years from now	12%	2%	23%	19%	13%
Not Sure	16%	27%	33%	9%	18%
Total (100%)	295	41	52	57	445

## A.3 Households

#### A3.1 Age profile by development

	Under 16	17-24	25-29	30-44	45-59	60-74	<i>75</i> +	Total
Ely North	24%	9%	9%	33%	15%	8%	1%	272
Ely West	23%	9%	11%	36%	13%	6%	2%	190
Littleport	25%	13%	6%	29%	18%	6%	1%	143
Soham	27%	8%	15%	32%	14%	3%	1%	325
Sutton	19%	8%	13%	30%	10%	18%	2%	158
All developments	24%	9%	11%	32%	14%	8%	1%	1,086

#### A3.2 Number of adults per household by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
One	31	22	13	36	27	129
Two	67	47	35	80	44	273
Three	9	6	4	10	3	32
Four	4	3	3	3	1	14
Total number of adults	208	146	107	238	128	827
Average adults per household	1.87	1.87	1.95	1.84	1.71	1.85

#### A3.3 Number of children per household by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
None	72	52	36	73	56	289
One	19	13	11	30	9	82
Two	16	11	8	21	9	65
Three	3	3	3	5	1	15
Four	1					1
Total number of children	64	44	36	87	30	261
Average children per household	0.58	0.56	0.62	0.67	0.4	0.58

#### A3.4 Number of adults and children per household by dwelling size

	Children	Adults
1 bedroom	0	1.26
2 bedrooms	0.31	1.55
3 bedrooms	0.6	1.93
4 bedrooms	0.9	2.16
5 more bedrooms	1.11	2.26

#### A3.5 Number of adults and children per household by tenure

	Children	Adults
Owner occupied	0.59	1.94
Private rented	0.37	1.73
Social rented	0.74	1.62
Intermediate tenures	0.51	1.65
Rented from family/friends	0	1.67
All tenures	0.57	1.84

# A3.6 Children per 100 households by tenure, bedroom size and school age category

	Pre-school aged (0-3)	Primary school aged (4-10)	Secondary school aged (11-16)
Owner Occupiers	20.1	21.8	16.4
One bed	0	0	0
Two beds	6.7	6.7	0
Three beds	25	13.9	8.3
Four beds	20.7	33.7	28.3
Five beds	30.3	45.5	42.4
Six beds	0	0	0
Private tenants	10	12.5	15
One bed	0	0	0
Two beds	11.8	11.8	11.8
Three beds	12.5	6.3	18.8
Four beds	0	50	25
Social tenants	19.2	17.3	34.6
One bed	0	0	0
Two beds	52.9	29.4	23.5
Three beds	12.5	50	100
Four beds	0	0	150
Five beds	0	0	0
Intermediate tenures	33.3	15.8	5.3
One bed	0	0	0
Two beds	15.2	9.1	3
Three beds	82.4	35.3	11.8
Four beds	0	0	0

## A3.7 Household composition and tenure by size

7.011 Trodoonord comp	1 bed	2 beds	3 beds	4 beds	5+ beds	Total
Owner Occupiers	4	60	108	92	34	298
1 Adult	3	27	15	6	3	54
1 Adult & 1 Child		1	2	2	1	6
1 Adult & 2 Children		1	1	3	1	6
1 Adult & 3 Children					1	1
2 Adults	1	27	49	29	5	111
2 Adults & 1 child		3	23	14	3	43
2 Adults & 2 children		1	7	15	7	30
2 Adults & 3 children			2	5	1	8
3 Adults			5	7	4	16
3 Adults & 1 child			1	3	1	5
3 Adults & 2 children				1	2	3
3 Adults & 3 children				2		2
4 Adults			2	3	1	6
4 Adults & 1 child				2		2
4 Adults & 2 children					3	3
Unknown			1		1	2
Private tenants	3	17	16	3		40
1 Adult	1	4	2	1		8
1 Adult & 1 Child		1				1
1 Adult & 2 Children		2				2
2 Adults	2	10	10	2		24
2 Adults & 1 child			2	_		2
2 Adults & 4 children			1			1
3 Adults			1			1
Unknown				1		1
Social tenants	22	17	8	4	1	52
1 Adult	17	1			-	18
1 Adult & 1 Child		3	1			4
1 Adult & 2 Children		1	1			2
1 Adult & 3 Children				1		1
2 Adults	5	2			1	8
2 Adults & 1 child		7	1			8
2 Adults & 2 children		2	3			5
2 Adults & 3 children		_	1			1
3 Adults			1			1
3 Adults & 1 child			,	1		1
3 Adults & 2 children		1		•		1
4 Adults & 1 child		•		1		1
Unknown				1		1
Intermediate tenures	6	33	17	1		57
1 Adult	5	16	1	•		22
1 Adult & 1 Child	3	2	·			2
1 Adult & 2 Children		2	1			1
2 Adults	1	9	4			14
2 Adults & 1 child	-	3	3			
						6
2 Adults & 2 children		2	7			
3 Adults		1				1
4 Adults			4	1		1
4 Adults & 1 child	25	427	140	404	2.4	1 <b>447</b>
All tenures	35	127	149	101	34	447

#### A3.8 Ethnicity by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
White: British	84%	84%	85%	86%	95%	86%
White: Irish		1%	1%	1%		1%
White: Other	12%	10%	8%	7%	5%	9%
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean						0%
Mixed: White and Black African			3%	2%		1%
Mixed: White and Asian	1%	2%	1%			1%
Mixed: Other	2%	1%	1%			1%
Asian or Asian British: Indian	1%	2%	1%			1%
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani						0%
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi						0%
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian		1%		1%		0%
Black or Black British: Black Caribbean			1%			0%
Black or Black British: Black African				2%		1%
Black or Black British: Black Other						0%
Chinese		1%				0%
Other ethnic group				1%		0%

#### A3.9 First languages of new development residents

	Number	Percentage
English	439	96%
Spanish	4	1%
Lithuanian	3	1%
Polish	3	1%
Afrikaans*	2	0.4%
Dutch*	2	0.4%
Portuguese	2	0.4%
Bengali	1	0.2%
Cantonese*	1	0.2%
Finnish*	1	0.2%
Italian*	1	0.2%
Farsi	1	0.2%
Hungarian	1	0.2%
Japanese*	1	0.2%
Kiswahili	1	0.2%
Marathi	1	0.2%
Romanian	1	0.2%
Welsh	1	0.2%

Responses marked with an asterisk show bilingual households (in all cases, the other first language spoken was English). Both Dutch speaking households also speak English, and one Afrikaans speaking household is bilingual in English. Three households did not respond.

A3.10 Country of birth of new development residents

	Number	Percentage
UK	422	92%
USA	6	1%
Poland	4	1%
Lithuania	3	1%
The Netherlands	3	1%
Australia	3	1%
South Africa	3	1%
Ireland	2	0.4%
Spain	2	0.4%
Nigeria	2	0.4%
Finland	1	0.2%
France	1	0.2%
Germany	1	0.2%
Hungary	1	0.2%
Portugal	1	0.2%
Romania	1	0.2%
Angola	1	0.2%
Argentina	1	0.2%
India	1	0.2%
Iran	1	0.2%
Japan	1	0.2%
Kenya	1	0.2%
New Zealand	1	0.2%
S Korea	1	0.2%
Vietnam	1	0.2%
Respondents	459	100%

As with the question about first languages, some households reported household members being born in different countries (There are 459 respondents, but 465 entries recorded about country of birth)

# A.4 Work, Study and Travel

#### A4.1 Economic status by tenure

	Owner occupied	Private rented	Social rented	Intermediate tenures	All tenures
Employed full time	58%	61%	41%	80%	59%
Employed part time	11%	16%	16%	5%	12%
Full time education	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%
Looking after home/ family	6%	7%	11%	5%	7%
Permanently sick or disabled	1%		6%		1%
Retired	11%	9%	4%	1%	9%
Seeking work	1%		14%	3%	2%
Self- employed	7%	4%	4%	3%	6%
Total household members (17+)	575	70	80	95	820

#### A4.2 Top 20 places of work by employed residents by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Schools	<u>14%</u>	<u>12%</u>	5%	<u>7%</u>	<u>10%</u>	10%
Local government	5%	9%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Social welfare, charitable and community services	8%	3%	<u>8%</u>	4%	4%	5%
Higher Education	5%	7%	0%	4%	4%	5%
Food retailing	1%	2%	5%	5%	4%	3%
Banking and bill-discounting	5%	1%	<u>8%</u>	1%	0%	3%
Road haulage	1%	0%	3%	4%	6%	2%
Business services, e.g. consultants	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%
Computer services	2%	5%	0%	1%	3%	2%
Other medical care institutions	2%	6%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Professional and technical services	2%	0%	5%	2%	1%	2%
Electrical equipment/control systems manufacturing	2%	2%	0%	4%	0%	2%
Hospitals, nursing homes etc.	2%	2%	2%	4%	9%	2%
Pharmaceutical products	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	2%
Wholesale distribution of food, drink and tobacco	0%	4%	0%	3%	0%	2%
Working of stone and other non- metallic minerals not specified elsewhere	4%	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%
Research and development	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%
Allied armed forces	1%	0%	6%	1%	0%	1%
Aerospace equipment manufacturing	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%
National government	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%
Total household members (17+)	133	95	63	142	67	489

#### A4.3 Top 20 occupations of employed residents by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Teaching professionals	10%	6%	3%	3%	8%	6%
General office assistants	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	3%
Marketing and sales managers	2%	3%	2%	4%		3%
Software professionals	5%	3%		2%	3%	3%
Sales and retail assistants	1%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%
Accounts/ finance clerks	1%	3%		2%	6%	3%
Productions, works and maintenance managers	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%
Retail and wholesale managers	6%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Nurses	1%	3%		2%	4%	2%
Office managers	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%
IT managers	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Management consultants, actuaries, economists and statisticians	2%	3%	2%	1%		2%
Customer care managers	3%	3%	2%			1%
Financial institution managers	1%		5%	1%	1%	1%
Care assistants/ home carers	1%		5%	1%	1%	1%
HGV drivers			2%	3%	3%	1%
Cleaners/domestics	1%	1%	2%	2%		1%
Civil engineers	1%	2%		1%	3%	1%
Total household members (17+)	144	118	65	181	77	585

## A4.4 District of work by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All Development
East Cambridgeshire	28%	30%	36%	33%	38%	32%
Cambridge City	32%	37%	18%	28%	24%	29%
Fenland	4%		5%	2%	1%	2%
Huntingdonshire	2%	3%	5%	1%	5%	3%
South Cambridgeshire	15%	19%	13%	13%	19%	16%
Forest Heath	2%	3%	7%	12%	5%	7%
St. Edmundsbury	2%	1%		3%		2%
Other Suffolk	1%		2%			0.4%
Norfolk	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Peterborough	2%		2%		3%	1%
Luton	1%		2%			0.4%
Hertfordshire	0%			1%	1%	1%
Essex	1%			2%		1%
London	7%	5%	7%	3%		4%
Elsewhere in England	2%			2%		1%
Household members (17+)	130	98	55	178	74	535

#### A4.5 Distance travelled to work/ study by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Less than 2km	20%	12%	10%	12%	14%	14%
2km to less than 5km	8%	11%	8%	1%	0%	5%
5 km to less than 10km	2%	4%	10%	16%	20%	10%
10km to less than 20km	7%	22%	12%	32%	38%	22%
20km to less than 30km	41%	40%	29%	26%	20%	32%
30km to less than 40km	9%	3%	16%	4%	5%	7%
40km to less than 60km	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%
60km and over	9%	6%	12%	7%	0%	7%
Household members (17+)	128	90	51	149	64	482

## A4.6 Means of travel to work by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Car alone	63%	68%	60%	88%	81%	74%
Car share	1%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%
Walk	6%	6%	1%	2%		3%
Cycle	2%	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Train	27%	15%	23%	2%	6%	13%
Bus	1%	1%	5%	1%	1%	1%
Park and Ride				1%	2%	0.5%
Work at Home	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Motorbike				1%		0.2%
Household members (17+)	139	108	73	193	90	603

#### A4.7 Vehicles per household by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
None	9%	5%	7%	7%	11%	8%
One	44%	53%	50%	34%	45%	43%
Two	41%	33%	34%	51%	38%	41%
Three	6%	8%	7%	7%	5%	6%
Four or more	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Respondents	108	78	58	128	65	437

#### **A.5 Other Activities**

#### **A5.1 Main food shopping locations by development**

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Ely	108	81	49	108	68	414
Cambridge	5	6	1	5	5	22
Newmarket		1		21		22
Online	1	2		3	2	8
Bar Hill					6	6
Soham				6		6
RAF Lakenheath	1		4			5
Bury St Edmunds				4		4
Littleport			3			3
Huntingdon				1	1	2
Milton				1	1	2
Cambourne				1		1
Chatteris					1	1
Fulbourn				1		1
London				1		1
March					1	1
Peterborough			1			1
St Ives					1	1
Respondents	111	79	58	129	75	452
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#### A5.2 Main non-food shopping locations by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Cambridge	80	58	29	76	46	289
Ely	35	18	21	43	24	141
Newmarket	1	2	1	18	4	26
Bury St Edmunds	1	6		17	1	25
Online	7	6	2	6	3	24
London	5	1	2	5	1	14
King's Lynn	1	2	6	1	1	11
Norwich	2	5		2	1	10
Peterborough	2	2		1	3	8
Various		1	2		2	5
RAF bases			4			4
St Ives					4	4
Lakeside	1			1		2
Stevenage	1	1				2
Bar Hill					2	2
Milton Keynes	1					1
Southampton	1					1
Bedford				1		1
Littleport			1			1
Reading				1		1
Soham				1		1
Respondents	111	79	58	129	75	452

## A.6 Opinions about your area

#### A6.1 Best things by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Quiet	20	13	<u>17</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>39</u>	139
Attractive area (scenery, history)	<u>49</u>	<u>42</u>	3	6	6	106
Friendly	25	9	10	19	18	81
Links to main towns	15	14	10	27	11	77
Close to family/ friends	9	9	8	20	13	59
The house	4	10	12	23	7	56
Location	12	8	6	17	11	54
Good public transport	22	19	7	1	4	53
Housing costs	10	5	3	25	10	53
Nice shops	17	14	6	5	4	46
Good parks/walks/countryside	17	9	2	4	6	38
Local facilities	11	5	5	9	5	35
Good schools	12		1	16	3	32
Feels safe	10	8	1	9	3	31
Clean and tidy	7	5	6	2	2	22
Community spirit	6	3	3	6	3	21
Close to work	3	1	1	8	6	19
None	2	2	4	8	3	19
Good activities/ entertainment	6	4	2	4	2	18
Rural	5	3	2	3	4	17
Small community	5	2	1	3	5	16
Close to shops	6	4	2	1	2	15
Facilities within walking distance	6	3	1	3	2	15
Near shops	6	6		3		15
Close to school	2	5	2	1	4	14
Quality of life	1	1	3	8	1	14
Parking	8	1	1	3	1	14
Good doctors/social care	2		1	2	5	10
Quality of development	1	1	3	2	1	8
Traffic	3		2	2		7
Good quality of life	1	1			2	4
Respondents	111	79	58	129	75	452

## A6.2 Worst things by development

	Ely North	Ely West	Littleport	Soham	Sutton	All developments
Lack/quality of shops	<u>58</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>15</u>	27	17	154
Too much traffic	23	27	7	7	<u>31</u>	95
Development not finished	12	2	2	<u>67</u>		83
Lack of entertainment/leisure facilities	19	26	12	8	11	76
Poor public transport	15	11	6	24	19	75
Lack/quality of facilities	12	9	9	15	12	57
Road quality	15	2	2	16	11	46
Parking problems	17	6	4	9	9	45
Mix of housing/people	9	6	5	12	7	39
Anti-social behaviour	4	4	<u>15</u>	9	2	34
Recycling facilities	5	5	1	12	6	29
Location	5	7	2	11	3	28
Quality of development	11	3	2	9	2	27
Crime/fear of crime		2	6	13	2	23
Litter	3	2	4	5	6	20
Lack of green spaces/ parks	7	3	3		1	14
Concerns for local economy	7	1	1	5		14
Poor pedestrian/cycle access	4	3	3	4		14
Upkeep/maintenance	3		1	9	1	14
Isolation	2	3	1	2	5	13
High costs (housing, council tax)	6	1		3	2	12
No community spirit	2	4	2	2		10
Noise	2	2	3	2	1	10
Unfriendly	2	1	1	3	2	9
Problems with house	4	1	1	1	1	8
Links to other areas	4		2	2		8
Quality of local schools		5	1	1	1	8
Street lighting	3	3		2		8
None	2	1	1	2		6
Other	3	1	1	1		6
Scenery	3	3				6
Weather	3	1	2			6
Future development concerns	2				1	3
Planes	1	1				2
Reputation			2			2
Small town	1					1
Total	111	79	58	129	75	452

# **Appendix 2 – Survey Correspondence**

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# **New Developments Survey 2009**

We would be grateful if you would take the time to complete this questionnaire on behalf of your household. It is entirely confidential, but feel free to leave out any questions you do not wish to answer. Please submit your replies in the **pre-paid envelope provided**, one per household, by **Friday 5**<sup>th</sup> **February 2010**.

Section 1: Your previous home		
1. Where did you move from?  Last permanent residence (only include stays of more the	an 6 months)	
		Office use
2. Was your last property:		
Owned by you (outright or with a mortgage) Rented from a private landlord Rented from your employer Rented from a Local Authority Rented from a Housing Association Other (please specify) *e.g. part owned and part rented from a Housing Association	Rented from family/friends Discounted/low cost ownership Shared ownership/shared equity* Key worker (owned or rented) Living with parents/family	
3. What were your main reasons for wanting to move fro choosing <i>this</i> location will be asked later. <i>Please tick as many boxes as apply.</i>	om your previous home? Your reasons	for
To be nearer job/new job  To be nearer family/friends Unhappy with environment/quality of life Unhappy with aspects of previous home/location Other (please specify)	Wanting to set up own home To be nearer to children's school To move into school catchment To find a larger or smaller home	
Section 2: Your current home		
4. When did you move into this property? Year	Month	
5. Is your property:		
Owned by you (outright or with a mortgage) Rented from a private landlord Rented from your employer Rented from a Housing Association Other (please specify) *e.g. part owned and part rented from a Housing Association		
6. Are you the first people to live in this property?	Yes 🔲 No 🔲 Don't kno	ow 🔲

7. Is your	property:								
Detached									
8. How m	any bedroom	s does your	property h	nave	?				
	vas your main k as many bo		_	o mo	ove to th	nis location	rather than	elsewhere	in the area?
To be nearer to job To be nearer to family/friends Better public transport links than other villages in the area To be nearer to children's school To move into school catchment				To be nearer to shops/services  Design/appearance of property/development  Price compared to other villages in the area Easier to buy new property from developer  Like idea of living in a new development  Other (please specify)					area
	u see yoursel		his propert	y for —	:				
Less than 6 months from now  Between 6 months and 1 year from now  Between 1 and 3 years from now  Between 3 and 5 years from now  Between 3 and 5 years from now  Between 5 and 10 years from now  More than 10 years from now  Not sure									
Section 3	: Your house	hold							
	many people v should only b		•			_			
3.6.1	16 and under	17-24	25-29	30	-44	45-59	60-74	75+	Total
Male Female									
12. Please	e give the date	es of birth c	of all those	aged	16 and	under:			
Month Year Which childcare, nursery, school or college (if any) do they attend?    1st child									
16. How	many people i	n your hou	sehold are:						
Traveller	of Irish Herita	age 🗌	Other	Tra	veller		Roma	/Gypsy	

17. What is your ethnic origin?  Please write the number of people in your househol	'd who belong to each ethnic group.							
White: British White: Irish White: Other Mixed: White and Black Caribbean Mixed: White and Black African Mixed: White and Asian Mixed: Other Asian or Asian British: Indian	Asian or Asian British: Pakistani Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi Asian or Asian British: Other Asian Black or Black British: Black Caribbean Black or Black British: Black African Black or Black British: Other Black Chinese Other ethnic group							
Section 4: About your work, study and travel								
Please give the following details about each personal series are series 18. Employment circumstances:  Part time = under 30 hours a week; full time = 30 or For each person, please only select the box which meaning the series of the series are series as a series of the	r more hours a week.							
Self- Employed Employed Seeking employed full time part time work	•							
Person 1								
Person 2								
Person 3								
Person 4								
Person 5								
19. Where do they work/study? For each person, please write the town and postcode of their main place of work/study. If they work at or from home write 'home'. If they have no fixed workplace write 'various'. If they don't work or study write N/A.								
Person 1 Town	Postcode							
Person 2 Town								
Person 3 Town	Postcode							
Person 4 Town								
Person 5 Town								
For each person, please write the name of their man	in employer or their school/college.  Office use only							
Person 1								
Person 2								
Person 3								
Person 5								
Person 5								
20. What is the full title of their main job? For example, primary school teacher, car mechanic,	•							
Person 1	Office use only							
Daman 1								
D 2								
Dancon 4								
Person 5								

main plac	e of wo	rk or stud	y.						
Person 1 Person 2 Person 3 Person 4 Person 5 22. How 1 None	Walk	Cycle  Cycle  One	Bus	Car alone  U  Vailable for	Car share	Train	Park and ride	Other (please	specify)
Section 5	: About	t your oth	ner activi	ities					
	ich towi	n/village o	loes your				nopping?  od shopping	g?	Office use
If more the 26. Have	you or	members	of your	household	joined any	se omit st	udents livin	g away from ho ntary organisati ation below.	Office us
Organisat	ion or C	Club			Locat	ion and fu	ıll postcode		Office us
27. What	are the	three best	and three	e worst thi	ngs about	living in t	his area?		
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Please select the means of travel used for the longest part, by distance, of their usual journey to their

21. How do they travel to work/study?

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. Please return by post using the pre-paid envelope provided. If you have any queries about the questionnaire or the survey, please telephone the Research Group on 01223 715308.



Dear Resident,

# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE & FENLAND NEW ESTATES RESIDENTS SURVEY 2009

The County Council's Research Group is conducting a series of surveys of new developments and estates. These will give us a "snapshot" of the profile of these new communities and help providers of local services such as public transport, health and education plan for a growing population. For example, knowing how many people commute to work and where they go, is useful information for ensuring bus services meet actual requirements. The information you provide will also help us learn lessons when planning for any future developments.

As residents of new developments in East Cambridgeshire and Fenland, we value your views and would be grateful if you would take the time to complete this questionnaire on behalf of your household. It is entirely confidential, but feel free to leave out any questions you do not wish to answer. Please submit your replies in the **pre-paid envelope provided**, one per household, by **Friday 30th October 2009**, (RES 1203, Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP).

All respondents are eligible to enter a prize draw for a **£50 postal order**. If you would like to be included in the prize draw, please add your contact details to the tear-off strip at the bottom of this letter and return it with your completed form. The prize will go to the first name out of the hat after the closing date.

We will publish a summary of the results and what we hope to do in response to them, on the County Council website. If you have any queries please contact the Research Group at Cambridgeshire County Council on **01223 715308** or e-mail research.group@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Phone/email:

Trevor Baker Research Manager (Consultation)

If you would like to be included in the prize draw, please add your contact details to the tearoff strip below and return with your form. The prize will go to the first name out of the hat after the 24th December 2009 closing date.

East Cambridgeshire and Fenland Residents Survey 2009  Name:  Address  Postcode	_	after the 24th December 2009 closing date.	
Address	~	East Cambridgeshire and Fenland Residents Survey 2009	
		Name:	
Postcode		Address	
		·	_ Postcode

# **About the Cambridgeshire County Council Research Group**

The Research Group is the central research and information section of Cambridgeshire County Council. We use a variety of information about the people and economy of Cambridgeshire to help plan services for the county. The Research Group also supports a range of other partner agencies and partnerships.

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- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Employers database
- Consultations and Surveys
- Crime and Community Safety
- Current Staff Consultations
- Economy and The Labour Market
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- Housing
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