

PULHAM ST MARY

1. Settlement characteristics

The main village is located centrally within the parish. To the north there is an isolated cluster of development at North Green with three outliers to the south at South Green, Station Road and Garlic Street.

The main village has developed in a linear form east-west with development also being located on limbs both north and south along North Green Road, Station Road and Mill Lane. The ribbon of local authority housing on Norwich Road reinforces the linear form at the western end of the village. More recent development has introduced estates notably at Goldsmith Way/Bond Close off Poppy's Lane and Chestnut Road off North Green Road.

In the centre of the village the grounds of 'The Grange' form a large undeveloped area, which adds to the open character of the village. This has been designated as an area 'not to be developed' under policy IMP 3. In addition, to the north of The Street, the churchyard offers an attractive area, elevated above road level and fronted by trees/hedges.

The village has a good range of facilities, including a village hall, filling station, post office and shop. These are supplemented by facilities available in nearby Pulham Market. The village has the benefit of mains sewerage.

Policies and proposals (see Inset Map 43)

2. Development Limit

The Development Limit has been drawn around the existing built-up area to prevent the further extension of development into the surrounding open countryside. The Limit excludes the churchyard and the grounds of The Grange. The latter is an important open space within the village, the character of which should be retained. These two areas give the central part of the village a green character and are part of a larger Conservation Area.

Development in line with policy HOU 6 will be permitted within the Development Limit. Outside of the Limit, development will only be permitted in line with the circumstances set out in policy ENV 8 and other more specific Local Plan policies where appropriate.

3. Conservation Area

The village contains a variety of historic buildings making an important contribution to its character. This is complemented by the adjacent river and the river meadows to the south. The village and the river meadows are designated as a Conservation Area.

4. Community facilities

The site at Pennoyer's School, Norwich Road is now redundant as a school. Its location in the centre of the village makes it suitable for some form of community use for the village. Access will need to be retained to School House.

Policy PUL 1: Community uses, former school site, Norwich Road, Pulham St Mary

The former school site in Norwich Road is allocated for community facilities to serve the village.