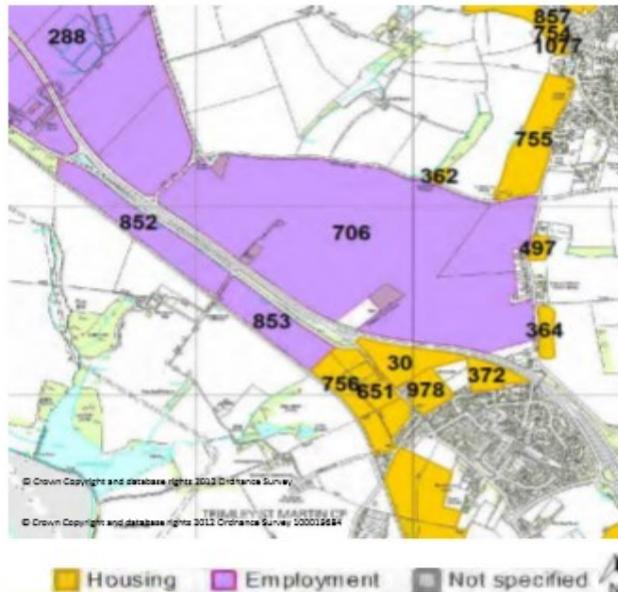
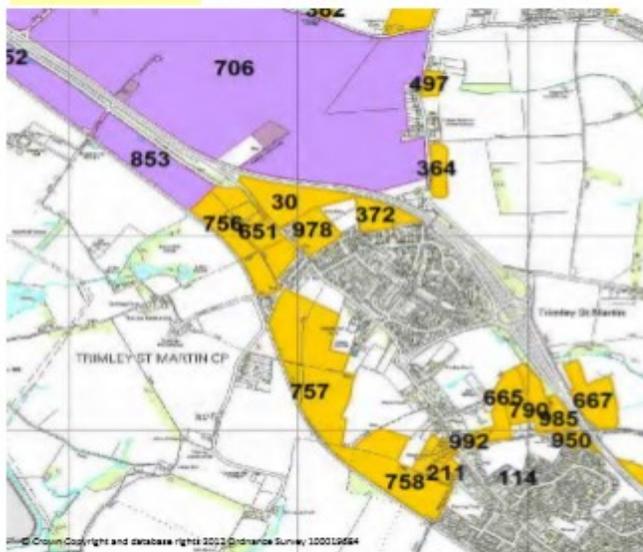


Potential land for development

Trimley St Martin (North- housing & employment)



Trimley St Martin (South- housing & employment)



The Parish Pump

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Help Plan the future of the District

Suffolk Coastal District Council is reviewing its Local Plan. They have published an Issues and Options document which is now out for public consultation until Monday 30th October. There is a link to the document on the Parish Council website or go straight to: <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/local-plans/suffolk-coastal-local-plan/local-plan-review/help-plan-the-future-of-the-district/>

The Issues and Options document considers what level of growth should be planned for until 2036, and asks where that growth should go. Many sites have been suggested as potential locations for development; not all of these will be chosen and everyone has the opportunity to look at what has been put forward and make comments. You can find out more at one of the District Council's public exhibitions. The two nearest of these will be at Felixstowe Town Hall on Monday 18 September from 16.00 to 19.30 and at Kirton Recreation Ground Pavilion on Monday 2 October from 16.00 to 19.30.

A map of the sites which sites have been put forward in Trimley St Martin is included on the back page of this newsletter.

The Parish Council will be discussing its response to the Issues and Options document at a Planning Committee meeting in October. The date and time of this meeting will be published on the website and on the noticeboard outside the Memorial Hall. As we expected, Innocence Farm is being put forward as a possible site for port related use and we are working with neighbouring parishes to co-ordinate the response on this site.

A Neighbourhood Plan?

On the previous page we reported on the District Council's review of the Local Plan. It is possible to create a similar sort of plan at neighbourhood level. Neighbourhood plans are about giving the community the power to shape the development and growth of their parish. They can help people to get the right types of development for their community, but they are **not** a way of fighting the local plan as their aims must be in line with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

A neighbourhood plan cannot stop development, but it can enable the community to identify where development should be carried out and to say what sort of development is needed in a parish. For example, residents might identify a need for things like extra affordable housing, land for small business use, additional allotments, more footpaths or cycleways.

The process is a lengthy one - the average seems to be about two years - and it can be costly. Most important of all it needs a very strong commitment from the community and lots of volunteers to carry the process forward and contribute energy, enthusiasm and skills.

You can read more about neighbourhood planning online; the Suffolk Coastal District Council website is a good place to start <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/preparing-a-neighbourhood-plan/>

If you would like the Parish Council to explore the possibility of developing a neighbourhood plan for Trimley St Martin please let the Parish Clerk know by Friday 20 October. If you have access to email please send a message to the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@trimley-st-martin.org.uk with "Neighbourhood Plan" in the subject line and include your name and address in the body of the message. If you do not have access to email please contact the Parish Clerk by telephone on 01394 448844.

Email Newsletter

Would you like your Parish Council newsletter to be delivered by email? Email is a great way to communicate: fast, efficient and with the opportunity to follow links or respond to any consultation with ease. It is a great environmental solution too with far fewer resources needed than for a paper equivalent. The Parish Council understands that not everyone has access to email and will not stop issuing paper copies to anyone who would like them, but if you would be happy to receive your newsletter by email in future we would like to hear from you. All you need to do at this stage is send an email to the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@trimley-st-martin.org.uk with the word "Newsletter" in the subject line and your name and address in the body of the message.

Network Rail - Update

The Public Enquiry into the level crossing closure order has been fixed to start at 10am on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at Ipswich Town Football Club. Before then Network Rail may start on some works to the track. They already have permission covering these particular works so they do not have to wait until after the enquiry. Representatives of Network Rail will come along to the October meeting of the Parish Council to explain what will be happening so please come along to find out more.

Land North of Heathfields

Scott Residential intend to apply for planning permission to build 58 bungalows, suitable for people later in life, on land north of Heathfields. The Parish Council cannot comment on the proposals in advance, but have agreed to a request from Scott Residential to speak at the October meeting; residents are welcome to attend to hear what they have in mind.

Earlier Start Time for October Meeting

The October meeting will start at the earlier time of 7.00p.m. to allow time for Network Rail and Scott Residential to make their presentations.