



21 - CALDECOTT

1. INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

- 1.1 This Strategy Statement considers the history and issues of particular relevance to Caldecott and must be read in conjunction with the general policies and proposals.
- 1.2 Caldecott is located close to the A45 and shares a Parish with Chelveston, ½ mile to the north. The main framework of the village consists of four farms, including Duchy Farm to the west and Top Farm to the south-east. Caldecott was recorded in the Domesday Book as Caldecote. The Church of St John the Baptist, located between the two villages, dates from the mid 13th Century with main building work taking place in the 14th Century and the 17th Century. RAF Chelveston is located to the east of the village. Today, the base is a communications centre and also contains a housing estate occupied by American servicemen.
- 1.3 In the Parish of Chelveston cum Caldecott there are seven entries on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest, four are within Caldecott. Trees near the church are the subject of a Preservation Order.
- 1.4 In 1991 the population of Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish was 547 (this figure includes servicemen living at RAF Chelveston). The dwelling stock was 203, which includes 22 dwellings owned by the District Council, all of them within Chelveston village. The mid 1995 estimates are a population of 554 and a dwelling stock of 206.
- 1.5 The village is served by mains drainage and gas, and is visited by a variety of mobile services. A bus service operates to Rushden and Raunds.

2. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

- 2.1 The general form and character of the village is such that it is considered unable to accommodate significant development without affecting that character, or the village setting. Caldecott is therefore categorised as a Restricted Infill settlement in policy H10.
- 2.2 Land is not allocated for housing or employment on the Inset Proposals Map and development will not be permitted on the area designated as Important Open Land. During the Plan period some new housing may be permitted. This will need to be within the confines of the village and must satisfy the criteria set out in policy H12. Schemes for affordable housing may be allowed beyond the confines of the village, provided the criteria set out in policy H16 are satisfied.
- 2.3 Small scale business, general industrial and tourism developments located within the confines of the village may be permitted, provided the criteria set out in policy EMP11 are satisfied. There are existing Business and Storage and Distribution uses at Poplars's Farm. The size and nature of Caldecott means that little scope now remains for further commercial development within the terms of policy EMP11. The provision of recreation and community facilities will be supported by the District Council, within the terms of policy RL1.

