

ASSINGTON DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT

BACKGROUND

Assington is a village set on the outskirts of Suffolk within the district of Babergh, 4 miles south east of Sudbury. Assington is set outside of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a short walk from the Nature Reserve of Spouse's Vale and Arger Fen. To the west of the village is an ancient woodland. The village currently has a population of approximately 500. Assington is a village of 1120 hectares. Complete with a village hall and a church on the site of St Edmunds. The demographic of residents of Assington include a range of aged individuals from 0-90 years old with the majority being aged between 45 & 59 years old. An area with low unemployment.

HEALTHCARE

GP/Optician and dentist connections nearby would be within Nayland and Sudbury offering full services.

EDUCATION

Great Waldingfield VC Primary School, Pot Kiln Primary School, Wells Hall Community School, Boxford VC Primary School and Nayland Primary School are all within close proximity. Nearby in the town of Sudbury there is a secondary school/college catering for children aged 11-18.

BUSINESS

Assington has a number of small business's offerings within the local village without having to leave the village itself.

Assington Autos (scrap metal dealers)

Riverwood Aquatics

No Duff Beauty & Aesthetics

Jules Flowers

AMENITY

The village of Assington has two offerings of food, drink and offering a place to socialize. These are all found within the Street running off the A134 road between Colchester and Sudbury:

Assington Farm Shop and Tea Rooms

Shoulder of Mutton – pub/restaurant

Post Office

Village Hall

Playing Fields

HOUSING

There are approximately 173 household spaces in Assington made up of a combination of 89 detached, 54 semi detached and 27 terraced housing offering housing for all types of people. The houses within Assington are predominantly two storey and are owned by either mortgage or outright. Only few are social or private rented.

HERITAGE

There are a number of English Heritage sites near to the parish of Assington. These include:

Lindsey St James Chapel (5 miles from Assington centre) – A thatched 13th century chapel with lancet windows.

Lexden earthworks and bluebottle grove (8 miles from Assington Centre) – This is a series of late Iron Age defences protecting the western side of the Camulodunum (pre roman Colchester).

The local church is St Edmund King & Martyr, Assington – built of flint and dressed stone.

Assington Mill – located in the southern end of the village in an attractive small valley location It still has been restored waterwheel.

Assington Workhouse

TRANSPORT

Assington is served from Monday to Saturday by buses between Sudbury and Colchester. The nearest railway station is Bures approximately 3 miles from Assington. Hourly trains to and from Marks Tey which offers links to London or Norwich.

Assington has currently got a bus service to Brandon, Thetford, Bury St Edmunds and West Suffolk Hospital, Kenton, Framlingham and Woodbridge. Sole Bay Community Bus Ipswich Town Centre, Whitehouse, Asda. Whitton, Castle Hill Chantry, Copdock Tesco. Colchester, Boxted, Dedham, Fordham and Bures. Stowmarket, Haughley, Bacton, Eye and Diss. Haverhill, Kedington and Hundon. Norwich, Poringland, Bungay and Halesworth. Beccles, Thurston and Norwich

Looking at the current census it is apparent the majority of individuals living in Assington have at least one car but there are a number that do not have a car at all and it would be considered that they would use public transport to get around.

There are a number of Public Footpaths shown within a map with access to outside of the village.

REVIEW OF INFORMATION

My client is looking to construct 2 No. new bungalows on a site off Barrack Road, Assington. Having analysed the information I have found I would say there is a need for bungalows. The housing within Assington is predominantly 2 storey housing. With a relatively high elderly population and a percentage of people with health conditions population to the area it would be ideal to create bungalows as they offer the most flexible accommodation for both families, the elderly and those that are suffering with Long term health issues. To allow these people to stay within the village and not have to move outside of the area. The area has access to local amenities inclusive of doctors, dentists, opticians, education and transport connections. It is also very important to create a design that is in keeping with the local street scene and to provide minimal impact on the local neighbouring community due to the heritage of the village of Assington.