

**Key Service Villages (which are called ‘Key Service Centres’ in the East of England Plan)**

The Key Service Villages are defined as large villages with a 'good level of services', including primary schools, primary health care facilities, convenience shopping facilities, local employment , frequent public transport to higher order settlements and easy access by public transport to secondary schools.

- Coggeshall
- Earls Colne
- Hatfield Peverel
- Kelvedon
- Sible Hedingham
- Silver End

One other parish is included for comparison due to the size of population, Great Notley Garden Village.

Key service villages and larger parishes within Braintree District.

Parish	Sible Hedingham	Coggeshall	Earls Colne	Hatfield Peverel	Kelvedon	Silver End	Great Notley
<b>Population</b>	Approx. 3861 (ONS estimate) Parish Council estimates actual figure of 3997 rising to approx. 4600 post Premdor development	3919 Defined as a 'Small Market Town'	3389	4384 (2001)	3485	3741 (2001) this may have reduced according to Silver End PC	4815 (2001) Currently estimated at approx. 5500
<b>Average property price</b>	£221,013	£263,004	£226,880	£284,945	£284,420	£161,156	£267,869
<b>Public Transport</b>	Hourly weekday service to Braintree via Halstead, no return in evening. Irregular services to Colchester & Sudbury, no evening return. Limited Saturday service. No evening, Sunday or BH service. Current SHPC business plan for service to Sudbury can be read at <a href="http://www.essexinfo.net/siblehedingham/assets/documents/bus-service-business-case">http://www.essexinfo.net/siblehedingham/assets/documents/bus-service-business-case</a>	Regular commuter bus service operating to/from Colchester including weekends and evenings. Many of the working population commute to London using the mainline railway from Kelvedon and this is served by a community bus service morning and evening.	Comprehensive regular commuter bus service between Halstead & Colchester including weekends and evenings with access to mainline railway. One service per week to Bury St Edmunds	Comprehensive commuter bus service including evening and weekends to Colchester & Chelmsford with easy access to mainline railway. Also regular bus service to Maldon and irregular service to Witham & South Woodham Ferrers.	Regular comprehensive commuter bus services to Colchester, Chelmsford and Witham including evenings & weekends with access to mainline railway services including own railway station.	Comprehensive commuter bus service between Witham & Braintree including evenings and Saturdays with access to mainline railway	Comprehensive commuter service to Braintree with access to mainline railway as part of Circular bus service with multiple stops in the parish including supermarket & skyline120 business park.

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<b>Recreation &amp; Leisure</b>	No formal community sports & leisure facilities. One pub; village social club; 2 daytime cafes. No evening dining establishments	Sport & leisure facilities at Honeywood school used by the community outside school hours. Wide variety of pubs and restaurants and a hotel	Community recreation club offering a wide variety of indoor and outdoor sports & recreation <a href="http://www.EarlsColnerecreationclub.co.uk/">http://www.EarlsColnerecreationclub.co.uk/</a> . Privately run Essex golf and country club provides leisure facilities inc. Swimming pool <a href="http://www.theclubcompany.com/clubs/the-essex/">http://www.theclubcompany.com/clubs/the-essex/</a> . There are a variety of pubs, hotels and restaurants. Marks Hall country park is privately owned offering a range of activities. Heritage centre.	No formal community leisure & sports facilities. Restaurant and 7 pubs also offering food	Kelvedon dance studio. A wide variety of pubs, restaurants and b&bs	No formal sport & leisure facilities. Largest village hall in the UK	Great Notley country park covers approx 100 acres and provides car parking, cafe, visitor centre and recreation facilities. Discovery & leisure centre including sports pitches and all weather surface. Pub which serves food. Easy access to facilities in west Braintree including Freeport restaurants, sports & leisure facilities and cinema
<b>Retail</b>	Small convenience co-op food store offering limited choice, a small number of local shops, launderette, two petrol stations and a number of takeaways	Co-op food store currently looking to expand, extensive range of independent shops (approx. 20) and a weekly market.	Co-op food store and a wide variety of small shops situated in the village centre	Co-op food store and a variety of independent shops and businesses including 3 food shops & 2 pharmacies	Co-op food store and a variety of small independent shops	Co-op food store and shops housed in the department store, few independent shops and a charity shop. <a href="http://www.Braintree.gov.uk/nr/rdonlyres/b837480a">http://www.Braintree.gov.uk/nr/rdonlyres/b837480a</a>	Large Tesco supermarket and a small number of independent local shops <a href="http://www.countryside-properties-corporate.com/case-studies-sustainable-communities/great-notley-garden-village-Braintree/10376">http://www.countryside-properties-corporate.com/case-studies-sustainable-communities/great-notley-garden-village-Braintree/10376</a>
<b>Major/ notable employers</b>	Hedingham school. In addition to retail units there are a number of small employers located on Everitt Way & Rippers Court site and in other locations outside the village centre.	Honeywood school. Multiple units at Priors Way Industrial Estate. Garden centres	A good mix of businesses within the village & on the Airfield business park including Essex Air Ambulance, Baxters Soups, Cammack, HSE	Advocacy Essex	A variety of local employers including Boots pharmacy, Ridgeons, and at Threshfolds: DEFRA, Environment Agency, May Gurney, RCCE	None	Large number of major employers located at Skyline120 Business Park
<b>Healthcare</b>	GP practice located in ground floor of traditional village house on High Street with 2 WTE GPs	2 GPs in purpose built modern building, optometrist, 2 dentists and a variety of other health services and practitioners	4 GP practice surgery in a modern building	Modern purpose built surgery with 8 GP practice and a variety of other health practitioners. Dentist	2 GP surgery plus 4 GPs based at Kelvedon & Feering Health Centre. Opticians and a variety of other practitioners	3 GP surgery in modern building	Doctors' surgery housed in purpose built building within the village centre, linked to Little Waltham surgery. Dentist.

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<b>Car parks</b>	1	1	1	Public car park on High Street and car park at railway station	1	?	2
<b>Education</b>	Primary & secondary school	Primary & secondary school	Primary school. Easy access to secondary education in Halstead or Coggeshall	Primary school, easy access to local secondary schools	Primary school, secondary education provided at nearby Honeywood School (Coggeshall)	Primary school, easy access to secondary schools in Witham	Primary & secondary school (Notley High)
<b>Stat allotments</b>	0	3 sites	1 site located at the airfield with 73 plots	Large allotment site	1 site which has recently been increased in size due to demand	2 sites	0
<b>Business centres</b>	Enterprise House is in a poor state and currently sublet by BDC. No availability	Griggs Business Centre is a new small private development of spacious offices <a href="http://griggs.co/gallery.html">Http://griggs.co/gallery.html</a> Priors Way Industrial Estate	Earls Colne Business Park is a modern purpose built business park located at the airfield <a href="http://www.ecbp.co.uk/">http://www.ecbp.co.uk/</a> Currently no availability	Whitelands Business Centre - no details available. Population mainly commutes	Threshelfords business park offering a range of bespoke two storey barn style office units with excellent parking facilities. <a href="http://www.threshelfords.co.uk/index.htm">Http://www.threshelfords.co.uk/index.htm</a>	Industrial estate	500000 sq ft business park Skyline120 provides a range of office, commercial and light industrial space designed for local business and multinationals looking to relocate <a href="http://www.skyline120.com">http://www.skyline120.com</a>