

THRUXTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

'OBJECTIVES ' CONSULTATION

We had 132 responses to the Objectives questionnaire - about 50%. This was very good indeed and it is encouraging that parishioners are taking such an interest in what we are trying to achieve. Thank you.

Feedback on Comments Received

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who provided comments on their forms. It was very helpful. The comments have been recorded in full and are available for you to view in the Hall today.

We thought a few of the comments needed responses from us.

In some areas it was clear that the terms we used in the questionnaire were too technical and we hadn't explained them properly. Hopefully the information here will help resolve that.

We also thought that there was a need to explain the Steering Group a little more, and hopefully we have done that too.

If you have ANY questions about the Neighbourhood Plan or what we are trying to achieve, please speak to anyone on the Steering Group in the Hall today.

Proposed Objective:

- **‘To ensure that new housing meets the criteria for “Lifetime Homes Standard” or equivalent.**

Clarification:

- Lifetime Homes Standard - *‘Lifetime Homes’ are ‘ordinary homes designed to incorporate a number of design criteria that can be universally applied to new homes at minimal cost. Each design feature adds to the comfort and convenience of the home and supports the changing needs of individuals and families at different stages of life. Lifetime Homes are all about flexibility and adaptability; they are not ‘special’, but are thoughtfully designed to create and encourage better living environments for everyone. From raising small children to coping with illness or dealing with reduced mobility in later life, Lifetime Homes make the ups and downs of daily living easier to manage.’*

Proposed Objective:

- **Ensure that any “Planning Gain’ from all developments (CIL/s106 monies) and any other investment that accrues from future schemes is maximized for the benefit of the parish.**

Clarification:

- *‘Planning Gain’ - ‘Provision by a developer to include in a proposal projects beneficial to a community in exchange for permission for a commercially promising but potentially unacceptable development. The **planning gains** or conditions may include contribution to costs of infrastructure or provision of facilities.’*
- *CIL – A **Community Infrastructure Levy** is a planning charge introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver **infrastructure** to support the development of their area. It came into force on 6 April 2010 through the **Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010**.*
- *S106 monies – Under **S106** of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended, contributions can be sought from developers towards the costs of providing community and social infrastructure, the need for which has arisen as a result of a new development taking place. This **funding** is commonly known as ‘**Section 106**’.*

Proposed Objective:

- **To identify existing assets that could be protected under the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012.**

Clarification:

- *Asset of Community Value – ‘A building or land in your council’s area can be listed as an **asset of community value** if: current primary use of the building/land or use of the building/land in the recent past furthers the social well-being or social interests (cultural, recreational, or sporting interests) of the local **community**.’*

The Steering Group

Whilst we had many comments thanking the group for the work they are doing, a number of comments were received that made us concerned that there was some confusion about who is doing this work and how they were 'selected'.

The Steering Group is an advisory group to the PC. The SG is subject to and reports to the Parish Council, and a verbal report/update is presented to the PC each month. Minutes are prepared after our meetings and are posted on the village website. The names of all members are set out on each set of minutes.

There are 10 of us on the Steering Group. All volunteered at the public meeting held by the Parish Council to start the Neighbourhood Plan process early last year.

All SG members live in the Parish, most work, some are retired. Some are new to the parish, others have been here for decades. Our ages range over about 40 years. The one thing we all have in common is that we are doing our best to create a plan for the future that will represent the views of the parish. None of us have experience in planning – but we are learning quickly. It is probably fair to say that most of us won't be in a hurry to do more in the future!

Each member of the SG has had to complete a declaration of interests and the SG is subject to comprehensive terms of reference.

A couple of comments suggested that the SG was the preserve of 'selected' members. That is not the case – we are here because we volunteered to do the work. We are quite a long way into the process now, but of anyone wishing to join us would be very welcome.

Another comment was that any reviews of the plan undertaken in the future 'doesn't have to be [carried out by] the same people'. That will almost certainly be the case: most of us will be happy to hand over the project to new volunteers once this process is complete, and a call for help will go out at that stage.

Steering Group Membership

Kate Phillipson (Chair) – Thruxton Village
Louisa Chamberlain (Sec) – Thruxton Village
Bill Brewer (Treasurer) – Thruxton Village
Steve Counsell – Thruxton Village
Sarah Fanthorpe-Green – Thruxton Village
Alan Leslie – Thruxton Down
Mike Windsor (Parish Councillor) – Thruxton Village
John Davis (Parish Councillor) – Thruxton Village
Simon Watson – Thruxton Village
Liz Watson - Thruxton Village

Thank You

The Steering Group would like to say a particular 'Thank You' for the help we have received from:

John Mackenzie - as always John has been great. The Thruxton Times has been invaluable as a way of communicating with the Parish, and John has managed the distribution of the extra paperwork (questionnaires/flyers etc.) on our behalf.

The Thruxton Times Distribution Team – Thank you all so much for your efforts! We would really be struggling to get the paperwork out without you. We are particularly grateful for your help when the weight of your 'round' is really increased with the bigger questionnaires.

Charles Milner-Williams (P.C Chairman) and the Parish Council - for help, guidance and funding. We have kept the costs low (you haven't seen much glossy advertising from us!!) but these things still cost a lot – especially where we need expert help.

We would also like to let parishioners know that the planning team at TVBC have been really helpful to us, as have Anton Visual (Printing) in Andover.