

# Thruxton Neighbourhood Development Plan

17 May 2018 Consultation Session – Photographs















**THRUXTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - LOCAL GREEN SPACE**  
 CONSULTATION  
 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017, THRUXTON VILLAGE HALL

**Local Green Space Designation**

The National Planning Framework, published in 2012, introduced a new Local Green Space designation to protect local green areas of particular importance to local communities. It can be used to identify areas that are of value to them through local and neighbourhood plans.

Once a Green Space is formally designated, it is subject to strong development restrictions.

Local Green Spaces can only be designated when a neighbourhood plan (or local plan) is being produced. That is why we need your input now!

**The Criteria**

To be designated as Local Green Space, certain criteria have to be (objectively) met. The area/site must be:

- **in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves**
- **distinctly special to a local community** (for some of the following criteria must be met):
  - **Beauty** - visual attractiveness and special character (by landscape, character and/or setting) of the landscape is important contribution to the physical form and layout of the settlement.
  - **Historical Significance** - the land should provide setting for, and allow recovery of, historic features or other locally valued landmarks.
  - **Recreational Value** - the land can be used for recreation, perhaps through the variety of recreational opportunities, and be of value to the community.
  - **Accessibility** - some sites may have an existing 'straggling field' character, which can provide an oasis of calm and a space for quiet reflection.
  - **Richness of wildlife** - This might include the nature of its habitat. It may require some objective evidence such as designation as a wildlife site or local nature reserve.
- **Local in character** - not an extension of farmland.
  - The extent must be appropriate to the size and population of the settlement. The extent would normally be well contained with clearly defined edges. Formal designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate. There is no restriction on the size of the site.
  - We have asked that rural sites in Thruxton Down as the setting for such would be regarded as an extension of farmland. It is open countryside though, and we have been told that any building there would be exceptional - such as something for farm workers etc. Normal open market development would not be allowed in the event of a fire etc.

**Thruxton Parish - The Process**

- We carried out a Parish survey last year. This included a question about areas that parishioners thought should be protected.
- The steering group have looked at all non built land in the Parish. They have considered the criteria. (Given in relation to the land that they have looked at and produced the list below you see today.
- At these sessions we are asking YOU to look at what we have suggested and tell us what you think. (Using the sticky pads). Do you Agree / Disagree? Tell us why. Do you see the landscape? Do you agree the areas at all? Do you get pleasure from it? What are you thinking about? Do you think that land is worth it? Should be available for development - regardless of anything else? All answers are fine (and anonymous) - and just need to have your thoughts on the website.
- Have we missed areas out? What have we forgotten? Let us know where you think could/should be considered for designation and why.
- The Steering Group will look at all of the responses and refine the drafts.

West Valley

**Legend**

- Thruxton Parish Boundary
- Test Valley Borough Boundary

Map Showing the Boundary of the Parish of Thruxton

- We are hoping to appoint an expert to look at what we have identified as suitable. This is important so that they have expertise and their objective opinion about whether a site is suitable for designation as Local Green Space will carry weight with the Inspector later on.
- The consultants will write up the final proposals in respect of Local Green Spaces that we would like to designate under the Neighbourhood plan.
- All of this will be in the final draft of the plan that all parishioners will be able to comment on. We will also update you in the Thruxton Times.

So, please, grab a sticky pad and a pen and tell us your thoughts on all of the identified sites on the sheets available (don't care! is fine too!).



