

## **CLARIFICATION OF SURVEY RESPONSES ABOUT SOLAR ENERGY at THRUXTON FETE 2016**

In the Parish Survey we asked

“Should the Neighbourhood Plan support land being made available for energy production?”.

One of the options was solar energy. A lot of respondents to the survey supported this but inconsistencies in the information provided, and the recent strong opposition to the proposed solar farm at Snoddington, made us wonder if the question was properly understood. This question is about whether we support what are known as solar farms (like the ones visible from the A303), NOT about solar panels on the roofs of houses.

Parish visitors to the annual Thruxton Fete 2016 were asked to indicate support for either of the statements below in the following way:

Please use the ‘post-its’ provided to indicate below whether you support LAND being made available for the production of solar energy in the Parish – please comment if you would like to.

I DO SUPPORT LAND BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR  
SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION.

I DO NOT SUPPORT LAND BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR SOLAR  
ENERGY PRODUCTION

Results of both the answers to the initial survey questions and to the Fete questions above were discussed during the Meeting of the Thruxton Neighbourhood Development Steering Group in August 2017. Whilst

discussing the development of economic policies for the NDP, the possibility of drafting a renewable energy policy was discussed. Solar farms were discussed in particular due to answers to the initial Parishioners Survey and further questioning of a consultation exercise done during the Village Fete. On the basis of no clear direction from the survey and follow up from Parishioner consultation at the Village Fete (an almost 50:50 split on questionnaire and follow up questioning on support for solar farm development in the Parish) and the views expressed in other Policies, it was agreed that no specific policy would be formulated for this area.