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Examiner

Thruxton Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Ms O'Rourke

Thruxton Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Thank you for your letter clarifying several procedural matters relating to the examination of the above plan. We note that you are satisfied with the examination documentation and that you have not identified any significant and obvious flaws that would lead you to advise that the examination should not proceed. We also note that you consider that the examination can be dealt with by written representations and without the need for a hearing.

You have raised 5 questions to TVBC and a further 10 for the Qualifying Body. The QB will respond to you directly and the Councils response is as follows:

Questions to Test Valley Borough Council:

1. Please confirm the date of submission of the Plan, in accordance with Regulation 15, to TVBC.

Response: The date of submission of the plan is 19th January 2019

2. Please confirm the dates of the first Regulation 16 public consultation. The Consultation Statement refers to this commencing in February 2019 but does not give the full dates of the first 6 weeks period.

Response: The Regulation 16 consultation ran from 6th February 2019 to 20th March 2019.

3. Please clarify for me why the TVBC think the NP should have a 15 year time horizon, to 2034, when paragraph 1.4 explains that it looks ahead to 2029 to coincide with the plan period of the Test Valley Local Plan, and advice in the PPG is that 'neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 10, 15, 20 years ...' (PPG Reference ID: 41-003-20190509).

Response: Thank to for identifying this element of the councils response which is not in conformity with the PPG. We now confirm that it is appropriate for the Neighbourhood plan period to coincide with that of the Local Plan of 2029.

4. The Plan at paragraph 5.27 refers to the Test Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy. The Strategy is dated July 2014 and covers the period 2014-2019. Has it been updated?

Response: We confirm that the July 2014 strategy is the up to date strategy.

5. Representations made by Orchard Homes and Developments Ltd, in respect of the Basic Conditions Statement, refer to various indicators in TVBC's ward profile for Thruxton, more particularly house prices and affordability. I would appreciate if I could be provided with a copy of the most recent ward profile.

Response: Thruxton sits within Bellinger Ward, and the Ward Profiles do not go into the detail of house prices. The Parish Profile does contain information about house prices and affordability, and has been appended to the end of this letter. The profile was last updated in 2016, and are currently being updated to take into account boundary changes to a number of parishes within the Borough. The Parish Profile can also be found at Document 11 in the NP evidence base.

I hope this information is helpful and we look forward to receiving your draft report in due course. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

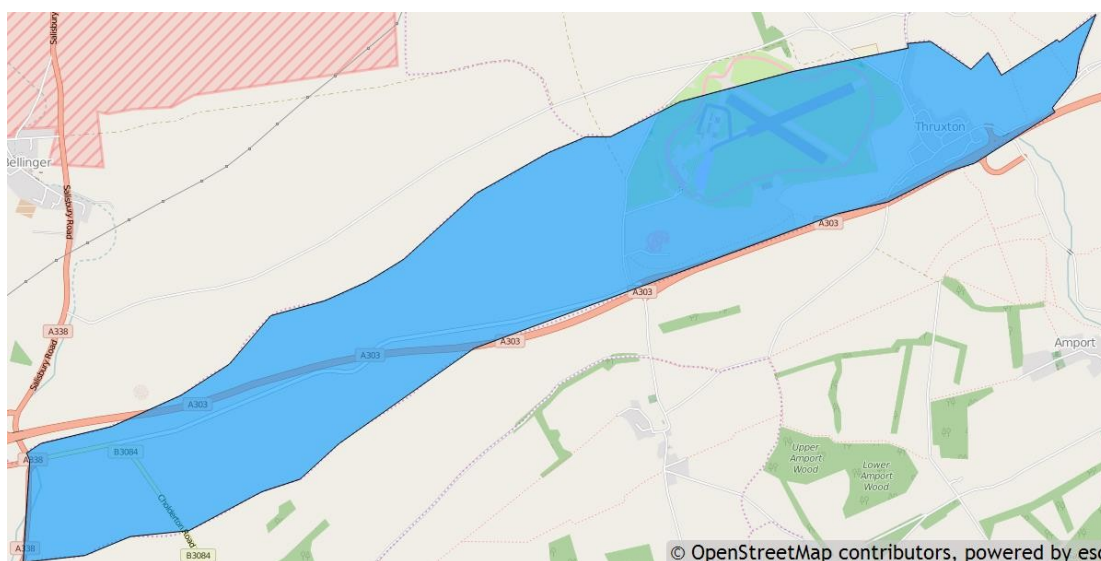
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Thruxton parish profile

This profile provides a summary of the latest available information on the demographic make-up of the Thruxton parish within Test Valley. It looks at the population structure and provides economic, housing and educational information for the parish.

Thruxton is one of the 59 parishes in Test Valley. It has an area of 633 hectares which represents 1.0% of the total area of Test Valley.



Elected representatives

Hampshire County Councillor Cllr Zilliah Brooks	Test Valley Borough Councillors Cllr Phil Lashbrook Cllr Pam Mutton
Thruxton Parish Council Chairman Cllr Charles Milner-Williams	Thruxton Parish Council Clerk Ms. Heather Bournier

Residents

The estimated 2016 population of Thruxton parish is 634. This is expected to fall slightly by 2021 to 631 (a fall of 0.5%).

Thruxton's resident population is 52.4% female and 47.6% male.

Young people (0-19) currently make up 16.6% of Thruxton's population; this is expected to rise slightly to 16.8% by 2021.

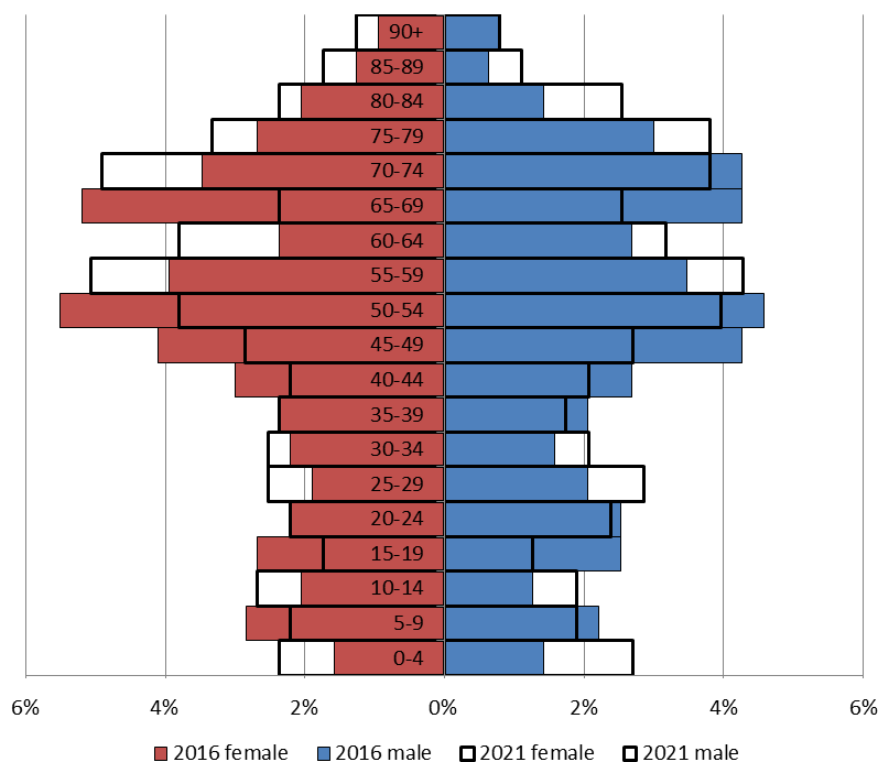
Young adults (20-39) currently make up 16.9% of the parish's population; this is expected to rise to 18.7% by 2021.

Middle aged residents (40-64) currently account for 36.6% of Thruxton's population; this is expected to fall to 33.9% by 2021.

Those **aged 65 and over** make up 30.0% of the parish's population; this is expected to rise slightly to 30.6% by 2021.

Those **aged 85 and over** currently represent 3.6% of the population; this is expected to rise to 4.9% by 2021.

Age of parish population



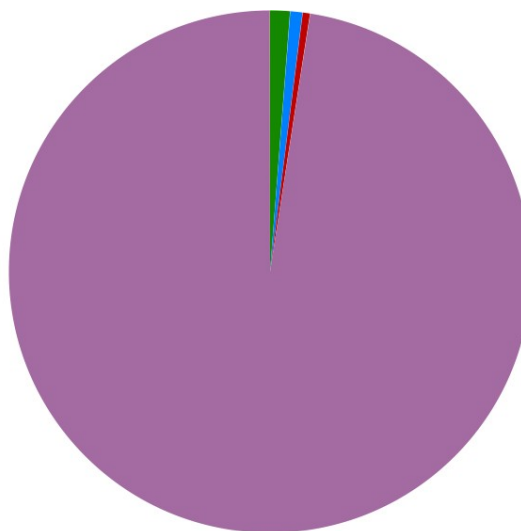
Ethnicity

The largest ethnic group in Thruxton is “White” at 97.5% of the parish's population.. That compares with a figure of 95.9% for Test Valley as a whole and 95.0% for Hampshire.

The second largest ethnic group (1.2%) is “Asian/Asian British”. That compares with 2.0% for the Test Valley as a whole and 2.7% for Hampshire.

Residents by ethnicity (count)

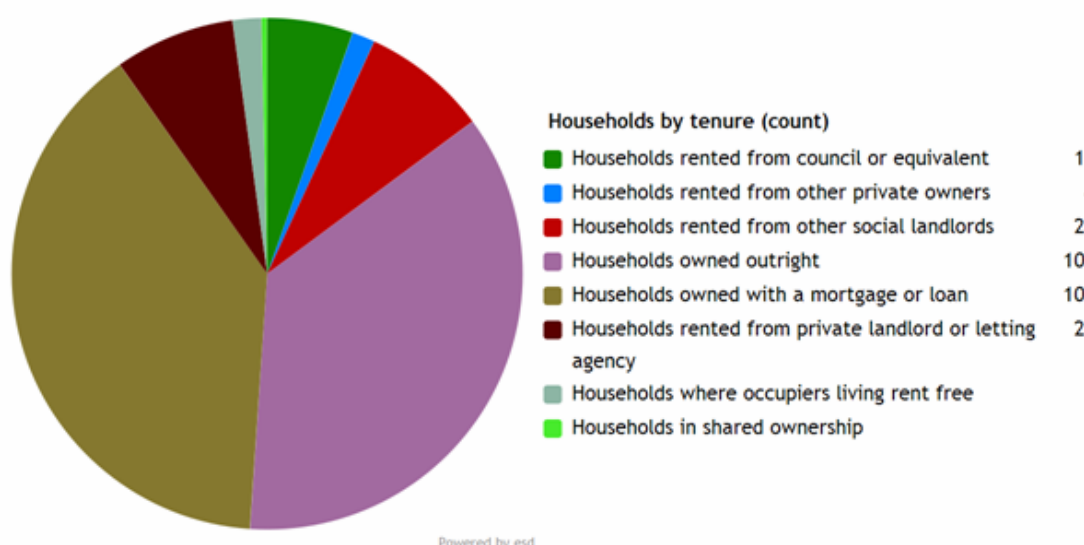
Residents who are Asian/Asian British	8
Residents who are Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	5
Residents who are Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	3
Residents who are White	634
Residents who are Other ethnic group	0



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Households

Thruxton parish has **276 households**, which represent 0.6% of Test Valley's 47,626 households. The household split by tenure is shown below (tenure refers to the financial arrangements under which a home is occupied).

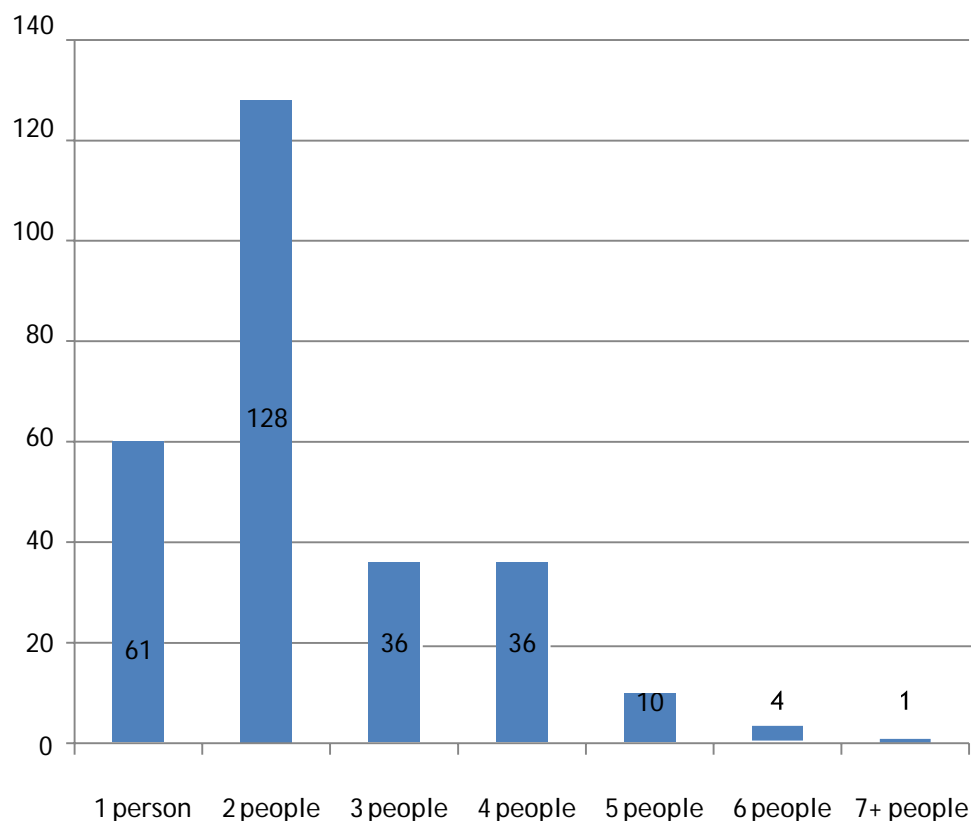


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The majority of properties (75.4%) are **owned by those who live in them**. This is higher than the Test Valley average of 70.4%.

9.1% of Thruxton households are **privately rented**, and 13.4% are **socially rented**. This compares to 12.9% and 14.4% respectively across Test Valley.

Households by number of residents



46.4% of Thruxton's households are occupied by two people, and 22.1% by one person. 31.5% of the parish's households are occupied by more than two people.

Thruxton has 26 households with **dependent children aged 0 to 4**. That represents 9.42% of the Parish's households.

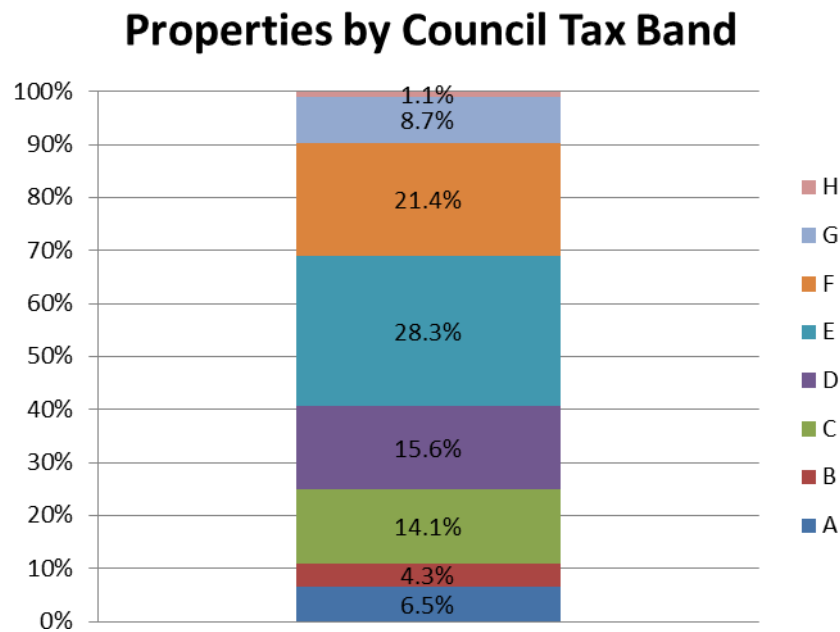
76 households in the Parish have **dependent children of all ages**. That represents 27.54% of the Parish's households.

House prices

According to Zoopla, the average house price in Thruxton (as of March 2016) is **£411,698**. This has increased by 20.4% in the last five years.

It is estimated that **38.2% of households in north rural Test Valley cannot afford to buy a private property**. The north rural area includes the wards of Penton Bellinger, Amport, Anna, Bourne Valley, Harewood, and Over Wallop.

Council Tax Bands



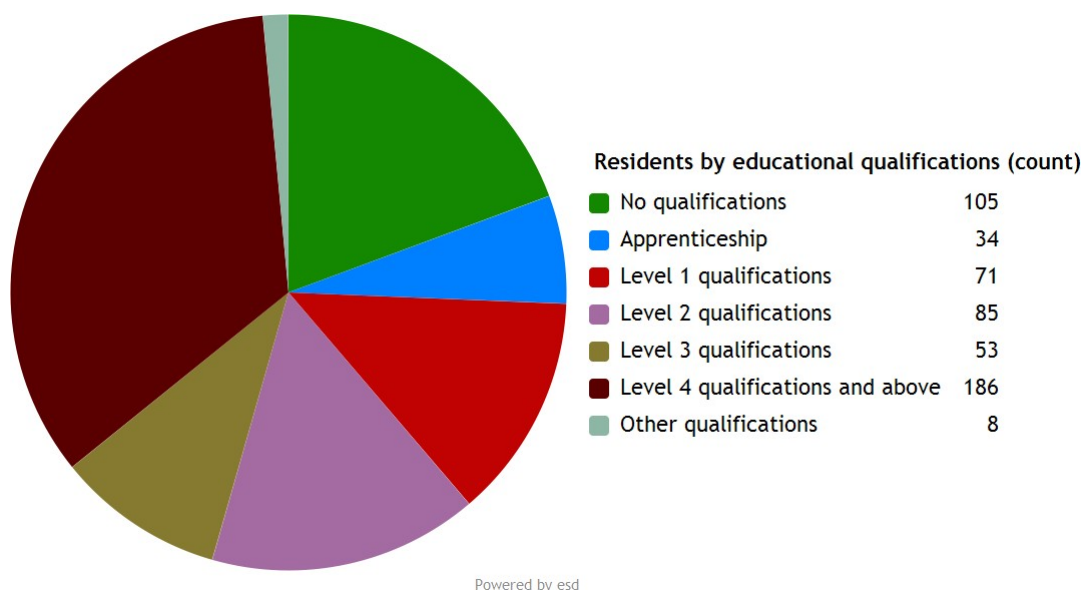
10.8% of Thruxton properties are at the **lower** end of the property market (Bands A and B). This compares to 22.2% for Test Valley as a whole.

58.0% of the parish's properties are in the **middle** range of the property market (Bands C to E). This compares to 60.8% across the whole borough.

31.2% of Thruxton's properties are at the **higher** end of the property market (Bands F to H). This compares to 17.1% of all Test Valley properties.

Education

28.6% of Thruxton's residents have achieved **level 4 qualifications** and above compared to 30.5% in Test Valley as a whole. 16.2% of Thruxton's residents have **no qualifications** compared, to 18.4% in Test Valley.



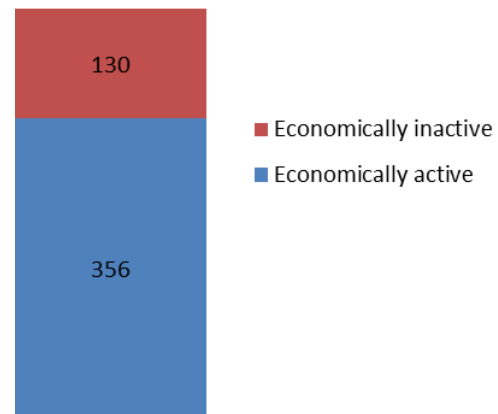
No qualifications	No academic or professional qualifications.
Level 1	1+O level passes, 1+CSE/GCSE any grades, NVQ level 1, Basic/Essential skills, NVQ Level 1.
Level 2	5+O level passes, 5+GCSEs (grades A*-C), 1 A level, 2-3 AS levels, City and Guilds Craft, NVQ level 2.
Level 3	2+A levels, Higher School certificate, NVQ level 3, City and Guilds Advanced Craft, BTEC National.
Level 4/5	Degree (e.g. BA, BSc) higher degree (e.g. MA, PhD, PGCE), NVQ levels 4 and 5, qualified teacher, nurse or accountant status, BTEC Higher.
Other qualification	Level unknown, vocational/work-related qualifications, foreign qualifications.

Employment

73.3% of Thruxton residents aged 16-74 are **economically active**, compared to 73.4% of Test Valley residents. This includes people in full-, part- and self-employment, those who are actively seeking a job, and full-time students.

The remaining 26.7% of residents aged 16-74 are **economically inactive**, compared to 26.6% of Test Valley residents. This includes people who are retired, long-term sick or disabled, or who look after the home and family.

Economic activity (count)

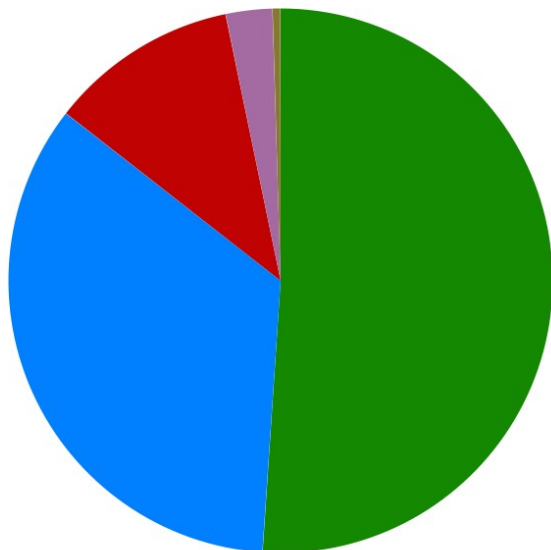


Health

Thruxton has 18 (2.8%) residents that report being in **bad health** and 3 (0.5%) residents that report being in **very bad health**.

Residents by level of health (count)

Very good health	332
Good health	224
Fair health	73
Bad health	18
Very bad health	3



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Community plans

Thruxton has a **Village Design Statement**, which was adopted by Test Valley Borough Council in 2006 as Supplementary Planning Guidance. The advisory document aims to describe the distinctive character and history of the village and the surrounding countryside. It explains the landscape setting of the village, the shape of the settlement and the nature of the buildings, and can be found online:

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/workingwithcommunities/mylocalarea/penton-bellinger/thruxtonvds/>

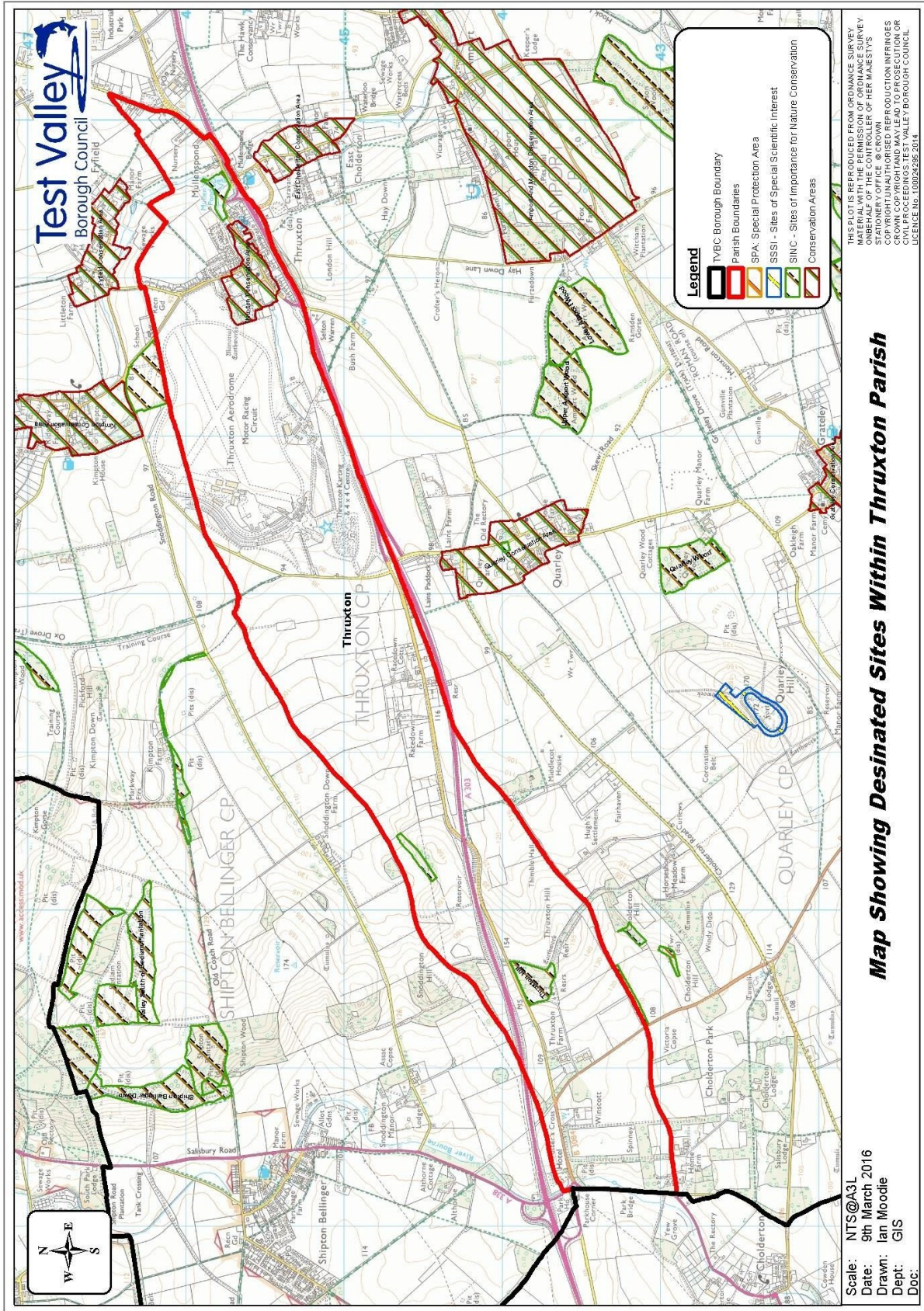
Details of any community planning exercises your parish is undertaking can be added here. Please get in touch with the Policy Team at the email address below and we will be more than happy to add information at your request.

Local facilities

Food stores	None
Other shops	None
Primary school	Kimpton Primary School
Secondary school	None
Health facilities	None
Leisure facilities	Thruxton Recreation Ground
Public houses	The George Inn
Community facilities	Thruxton Memorial Hall
Churches	St Peter's and St Paul's Church
Other facilities	Thruxton Race Circuit
Local recycling centres	The George Inn

Public and community transport

<p>Stagecoach 5</p> <p>This bus service runs between Thruxton and Andover.</p> <p>More information can be found online at http://www.travelinesw.com/swe/XSLT_TRIP_REQUEST2</p>	<p>Dial-a-Ride</p> <p>Dial-a-Ride provides weekly door-to-door transport. The service is available to anyone who has no access to, or experiences difficulty with using public bus services. The service takes residents into Andover or Romsey to access local amenities.</p> <p>More information can be found online at: http://www.tvcs.org.uk/dial-a-ride/</p>
<p>Wheels to Work</p> <p>Wheels to Work is a moped loan scheme and is designed for people who do not have access to public or private transport to get them to a job, vocational training or to attend interviews. A moped can be loaned for 3 to 12 months depending on circumstances. The scheme is aimed at people between the ages of 16-25.</p> <p>More information on the scheme can be found at: http://www3.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport/communitytransport/wheels-to-work.htm</p>	<p>Andover Neighbourcare</p> <p>A voluntary car scheme for the purpose of GP, Dental, Optician and Hospital appointments.</p> <p>For more information telephone 01794 388884 or email dgp100@btinternet.com</p> <p>More information can be found online at: http://www3.hants.gov.uk/community-transport/community-transport-detail?var_org_code=179&var_typecode=33&var_district</p> <p>Further community transport information for Test Valley can be found on Hampshire County Council's website: http://www3.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport/communitytransport/community-transport.htm</p>



Additional information

The information in this profile has been prepared by Test Valley Borough Council's Policy Team in Partnership with the Local Government Association. If you would like further information about a specific area or data set, please contact the Policy Team on 01264 368000 or policyteam@testvalley.gov.uk, and we will be happy to work with you to provide a more detailed profile.

This profile contains key information for you to use to contribute to the development of a Neighbourhood Plan or other community project. If you know of any additional information about the parish that may be of use (for example, information on local facilities) please get in touch and we will endeavor to work with you to add to or change the profile.

Please note that most of the data featured in this profile is taken from the 2011 Census, whilst the population data is taken from Hampshire County Council's 2016 Small Area Population Forecast. Therefore, there is some discrepancy in population figures.