

## **VIEWS POLICY RESEARCH**

Our initial Parish consultation survey indicated the importance held by Parishioners for the Parish to retain its “rural feel” in to the future. These comments from the community for the protection and future enjoyment of key areas and their associated views were considered and taken on board by the Steering Group and used to formulate Policy EN3.

Local Green Space Designation of some of these important places has been put forward as part of the NDP. Other important areas and views not suitable for Local Green Space (LGS) have been identified through Public Consultation e.g. May 2017 LGS designation consultation weekend and a written response request from Parishioners on what made their particular settlement within the Parish special to them. Further verbal and written comments given to the Steering Group from Parishioners have also been taken in to account in the development of the list of views deemed important and worthy of protection by this NDP.

The following is the list of views put forward for protection under EN3, and a brief reason as to why they are recognised as important by Parishioners:

1. View from footpath over Mullen’s Pond towards Thruxton village.

This footpath allows easy access for all Parishioners to the local countryside. The rural and open view from here is enjoyed by many local walkers and those from further afield, allowing the seasonal changes of the farmer’s fields, wooded areas and Mullen’s Pond with its wildlife to be enjoyed by many.

2. Entry to Thruxton Village from the east.

This view, for many Parishioners, is the start of the feeling of arriving “home” as they enter the peaceful village from the busy A303 or Amesbury Road. It is the view of the sheep in the fields gently rising from the banks of Mullen’s Pond to the brow of the hill, the site of the crops and the trees that trumpet the arrival of the gentle rurality that is Thruxton Village, nestled in to the valley that is special to so many of the community

3. View from footpath looking northwest towards Thruxton village.

This footpath provides easy access for all Parishioners to the local countryside, linking with other local footpaths to allow walks to neighbouring Parishes. The rural view is admired, allowing the seasonal changes of the farmer’s fields to be appreciated.

4. View from footpath looking south east towards Amesbury Road.

This footpath allows easy access for all Parishioners to the local countryside. The rural view is enjoyed, allowing the seasonal changes of the farmer’s fields and the flora and fauna of Mullen’s Pond to be enjoyed by many. The rural village can be seen snuggled in to the valley bottom surrounded by open countryside and wooded areas.

5. View from footpath towards Fyfield Church.

This footpath allows easy access for all Parishioners to the local countryside. The rural view is admired, allowing the seasonal changes of the farmer's fields, the winterbourne and old Fyfield Church to be enjoyed by many.

6. View south towards Quarley Hillfort from the old A303.

A timeless view of a distant focal point, steeped in ancient history is easily appreciated by all Parishioners and those visiting the area; this speaks for itself.

7. Looking towards Thruxton village from the east from Amesbury Road.

The first peek of open countryside and the rurality surrounding Thruxton Village on the drive from the urban conurbations of Andover and Weyhill is valued by many, and underlines the positive choice of Thruxton Parishioners to live in such a rural location.

8. Looking east from Thruxton Down.

Unimpeded views of open countryside from the road, unchanged for many years, are enjoyed by all and add to the rural feel so valued by Parishioners. This helps give the settlement of Thruxton Down its unique quality – a hamlet surrounded by active agriculture as has been enjoyed for centuries.

9. Entering Thruxton Down from the east.

Despite the wide and fast road that once was the old A303, the broad view of countryside and farmland straddling this road is a beautiful and an enjoyed surprise. The few houses of the settlement of Thruxton Down nestle in to the countryside and do not impede the glorious view of wide and open landscape. This allows stunning appreciations of glorious English open countryside.

10. Entering Thruxton Down from the west.

Again, and despite the wide and fast road that once was the old A303, the broad view of countryside and farmland straddling this road is a pleasant and enjoyed surprise. The few houses of the settlement of Thruxton Down nestle in to the countryside and do not impede the glorious 360' views. This allows stunning views of glorious English open countryside, doing what nature intended.

11. View of Snowdrop Field from Village Street.

This view of the Snowdrop Field is accessible to all from Village Street. It is a beautiful and much appreciated view of the seasonal changes of nature allowed to flourish in this field, alongside a wide and sheltered stretch of Pillhill Brook. Many locals stop to enjoy this view of private land, whether on foot or by car.

12. View of Manor House Field from Church Lane.

This rural view of the Scheduled Monument complements the verdant peace of this corner of the Conservation Area, encapsulating the Grade I Listed Church, Listed Manor House, Rectory, Manor Cottage and winterbourne. This area is viewed and enjoyed by all on the walking circuit around the central "island" heart of the Village.

13. View across Village Green.

This is the iconic view of the Village, held dear by all Parishioners. This represents the heart of the traditional Hampshire Village, accessible by all as an open space available for relaxation, leisure activity or to just drink in the view.

14. View down Village Street from the west

This view has altered little over hundreds of years – the winterbourne to the left and the listed buildings to the right. Old paintings and photographs of this part of the Village evidence this historic preservation over the passage of time and this view contributes to the feel of the Conservation Area and heart of this rural village.

15. View down Village Street from the east.

Similarly, this view is both familiar and imparts the character of Thruxton held dear by Parishioners. The mixture of historic built and environmental features come together at this confluence of road and winterbourne, and is a much appreciated view of the Village.