

THRUXTON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

You will recall that in November we asked for your views on a 'Vision' for Thruxton Parish Neighbourhood Plan. That has now been agreed as

‘Thruxton Parish will preserve and enhance the diverse landscape and heritage that are manifest in its rural feel and character; a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy living in a safe, friendly and tranquil community.’

We now need to identify specific 'Objectives' to deliver this vision. The following draft Objectives form the basis of what we wish to achieve within the NDP for our parish. The Objectives will form a framework for the future of the parish, and look to respond to local issues identified by the community of Thruxton Parish (in the survey we carried out last spring).

The draft Objectives are grouped into themes and will be used to develop policies which will form the basis of the plan. The themes are heritage, environment, infrastructure, housing, economy and community. Our objectives are deliberately specific, as the Steering Group wanted to be clear about what we are trying to achieve. It may all seem very bureaucratic (it is) but we have to do it for the NDP to be meaningful and stand scrutiny.

We **have** to consult on this, and we need as many people as possible to feedback on our ideas about what we want to achieve with the plan. Other suggestions are welcome - either detailed or more generally. This is a Parish NDP and all are entitled to have their say. **We are planning to follow up with sessions in the Village Hall in early May 2017 to address feedback from this exercise, and to ask your views about any areas of green space we should seek to protect under the plan. Please watch the Thruxton Times/Website/Facebook for details.**

How to Respond

Step 1 – Make a cup of tea when you have a spare 20 minutes or so.

Step 2 – Sit down and go through the attached sheets. Please talk to your family as well – we all live here and we want to know what you think. 'Don't care' is as valid a comment as any other and may influence our approach.

Step 3 – **Before the 19th March 2017**, take/send the completed forms to

1. Any member of the Parish Council (contact details on village website),
2. David Griffiths (Thruxton Farm) and Alan Leslie (Thruxton Down)
3. Put the forms in the drop box on the Hall railings (from 4th March) or in the porch at **15 Beech Close, Thruxton** (RHS, 2nd from end, glass porch).

OR

4. **Have them ready for collection on Sunday 12th March** by a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Please do support us by completing the forms. Thank you. *The Steering Group.*