

## **Basic Conditions Statement**



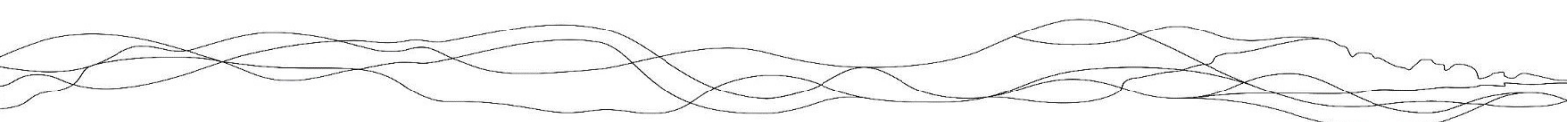
**Thruxton Parish Council**

**October 2018**

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared by the South Downs National Park Consultancy Services on behalf of Thruxton Parish Council. It accompanies the Thruxton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2029 that has been submitted to Test Valley Borough Council.
- 1.2 The purpose of this statement is to demonstrate that the Thruxton NDP meets the legal requirements for a Neighbourhood Plan and the four basic conditions as set out in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as applied to Neighbourhood Development Plans by section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).
- 1.3 The four basic conditions are:
- *having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the neighbourhood development plan,*
  - *the making of the neighbourhood development plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,*
  - *the making of the neighbourhood development plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority (or any part of that area),*
  - *the making of the neighbourhood development plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations.*
- 1.4 The Statement confirms that:
- The legal compliance requirements have been met (section 3);
  - The NDP has had due regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State (section 4);
  - The NDP contributes to sustainable development (section 5);
  - The NDP is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in Test Valley Borough Council's Adopted Local Plan 2011-2029 (section 6);
  - The NDP does not breach and is otherwise compatible with EU obligations, and that its making is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects (section 7).

## **2.0 Background**

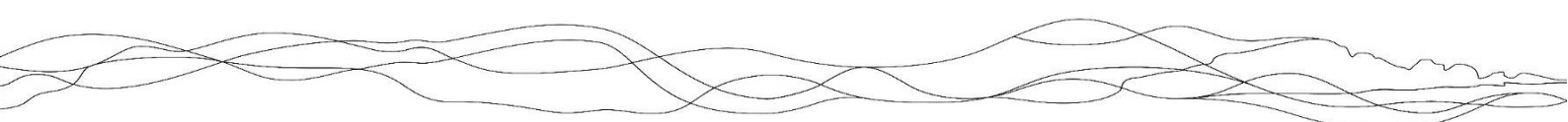
- 2.1 Work began on the Thruxton NDP in 2016 with the formation of a steering group made up of local residents and Parish Councillors.
- 2.2 The key motivations for preparing the NDP was to ensure that the Parish Council, with support from the community, was able to retain influence over the future development of the parish. Importantly, the Steering Group was keen to create a plan that is a 'Parishioners Plan' reflecting what the community had told them in a way that meets the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan process.
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- 2.2 The NDP has been prepared to be in general conformity with the relevant development plan policies. The Test Valley Revised Local Plan (2011-2029) was adopted by the Borough Council in January 2016 and includes strategic policies and a number of allocations as well as development management policies. Hampshire County Council's Minerals and Waste Plan 2013 is also part of the Development Plan and contains planning policies for minerals and waste development in Hampshire. This plan does not contain any policies directly relevant to the Thruxton NDP.
- 2.3 A screening opinion request was made to Test Valley Borough Council as to whether Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)/Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) were required. Test Valley Borough Council confirmed, following consultation with Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England, that Thruxton NDP would not be likely to have significant environmental effects. With regards to the Habitats Regulations Assessment and whether an Appropriate Assessment is required, the Council concluded that the proposed Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on European designations. This is supported by the response from Natural England. Further details with respect to this are set out in section 7 of this document.

### **3.0 Legal Compliance Requirements**

- 3.1 The NDP relates to the area that was designated by Test Valley Borough Council as a Neighbourhood Area on 10 May 2015. The NDP relates only to this Area. No other Neighbourhood Development Plan has or is being made for the Area.
- 3.2 Thruxton Parish Council is the qualifying body.
- 3.3 The NDP is a plan which sets out policies in relation to the development and use of land in the Neighbourhood Area and which has been prepared in accordance with the statutory provisions.
- 3.4 The NDP specifies the period for which it is to have effect, which is 2018-2029.
- 3.5 The NDP does not include provision about development that is excluded development, such as mineral and waste matters, nationally significant infrastructure projects or other prescribed development under section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

### **4.0 Conformity with National Policies and Guidance**

- 4.1 National planning policy is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The original NPPF was published in March 2012. It was replaced in July 2018 by a revised and updated version. Paragraph 214 of the revised NPPF provides that the policies in the previous Framework will apply for the purpose of examining plans, where those plans are submitted on or before 24 January 2019. It is envisaged that the Thruxton NDP will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority by this date. Accordingly, this Basic Conditions Statement confirms that it is appropriate to make the NDP having regard to the policies of the March 2012 Framework. All references in the main text to NPPF paragraph numbers are to the March
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2012 Framework.

- 4.2 This NDP has been prepared with the policies and guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) at its core.
- 4.3 The NPPF sets out more specific guidance on neighbourhood plans at paragraphs 183 to 185:
- NPPF paragraph 183 gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and deliver the sustainable development they need. Thruxton Parish Council has used its neighbourhood planning powers to develop a vision for the Neighbourhood Area and to set planning policies in the NDP.
  - In relation to NPPF paragraph 184, the NDP is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Adopted Test Valley Local Plan 2011-2029.2 The NDP reflects the strategic policies and positively supports them. The general conformity of the NDP with the strategic policies of the Adopted Local Plan is set out in more detail in section 5 below.
  - In line with NPPF paragraph 185, the NDP shapes and direct sustainable development in the Neighbourhood Area, through the provision of a balanced set of objectives and policies which deal with social, economic and environmental matters.
- 4.5 Set out below are the policies contained within the Thruxton Submission NDP, cross referenced to national policies and guidance, to demonstrate how they have had regard to this. It should be noted that the table below is not exhaustive and there may be other cross-references that are not included in the table below:

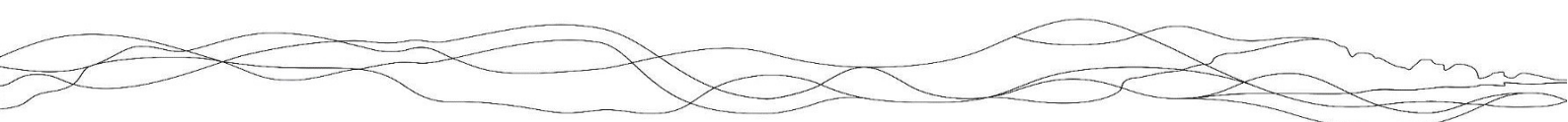
**Table 1: Conformity with National Policies and Guidance**

Policy No.	Policy Title	National policies and guidance	
		References	Comments on conformity In line with adjacent NPPF Policies:
Policy EN1	Landscape and Character of Thruxton Parish	NPPF paras 7, 17, 109, 113, 125	This policy seeks to ensure the rural character of the parish and the open chalk landscape is conserved and enhanced, recognizing its intrinsic character
Policy EN2	Settlement Character and Separation	NPPF paras, 17, 50, 53, 55,	This policy seeks to promote sustainable development in rural areas, ensuring the distinctive settlement pattern of dispersed small villages and hamlets is retained to protect the parish's rural and landscape character.

Policy EN3	Protecting Views	NPPF paras 7, 17, 99, 113	This policy seeks to protect the most important views of the surrounding chalk downland landscape and heritage of the parish to ensure the character and sense of place of the parish is retained.
Policy EN4	Biodiversity	NPPF paras 7, 9, 109, 113, 114, 117, 118	There are a number of priority habitats and designated Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in the parish. This policy seeks to conserve and enhance these.
Policy EN5	Pillhill Brook	NPPF paras 99, 109, 110, 113, 117, 118, 126, 132, 135, 137, 141	The Pillhill Brook is a tributary of the River Test, a complex chalk river system of international biodiversity importance. The Brook is a valued and distinctive natural feature within the parish. The NDP policy seeks to protect its distinctive character and biodiversity.
Policy EN6	Trees and hedgerows	NPPF paras 109, 113, 114, 119	Trees and hedgerows play an important visual, amenity, ecological and heritage role within the parish. This policy seeks to ensure trees and hedgerows of value are conserved and enhanced and that any new planting comprises native species appropriate to the character of Thruxton.
Policy EN7	Green Infrastructure	NPPF paras 109, 117	This policy seeks to maintain the existing green infrastructure networks in the parish as well as creating and strengthening new green networks that also improve access to the countryside.
Policy EN8	Local Green Space	NPPF paras 7, 76, 77, 78	This policy protects Local Green Spaces that comply with NPPF criteria and are demonstrably special to the community.

Policy EN9	Pollution	NPPF paras 7,17,123, 124, 125,126, 132, 135, 137	Air and noise pollution from the A303 are issues in the Parish as well as light pollution and pollution to watercourses. This policy seeks to address this.
Policy EN10	Flood Risk	NPPF paras 94, 99, 100, 103	There are a number of flooding issues in the parish and this policy seeks appropriate flood management measures, including Sustainable Drainage Systems.
Policy H1	Conservation Area	NPPF paras 7, 126, 129, 131, 132, 133, 134 , 135, 136	This policy seeks to conserve and enhance the locally distinctive features of the Thruxton Conservation Area that give it its special character and appearance.
Policy H2	Archaeology	NPPF paras 17, 7, 126, 128, 129, 131, 135, 139, 141	This policy seeks to protect the important undesignated archaeology within the parish and enhance its appreciation and understanding by the public, where appropriate.
Policy H3	Parish Heritage Assets	NPPF paras 7, 17, 126, 128, 129, 131, 135	A number of buildings and features which are of local heritage value to the community are protected by this policy.
Policy HD1	New Residential Development	NPPF Paras 7, 17, 48, 50, 54, 55, 58	This policy seeks to positively plan for the housing needs of the parish within the framework of the Adopted Local Plan. As explained in the supporting text to NDP Policy HD1, Thruxton is identified as a Rural Village in the Adopted Local Plan settlement hierarchy. This policy supports and endorses the strategic approach to the location and nature of development by supporting development within the settlement boundary.

Policy HD2	Replacement dwellings, extensions and annexes	NPPF paras 48, 50	The main settlement of Thruxton has a limited stock of smaller properties. This policy seeks to readdress this balance by ensuring the retention of smaller and more affordable accommodation.
Policy HD3	Sub-division of residential gardens	NPPF paras 17, 53, 58	This policy seeks to protect the low-density character of Thruxton and ensure that new development provides a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of new housing development.
Policy HD4	Design	NPPF paras 9,17,47, 56, 57, 58, 69, 64, 66	This policy ensures that new development proposals are of high-quality design. The policy incorporates reference to the design principles of the Thruxton Village Design Statement providing locally-relevant design guidance.
Policy HD5	Outdoor Space	NPPF paras 17, 53, 58, 70	This policy seeks to retain the low density rural character of Thruxton so that new development provides a good quality garden or amenity space for all existing and future occupants of new housing development.
Policy HD6	Off-Street Parking	NPPF paras 29, 32, 39	The narrow lanes of the parish cannot accommodate additional on road parking. This creates difficulties for resident in some areas. This policy seeks to ensure that all new development provides sufficient resident and visitor car parking spaces.





Policy HD6	Supporting Independent Living and Sheltered Housing	NPPF paras 9,47,50, 54	Thrupton has an ageing population and this policy seeks to ensure that those that wish to remain in the village can do so through the provision of suitable accommodation that meets their specific needs.
Policy HD7	Rural Exception Housing for Local People	NPPF paras 47, 50, 54, 55	This policy seeks to plan positively for the housing needs of the parish by allowing some residential development on unallocated sites. Given the size and character of the Thrupton village and the other settlement in the parish and the relative unsustainable nature of the locality these should be small scale.
Policy CI01	Protection of existing community facilities	NPPF paras 7,17, 28, 69, 70,	The existing community facilities in the parish are highly valued and provide an important social role to the sustainability of the area. This policy seeks to protect existing facilities or permit an alternative to be provided if the need clearly outweighs the loss.
Policy CI02	Provision of new community facilities	NPPF paras 7,17,28 69, 70	This policy encourages the creation of new community facilities to maintain the sustainability of the parish.
Policy CI03	Developer Contribution to infrastructure	NPPF paras 7,31,41	This policy seeks to ensure development proposals are supported by necessary and appropriate infrastructure and that any development contributions secured in the parish are guided towards projects identified in the NDP.
Policy CI04	Improved Pedestrian and Travel to School Safety	NPPF paras 9, 69,	This policy seeks to improve pedestrian safety for those travelling to school to create a safe and accessible environment for the health and well-being of the community.



Policy CI05	Increased Access Points and Traffic	NPPF paras 9,17, 69	There are concerns regarding the number of access points in specific parts of the village as well as the amount of traffic. This policy seeks to ensure that new development does not exacerbate these issues.
Policy CI06	Connected Countryside	NPPF paras 17, 73, 75	This policy seeks to improve the health and well-being of the community by improving access to the countryside.
Policy EC1	Thruxton Airfield	NPPF paras 7,9,17, 28	Thruxton Airfield is the main focus of economic activity in the parish and makes a significant contribution to the local economy and employment opportunities. This policy seeks to promote a strong economy by recognising the importance of motor sports and aviation to the parish and to ensure that this valued employment site is retained.

## 5.0 Contribution to Sustainable Development

5.1. Sustainable development is defined as ‘development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own need’. It is about ensuring better quality of life for everyone, now and for generations to come. In doing so, social, environmental and economic issues and challenges should be considered in an integrated and balanced way.

5.2. The NPPF states the Government’s intentions with regards to sustainable development, in particular the need for the planning system to perform a number of roles:

**ECONOMIC ROLE** – contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land and the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure.

**SOCIAL ROLE** – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of the present and future generations; and by creating a high quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ROLE** – contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and

historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy.

- 5.3 The Vision, objectives and policies of the NDP have these three roles at their heart:

### **Economic**

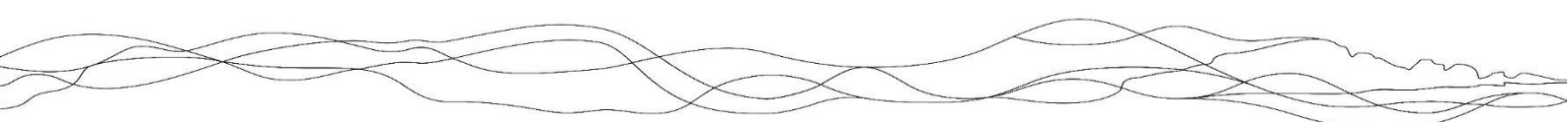
- 5.4 The parish contains a variety of industrial, storage and business uses as well as areas of agricultural activity. These uses are an important part of the local economy and provide the opportunity for people to work in the local area. The Thruxton Neighbourhood Plan has two specific economic objectives. These are promoting a strong economy by maintaining and enhancing, where possible, existing employment uses.
- 5.5 The key employment area is Thruxton Airfield and Industrial Estate which currently contains 17 businesses with a particular focus on vehicle repair, engineering, motorsports and aviation. There are also a number of homeworkers that either work from or run small businesses from their home. Most of the agricultural activity is based on Thruxton Down. The Test Valley Local Plan contains a range of policies relating to the use and re-use of employment premises. These are therefore not repeated in Neighbourhood Plan to avoid duplication as they will apply to any relevant planning applications. Instead the Thruxton NDP aims to recognise the importance of motor sports and aviation to the parish both at a local level and national level and contains a policy specific to the Thruxton Airfield site.

### **Social**

- 5.5 Thruxton Parish, especially the village, has a strong community spirit with many community events running throughout the year. However, the parish has a relatively limited range of community facilities. The risk of losing these is therefore a key consideration of the Thruxton NDP.
- 5.6 The social objectives include: supporting small scale residential development within the settlement boundary where it meets the need for smaller homes; ensuring that new development provides an appropriate mix of housing which meet the needs of the community, including the ageing population; seeking improvements to infrastructure; protecting and where possible enhancing existing community and recreational facilities; and pursuing improvements to public/pedestrian safety.
- 5.7 The plan also through some of its environmental objectives seeks to protect the distinctive character of the parish aiding a sense of place and fostering community identity. The NDP, in addition, designates and protects Local Green Spaces which provide visual amenity and recreational value and also safeguards public rights of way which contribute to health and well-being.

### **Environmental**

- 5.8 The first part of the Vision of the NDP is that by 2029 the diverse landscape and heritage of



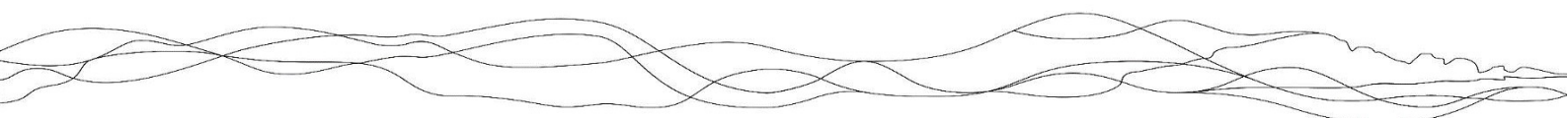
the Parish will have been conserved and enhanced. Its rural feel and character will remain. Key objectives include: seeking to preserve the open chalk landscape and key views; conserving a sense of remoteness and tranquility; retaining the distinctive settlement pattern; protecting flora, wildlife habitats and biodiversity, including Pilhill Brook and looking at opportunities for wetland creation; protecting important areas of open space and designating Local Green Spaces; protecting trees and hedgerows and promoting native planting; and mitigating the impacts of air, noise and water pollution; providing for the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets and requiring proposals to be of a high quality design.

- 5.9 Other NDP policies support the environmental role indirectly. Policies addressing the social role help to protect important open spaces for formal and informal recreation. Policies addressing the economic role support the continued delivery of goods and services locally, reducing the need to travel.

### **Contribution to Sustainable Development**

- 5.10 There is no specific legal requirement within the Regulations for Neighbourhood Development Plans to undertake their own Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and in this instance one has not been prepared following a screening opinion from the Test Valley Borough Council that Strategic Environmental Assessment was not required.
- 5.11 The Submission NDP sets out a clear sustainable framework for future development within the Parish. The plan has been prepared with the sustainability issues affecting the village being a central consideration as the decision making process of the Steering Group has involved considering a range of options for inclusion in the NDP and incorporating the most sustainable ones.
- 5.12 The matrix below identifies which roles of sustainable development each policy contributes towards or detracts from.

Strong positive contribution	++
Positive contribution	+
Neutral contribution	/
Negative contribution	-
Strong negative contribution	--



**Table 2- Contribution to Sustainable Development**

Policy No.	Policy Title	Economic	Social	Environmental
Policy EN1	Landscape and Character of Thruxton Parish	-	++	++
Policy EN2	Settlement Character and Separation	-	+	+
Policy EN3	Protecting Views	-	++	++
Policy EN4	Biodiversity	-	+	++
Policy EN5	Phillhill Brook	-	+	++
Policy EN6	Trees and Hedgerows	-	+	++
Policy EN7	Green Infrastructure	-	+	++
Policy EN8	Local Green Spaces	-	+	+
Policy EN9	Pollution	-	++	++
Policy EN10	Flood Risk	-	+	+
Policy H1	Conservation Area	-	++	++
Policy H2	Archaeology	-	+	++
Policy H3	Parish Heritage Assets	-	+	++
Policy HD1	New Residential Development	++	++	-
Policy HD2	Replacement Dwellings, Extensions and Annexes	+	+	/
Policy HD3	Sub-division of Residential Gardens	/	+	++
Policy HD4	Design	/	++	++
Policy HD5	Outdoor Space	/	++	++
Policy HD6	Off Street Parking	/	+	+
Policy HD7	Independent living and Sheltered Housing	+	++	/
Policy HD8	Rural Exception Housing for Local People	+	++	-
Policy CI01	Protection of Existing Community Facilities	/	++	/
Policy CI02	Provision of New Community Facilities	+	++	/
Policy CI03	Developer Contributions to Infrastructure	+	++	/

Policy CI04	Improved Pedestrian and Travel to School Safety	/	++	+
Policy CI05	Increased Access Points and Traffic	/	+	+
Policy CI06	Connected Countryside	+	++	++
Policy EC1	Thruxton Airfield	++	+	+

## 6.0 General Conformity with the Strategic Policies in the Development Plan

6.1 The Neighbourhood Plan needs to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan. As the Parish is located within Test Valley Borough the development plan consists of:

- The Test Valley Revised Local Plan (2011-2029). The Local Plan was adopted by the Borough Council in January 2016 and includes strategic policies and a number of allocations as well as development management policies. This NDP has had due regard to relevant policies and evidence supporting the Test Valley Local Plan.
- The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan 2013. This Plan contains planning policy for minerals and waste development in Hampshire and therefore is not of direct relevance to the Thruxton NDP.

6.2 When considering whether a policy is in general conformity a qualifying body, independent examiner, or local planning authority, should consider the following:

- whether the neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal supports and upholds the general principle that the strategic policy is concerned with;
- the degree, if any, of conflict between the draft neighbourhood plan policy and the strategic policy;
- whether the draft neighbourhood plan policy or development proposal provides an additional level of detail and/or a distinct local approach to that set out in the strategic policy without undermining that policy;
- the rationale for the approach taken in the draft neighbourhood plan and the evidence to justify that approach.

6.3 Paragraph 156 of the National Planning Policy Framework sets out the strategic matters which local planning authorities are expected to include policies in their Local Plans. Strategic policies aim to deliver:

- the homes and jobs needed in the area;
- the provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development;
- the provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);
- the provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities; and

- climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.

6.4 The table below explains how the Thruxton NDP is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Test Valley Local Plan 2011-2019. The strategic policies are identified in Annex A to the Adopted Local Plan. The NDP also supports the delivery of other non-strategic adopted Local Plan Policies. Table 3 explains how each of the NDP's policies align with the strategic and other policies of the Local Plan. :

**Table 3 - General Conformity with Strategic Development Plan Policies**

Thruxton Neighbourhood Plan		Test Valley Local Plan (TVLP)	
Policy No.	Policy Title	References	Comments on conformity
Policy EN1	Landscape and Character of Thruxton Parish	TVLP policy E2 – Protect, Conserve and Enhance the Landscape Character of the Borough	This policy sets out how development proposals will be expected to conserve and enhance landscape character in Thruxton Parish. It confirms and adds local detail on the importance of protecting the open chalk downland.
Policy EN2	Settlement Character and Separation	TVLP Policy E2: Protect, Conserve and Enhance the Landscape Character of the Borough, COM2: Settlement Hierarchy and Inset Map*	This policy seeks to preserve the locally distinctive settlement pattern of the parish which is a key feature of the landscape and its historical development. The policy is also in general conformity with strategic policy COM2: Settlement Hierarchy and Inset Map which sets out the settlement boundary for Thruxton village.
Policy EN3	Protecting Views	TVLP Policy E2: Protect, Conserve and Enhance the Landscape Character of the Borough and E1: High Quality Development in the Borough	This policy adds local detail by identifying which views in the Parish are important and contribute to an appreciation of the landscape, character and heritage of the Parish and therefore should be protected.
Policy EN4	Biodiversity	TVLP Policy E5 Biodiversity	This policy is in general conformity with Policy E5. It adds detail on local wildlife habitats that should be protected.

Policy EN5	Phillhill Brook	TVLP Policy E5: Biodiversity and E7 Water Management	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policies relating to Biodiversity and Water Management, highlighting the importance of Phillhill Brook to the Parish.
Policy EN6	Trees and Hedgerows	TVLP Policy E2: Protect, Conserve and Enhance the Landscape Character of the Borough	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policies E2 and E6 relating to protecting local landscape character and biodiversity.
Policy EN7	Green Infrastructure	TVLP Policy E6: Green Infrastructure and T1 Managing Movement	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy E6. It also highlights the importance of improving access to the countryside as part of green infrastructure improvements. This was an important issue raised by the local community.
Policy EN8	Local Green Spaces	TVLP Policy E2: Protect, Conserve and Enhance the Landscape Character of the Borough, E6: Green Infrastructure and LHWI: Public Open Space	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policies E2, E6 and LHWI. It identifies Local Green Spaces that are valued by the local community, setting criteria for their protection and identifying the exceptional circumstances where development will be permitted.
Policy EN9	Pollution	TVLP Policy E8; pollution	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy E8. It adds detail by setting out what the key pollution sources and issues are in the Parish and ways of mitigating impacts.
Policy EN10	Flood Risk	TVLP Policy E7: Water Management	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy E7. It helps implement the strategic policy by identifying where flooding is a particular issue in the Parish.



Policy H1	Conservation Area	TVLP Policy E9: Heritage	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy E9. It supports the implementation of the policy, by identifying what are the important local features and open spaces that should be protected as well as providing guidance on locally distinctive design and materials.
Policy H2	Archaeology	TVLP Policy E9: Heritage	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy E9. It highlights the importance of the Parish's archaeology, encouraging the appreciation and understanding of this, where possible.
Policy H3	Parish Heritage Assets	TVLP Policy E9: Heritage	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy E9. This policy adds local detail by identifying Parish heritage assets that are important to the community.
Policy HD1	New Residential Development	TVLP COM2 Settlement Hierarchy and Inset Map 21	This policy supports and endorses the strategic approach to the location and nature of development set out in the TVLP COM2: Settlement Hierarchy and Inset Map 21 which identifies Thruxton as a Rural Village where the scale of development is limited.
Policy HD2	Replacement Dwellings, Extensions and Annexes	TVLP COM2 Settlement Hierarchy and Table 7 and Inset Map 21  TVLP COM11 and 12 in relation to the replacement and extension of dwellings in the countryside	This policy seeks to meet specific local requirements and needs while still being in general conformity with Strategic Policies COM2, COM11 and COM12.

Policy HD3	Sub-division of Residential Gardens	TVLP E1- High Quality Development in the Borough TVLP E2- Protect, Conserve and Enhance the Landscape Character of the Borough	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policies E1 and E2. It protects the low density character of Thruxton whilst not preventing appropriate infilling within the Settlement boundary.
Policy HD4	Design	TVLP E1 - High Quality Development in the Borough	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy E1. It adds local detail on relevant considerations such as building form, materials, boundary treatments with reference to the design principles set out in the Thruxton Village Design Statement.
Policy HD5	Outdoor Space	TVLP E1 - High Quality Development in the Borough TVLP LWH4 - Amenity	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policies E1 and LWH4 as it seeks to maintain the rural feel of Thruxton while ensuring high quality amenity space is provided for its residents.
Policy HD6	Off Street Parking	TVLP Policy T2 - Parking Standards	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP Policy T2 and adds local detail with regards the specific parking issues within Thruxton Village such narrow lanes, lack of public transport and high levels of car ownership.
Policy HD7	Independent living and Sheltered Housing	TVLP Policy COM1: Housing Provision 2011 – 2029	Para 5.32 of the TVLP, which supports Strategic Policy COM1, encourages the adoption of Lifetime Homes standards for all new homes.
Policy HD8	Rural Exception Housing for Local People	TVLP Policy COM8: Rural Exception Affordable Housing	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy COM8 but seeks to control the size of Exception Sites as there are limited facilities in the parish and so that the rural character of the parish is not harmed.

Policy CI01	Protection of Existing Community Facilities	TVLP Policy COM14 Community Services and Facilities	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy COM14. It identifies specific community facilities that are of value and should be protected.
Policy CI02	Provision of New Community Facilities	TVLP Policy COM14 Community Services and Facilities	Given that there are limited community and recreational facilities in Thruxton, this policy seeks to enhance these where possible in conformity TVLP policy COM14.
Policy CI03	Developer Contributions to Infrastructure	TVLP Policy COM15: Infrastructure	A number of items of infrastructure have been identified to guide any spending of funds that might result from CIL and to guide any bids for infrastructure. This policy therefore helps with the implementation of TVLP policy COM15.
Policy CI04	Improved Pedestrian and Travel to School Safety	TVLP Policy T1: Managing Movement	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy T1. It seeks to improve the safety of walking and cycling to school, supporting sustainable travel and reducing congestion in the village.
Policy CI05	Increased Access Points and Traffic	TVLP Policy T1: Managing Movement	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy T1. It adds local detail by identifying highway safety issues for pedestrians supporting sustainable travel and reducing congestion in the village.
Policy CI06	Connected Countryside	TVLP Policy T1: Managing Movement	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy T1. It adds local detail by highlighting the importance of the local rights of way network and seeks to improve the safety and use of these.
Policy EC1	Thruxton Airfield	Policy LE17: Employment Sites in the Countryside	This policy is in general conformity with TVLP policy LE17, highlighting the importance of Thruxton Airfield to the local rural economy.

## **7.0 Compatibility with European Union Regulations**

### **Strategic Environmental Directive and Habitats Directives**

- 7.1 In January 2018 Thruxton Parish Council made a request to Test Valley Borough Council as the responsible authority to determine whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and/or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) were required for the NDP. A Briefing note was provided to the Borough Council in support of this request. Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency were consulted in accordance with the regulations. The Borough Council concluded that:
- The NDP would not be likely to have significant environmental effects and that on this basis SEA would not be required;
  - The proposed NDP is not likely to have a significant effect on European designations and therefore HRA would not be required.
- 7.2 A statement has been prepared by the Borough Council setting out its reasons for the determination, in accordance with the regulations. The full Statement with Annexes which include the Briefing Note provided to the Borough Council may be seen at <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/neighbourhood-planning/thruxton-parish-nhp>
- 7.3 The requirements of the SEA and Habitats Directives are considered therefore to have been met.

### **Water Framework Directive**

- 7.4 Adopted Local Plan policy E7 requires that development proposals do not result in the deterioration of, and where possible assist in improving water quality and be planned to support the attainment of the requirements of the Water Framework Directive. Local detail is added to this strategic policy by NDP policy EN5: Pilhill Brook which is a tributary of the River Test. This supports the achievement of ecological status objectives for the River Test, as set out in the Environment Agency's South East River Basin Management Plan 2015 in furtherance of the Water Framework Directive.
- 7.5 The NDP will support the attainment of relevant environmental objectives and is considered therefore to be compatible with the Water Framework Directive.

### **Human Rights**

- 7.6 The NDP is fully compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights, transposed into UK law by the Human Rights Act 1998. It has been prepared within the existing framework of statute, national planning policy and guidance, and Borough-level strategic planning policies. In accordance with established process, its preparation has included consultation with the local community and it is subject to independent examination. The policies within the Plan are considered to comply with the requirements of EU obligations in relation to Human Rights.
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