



Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of Representations

Introduction

The Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan was formally consulted upon for a period of 6 weeks from the 12th January 2018 to the 25th February 2018. All representations made on the Plan were forwarded to the independent Examiner, Mr John Slater, who then undertook an examination of the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan.

The table below provides a summary of the representations submitted through Charnwood Borough Council to the independent Examiner.

Name	Summary of representation
NFU	Highlight the importance of farmers to the economy and environment. Identify the need for farmers to erect new farm buildings; diversify into other business sectors; use renewable energy; convert redundant farm buildings; and benefit from high speed broadband and mobile connectivity. These requirements should not be deterred by restrictive neighbourhood plan policies.
Natural England	Natural England commented on a draft version of the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan in response to a consultation from Thrussington Parish Council. Natural England does not consider that the plan will have any likely significant effects on any internationally or nationally designated nature conservation sites and welcomes the broad principles of the plan and some of the specific policy proposals. It is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and set within the context of the Charnwood Local Plan Core Strategy.
Severn Trent Water	Make no specific comments on the Plan but provide some general information and advice.
Historic England	Identifies the importance of safeguarding the Thrussington Conservation Area and heritage assets within the neighbourhood plan area for future generations. Do not consider Historic England's specific involvement is required and note the ability of Charnwood Borough Council's Conservation Officer and the Historic Environment Records department at Leicestershire County Council to provide further information.
Environment Agency	Reviewed the Plan and supporting documentation and are pleased to see that the comments made at the Regulation 14 consultation have been fully incorporated into the Submission Plan. No objection to the Plan being submitted as it is, but suggest that a minor alteration for clarity, the first paragraph of Policy E1 – Flood Risk be amended to read “surface water run off” instead of “surface run off.

Amec Foster Wheeler (on behalf of National Grid)	<p>An assessment was carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines, and also National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate and High Pressure apparatus.</p> <p>National Grid has identified that it has no record of such apparatus within the Neighbourhood Plan area.</p>
Highways England	<p>In relation to the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan, Highways England's principal interest is safeguarding the operation of the A46 which routes approximately 1 mile to the west of the Neighbourhood Plan area.</p> <p>Note that Thrussington Parish is defined in the Charnwood Local Plan as an "Other Settlement" with only small scale development proposed to be delivered across the Neighbourhood Plan area. In light of this it is not expected that there will be any significant impacts on the operation of the A46.</p> <p>Provide no further comments and trust that the above is useful in the progression of the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
Leicestershire County Council	<p>Leicestershire County Council is supportive of the Neighbourhood plan process and welcomes being included in this consultation.</p> <p><u>Highways</u> Recognise residents may have concerns about traffic conditions in their local area, which they feel may be exacerbated by increased traffic due to population, economic and development growth. Identifies budgets are under severe pressure and must prioritise where it focuses resources and funds. It is likely that highway measures associated with any new development would need to be fully funded from third party funding but cannot be sought to address existing problems.</p> <p><u>Flood Risk Management</u> The County Council are fully aware of flooding that has occurred within Leicestershire and its impact on residential properties resulting in concerns relating to new developments. As the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) undertake investigations into flooding, review consent applications to undertake works on ordinary watercourses and carry out enforcement where lack of maintenance or unconsented works has resulted in a flood risk.</p> <p><u>Developer Contributions</u> Consider the inclusion of a developer contributions/planning obligations policy.</p> <p><u>Mineral & Waste Planning</u> The County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority and can provide information on these operations or any future</p>

development planned for the neighbourhood.

Education

The Local Authority will look to the availability of school places within a two mile (primary) and three mile (secondary) distance from housing development. If there are not sufficient places then a claim for Section 106 funding will be requested to provide those places.

Strategic Property Services

No comment at this time.

Adult Social Care

Suggest reference is made to a significant growth in the older population and that development seeks to include bungalows etc of differing tenures to accommodate the increase.

Environment

Recommend Neighbourhood Plans cover all aspects of the natural environment including climate change, the landscape, biodiversity, ecosystems, green infrastructure as well as soils, brownfield sites and agricultural land.

Climate Change

Neighbourhood Plans should in as far as possible seek to contribute to and support a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the county's resilience to climate change.

Landscape

Recommend the inclusion of a local landscape assessment taking into account Natural England's Landscape character areas; LCC's Landscape and Woodland Strategy and the Local District/Borough Council landscape character assessments. Should also consider the street scene and public realm within their communities, further advice can be found in the latest 'Streets for All East Midlands ' Advisory Document (2006) published by English Heritage.

Biodiversity

Neighbourhood Plans should seek to work in partnership with other agencies to develop and deliver a strategic approach to protecting and improving the natural environment based on local evidence and priorities. Should consider the impact of potential development on enhancing biodiversity and habitat connectivity such as hedgerows and greenways.

Green Infrastructure

Neighbourhood Plan groups have the opportunity to plan GI

networks at a local scale to maximise benefits for their community and in doing so they should ensure that their Neighbourhood Plan is reflective of the relevant Local Authority Green Infrastructure strategy.

Brownfield, Soils and Agricultural Land

Neighbourhood planning groups should check with DEFRA if their neighbourhood planning area includes brownfield sites. Where information is lacking as to the ecological value of these sites then the Neighbourhood Plan could include policies that ensure such survey work should be carried out to assess the ecological value of a brownfield site before development decisions are taken.

Neighbourhood planning groups should consider mapping agricultural land classification within their plan to enable informed decisions to be made in the future. Natural England can provide further information and Agricultural Land classification.

Impact of Development on Civic Amenity Infrastructure

Neighbourhood planning groups should remain mindful of the interaction between new development applications in a district area and the Leicestershire County Council's Waste Management.

Communities

Neighbourhood Plans provide an opportunity to;

1. Review community facilities and groups and their importance.
2. Set out policies that seek to;
 - protect and retain these existing facilities,
 - support the independent development of new facilities, and,
 - identify and protect Assets of Community Value.
3. Identify and support potential community projects.

Economic Development

Recommend including economic development aspirations with the Plan, outlining what the community currently values and whether they are open to new development of small businesses etc.

Superfast Broadband

Recognise high speed broadband as critical for businesses and for access to services, many of which are now online by default. All new developments (including community facilities) should have access to superfast broadband (of at least 30Mbps)

Equalities

May wish to ask stakeholders to bear in mind the Council's Equality Strategy 2016-2020 when taking the Neighbourhood

	Plan forward.
Charnwood Borough Council	<p>The Neighbourhood Plan is considered to be in general conformity with the Core Strategy and the Borough Council raises no objections on this basis.</p> <p>The development strategy for Charnwood, identified in the Core Strategy, has been recognised by the Plan. Thrussington is acknowledged as an “Other Settlement” with new development focussed within the settlement boundary of the village to meet local social and economic need.</p> <p>The Core Strategy seeks to provide at least 500 new homes within settlement boundaries for these “Other Settlements”. This minimum target has already been achieved with the latest 2016/17 monitoring information showing that there are completions and commitments for 921 homes contributing to the requirement.</p> <p>It should be noted that since the adoption of the Core Strategy, a new Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA) has been published. This has suggested an increased objectively assessed need for the Borough. The Borough Council is at an early stage in the production of a new Local Plan to determine the new housing requirement and the distribution which will accommodate this requirement. Given this early stage in the development of the new plan, general conformity with the adopted Core Strategy, the relatively poor range of services and facilities in the parish and the positive approach to sustainable development in the Neighbourhood Plan it is not considered at this stage that the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan should be required to address a yet to be determined housing need across the Local Plan area by allocating additional housing sites.</p> <p>In the rest of the parish the strategy for the countryside is applied, seeking to deliver sustainable development with a number of more specific policies relating to green infrastructure, landscape and wildlife. This reflects the approach to development in the countryside outlined in the Core Strategy.</p>