

Consultation Report

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document sets out the methodology and actions taken for each step of consultation held for the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.2. Each chapter represents a different stage of consultation and the key findings and outcomes from these stages are summarised in the chapters.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group:

- 1.3. The Parish Council decided that a Working Group offered the best means to produce a plan. The group was made up from volunteers within the Parish, including three Parish Councillors.
- 1.4. The inception meeting was on the 12th December 2015. From this meeting, the decision to offer full disclosure to all residents was appropriated, with a plan to have regular updates through the village magazine and events for all stakeholders and residents. This ensured every member of the community had an equal investiture in the shaping and content of the future neighbourhood plan. The working group would ultimately go on to facilitate the consultation events, along with their consultants, Urban Imprint.

2. Initial Residents Consultation

What was carried out?

- 2.1. An initial consultation event for the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan was held with at the Village Hall between residents and Urban

Imprint on 2nd July 2016. Residents were prior informed of the consultation via leaflets, which were sent to all homes in the village. Copies of the flyers are contained in the Appendix of this report.

- 2.2. At the start of the consultation, Urban Imprint gave a presentation to inform residents of the neighbourhood plan process, its purpose, and how they could get involved with it.



- 2.3. Residents were then asked to fill in SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis diagrams regarding key issues in their village and suggest solutions to the issues identified. Six subject areas had been previously chosen for the Thrussington Neighbourhood plan, which residents gave their views on during the consultation event.
- 2.4. Following the event, residents' comments were analysed to identify key issues in the village. These would help develop the next stage of consultation; the residents survey.

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Summary from the consultation

2.5. The following sections summarise the key findings for the six-subject areas:

Housing

2.6. A lack of bungalows and smaller, more affordable housing for young families was identified. Residents expressed their desire for new developments to cater specifically for what the community needed. Concern was raised that too much new development would encourage migration from cities, which could potentially have negative impacts on the community and exacerbate transport issues.

Transport

2.7. Residents raised issues of speeding through the village. Safety issues were also identified with regards to Hoby Road and the junction between the A46 and Seagrave Road due to lack of proper footpaths. Parking was also raised as a serious issue in several locations around the village, which again had impacts on the safety of pedestrians as well as other road users. Suggestions were made for new cycle paths, extension of bus services, and parking deterrents.

Business and economic activity

2.8. Poor mobile and broadband services came up as a common issue whereas it was felt that other local services were adequate. Residents commented that more community events could be held in the village to improve cohesion in the village.



Environment

2.9. There was generally a positive attitude towards the current situation of the village's surrounding environment. Several complaints were made about the sewage system. Concerns were raised that development projects may harm the surrounding environment and spoil the natural beauty of the area, as well as possibly contributing towards surface run-off and flooding.

Leisure and recreation

2.10. In general, residents were satisfied with the current leisure and recreation in the village, however there was a strong consensus that more could be provided for children and young people. The safety of children around the village because of parking and traffic issues was raised here.

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Design and heritage

2.11. Residents felt a strong sense of community in the village. Issues identified here were aimed at potential developments impacting on the character of the village. Road and pavement design was raised again as a safety issue.

Conclusions from the initial consultation:

2.12. The most common issue identified in this consultation session was the severity of traffic and parking in the village, along with mobility of pedestrians and their safety.

2.13. There was strong support for the creation of more recreational areas for children. There was also much support for improvements to be made to the river and river banks.

3. Residents Survey

What was carried out?

3.1. In summer of 2016, a resident's survey, designed by Urban Imprint, was sent out to all homes in Thrussington. The survey contained questions on the six subject areas identified and previously discussed during the initial consultation. These questions had been tailored through the initial consultation responses, as well as through further discussions with the working group so that they could gain a better understanding of the key issues which the neighbourhood plan should address. A copy of the survey can be viewed in the Appendix.

3.2. Overall, 148 responses from the survey were gathered, which represents a 25% response from the total population of the parish, however this is likely to be much higher due to many surveys being completed on behalf of the household.

3.3. The responses in the completed surveys were then collated and the results were analysed. A summary document of the survey was produced and sent to the working group, as well as the raw data sheet showing the full combined results and comments.

Summary from the survey

Age demographic

3.4. The survey results showed that the largest age brackets of those in the village were people between 51-64 and 65+. Over half of the population were of working age (20-64yrs).

Housing

3.5. Mixed views were held over housing, with many residents feeling that there was no need for any new housing and that any additional homes would spoil the character of the village. There was also a significant number of residents who felt that there was a need for smaller sized affordable homes, bungalows, and retirement homes.

Transport

3.6. As with the initial consultation, the resident's survey also brought up the issue of traffic and parking in the village. Several problematic sites were identified from the comments received.

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Business and economic activity

- 3.7. Residents strongly supported the existing local services and pubs. Poor broadband quality was an issue voiced by the majority of respondents in the survey.
- 3.8. Residents felt satisfied with the current facilities in the village, yet expressed the need for more facilities for children and young people.

Environment

- 3.9. Residents expressed a strong desire to protect the conservation area surrounding the village. Public open spaces were also sought to be protected from development/change. The most comment open spaces sought for protection were; the Green, the Village Hal, and the Church.

Leisure and recreation

- 3.10. Suggestions were made that current facilities in the village could be made better use of. Those facilities most desired by residents included a Post Office, cash machine, and a playground.

Design and heritage

- 3.11. Views around the village and on entering it from the various road networks were highlighted by residents as highly valued assets which should be preserved.
- 3.12. Protection of heritage assets was also sought after by residents.

Conclusions from the Survey

- 3.13. The high response from this initial resident's survey provided a good understanding of the key planning issues in Thrussington.

3.14. It was clear from the survey that most residents would oppose large developments, however there was a notable desire for smaller scale development which offered affordable homes and bungalows.

3.15. Any new development would need to respect the views expressed by residents in the survey, as well as not impact upon open spaces and the conservation area.

3.16. Open spaces around the village which residents wanted to conserve were identified by the survey.

3.17. Due to the disparity between residents on housing requirements, it is likely at this point that further consultation would need to be taken on the best housing strategy for the parish.

3.18. The survey provided enough significant information on the other five subject areas for draft policies to be drawn up for these in the next phase of the neighbourhood plan process.

4. Regulation 14 Consultation

4.1. An 8-week consultation period on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan as part of Regulation 14 took place between 28 July and 22 September 2017. During this period, residents were given an array of opportunities and methods with which to view respond to the Plan and the policies within it:

- The information about the Neighbourhood Plan, along with an online version of the Plan was made available via the Parish Council website

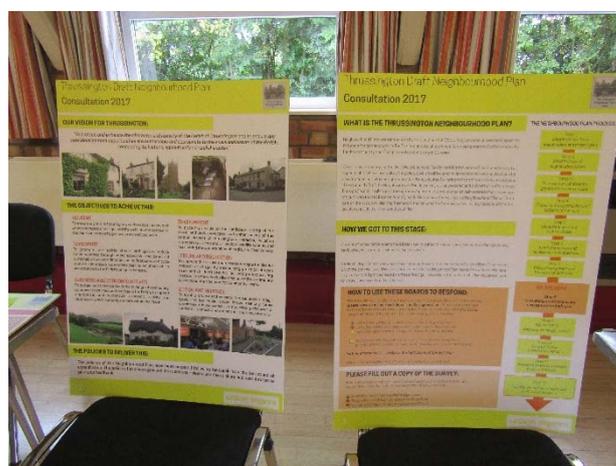
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- Information about the Plan and the consultation period was publicised in 'Thruslington Life'
- Posters were put up in several locations within the Village to advertise the Plan and its consultation period, as well as the upcoming event. These locations were; 2 shops, 2 pubs, the Primary School, and at the Village Hall. The posters used were larger versions of a leaflet (see next point)
- A hard copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan was sent to every home within the village, along with a leaflet informing them of an upcoming event and a feedback form which residents could fill in to give their opinions of the policies. Copies of the feedback form and leaflet can be found in the Appendix of this report
- Hard copies of the Plan were placed at various publicly accessible locations during the consultation period; the Church, at shops, at the pubs and at the Primary School
- Residents were given the option of submitting their responses; by home collection, by post, by email, and by drop-off at a local collection point

Regulation 14 Event:

- 4.2. An event was held as part of the 8-week Regulation 14 Consultation at the Village Hall on 9 September 2017. The event gave Residents the chance to give feedback on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, as well as speak to the working group and their consultants about the draft Plan.

- 4.3. As mentioned, prior to the event, posters and leaflets were used to inform residents of the event.



- 4.4. At the event, summaries of the Neighbourhood Plan policies, along with the Vision and Objectives were presented on several A2 boards. Residents were given the option to give feedback on these policy summaries by through use of a 'traffic light' sticker scoring system against each policy; where a green sticker indicated they supported the policy, orange indicated they supported the policy but wanted changes made to it, and red indicated that they were not in support of the policy.



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- 4.5. Residents were also given the option to leave written feedback via post-it notes that they could stick alongside the respective policies/sections of the boards. Following the event, these comments were recorded and analysed and the opinions used to make the appropriate amendments to the Plan.
- 4.6. Additionally, at the event, a presentation was given by Urban Imprint which explained the stages of Neighbourhood Plans and how the Plan for Thrussington had got to where it was. It also explained the next stages of the process and how residents' comments would be taken on board to shape the development of the Plan.



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Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan

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- The type of facilities needed to make our community a better place to live and work!

Who can get involved?

Everyone! All parish residents, businesses and other stakeholders are welcome. You are crucial to this project as your views and opinions will make up the plan.

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT OUR VILLAGE'S FUTURE!

Working Group

If you would like to get involved with the Neighbourhood Plan and can spare some time, please contact the working group at **thrussingtonparishplan@gmail.com**.

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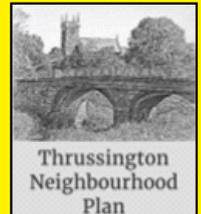
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Have your say!

Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Planning gives local communities the chance to shape potential development of all types within their area. This is your opportunity to have your say.

This survey has been distributed to every home and business within Thrussington Parish to ask for your views, comments and suggestions on a range of topics relating to town planning matters in the area.

This survey has been prepared by the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. It is based on feedback given by residents at our launch event (on 2nd July 2016) and baseline research carried out by the project's planning consultant team, Urban Imprint. The results of this survey will be used to decide what issues the Neighbourhood Plan needs to prioritise.

Don't worry if you missed the launch event, there will be plenty more opportunities to get involved and share your views. Look out for posters around the parish advertising our upcoming events and don't forget to fill in this survey!

For more information about the Neighbourhood Plan, visit the Parish Council website: www.thrussingtonvillage.org or follow us on Facebook, search for 'Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan', or Twitter @priortpc. Updates will also be issued in Thrussington Life.

Key Neighbourhood Plan Topics:

Please tell us if you 'strongly agree', 'agree', 'neutral', 'disagree', 'strongly disagree' with the following statements. Add any additional comments at the end of each section.

Housing	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	5	4	3	2	1
a. There is a need for more housing in the parish					
b. Thrussington needs a greater mix of houses in terms of size / type					
c. New housing should be of a similar size / scale to existing houses					
d. New housing should provide off-street parking					
Would you support new houses if they provided any of the following facilities? Circle as appropriate Play area / improved footpaths / improved cycle paths / better public transport / affordable housing / specialist housing (i.e. elderly/sheltered) / other (please specify)					
What type of housing do you think is needed (if any) in Thrussington? Circle as appropriate 1-2 bedroom houses / 3-4 bedroom houses / 5+ bedroom houses / bungalows / retirement homes / sheltered accommodation / flats/studios / other (please specify)					
Additional comments on Housing 					
Transport	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	5	4	3	2	1
a. There is a need for traffic calming to reduce vehicle speeds					
b. Thrussington suffers from congestion					
c. Parking is an issue in the village (please specify detail below)					
d. Footpaths should be improved					

e. Cycle routes should be improved					
f. There is a need for better public transport					

Additional comments on Transport

Business and Economic Activity

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	5	4	3	2	1
a. There is a need for improved broadband / phone signal					
b. Markets and 'pop-up' facilities should be encouraged					
c. Working from home / home business should be encouraged					
d. Thrussington benefits from a good range of facilities					
e. Is it important that local shops and public houses continue to serve the local community?					
f. Farms should be encouraged to provide additional services such as farm shops, camping and overnight accommodation					
g. Equestrian (horse related) activities should be encouraged					

Do you think the parish needs any additional services that you would use on a daily basis? If so please specify

Additional comments on Business and Economic Activity

Environment

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	5	4	3	2	1
a. The parish's landscape setting should be conserved					
b. All new development should consider flood risk and mitigation					
c. Access to the wider countryside could be improved					
d. Protection of local wildlife should be a priority					
e. Key views in the parish should be protected					
f. New development should carefully consider landscape setting					
g. More could be made of the parish's natural assets					

Have you any concerns about the community infrastructure (sewer, broadband, utilities etc.)?

Additional comments on Environment

Leisure and Recreation

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	5	4	3	2	1
a. Public open space in the village and wider parish should be protected					
b. Community events should be encouraged					
c. More facilities are needed for young people and children					

d. Diversification of existing community buildings should be encouraged (retail/cafes etc.)					
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Are there any public green spaces or community buildings you would like to see protected through the Neighbourhood Plan? If so please specify

Additional comments on Leisure and Recreation

Design and Heritage	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	5	4	3	2	1

a. The parish's heritage assets such as the church, village hall, shops etc. should be protected.					
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b. Any new development should complement the existing character of Thrussington.					
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c. Inappropriate development on greenfield sites should be prevented					
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d. The parish's pavements, public streets and public areas should be attractive and accessible for all					
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e. The Conservation Area should be extended (the existing area covers a large part of the village – should this be maximised?) Map available at: www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/thrussington_conservation_area					
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f. Any future development on sites within the village should be carefully designed.					
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Do you know of any buildings or structures that should be protected from demolition, which are not already listed? If so please specify

Are there any local features, gateway views, landscape areas or buildings, you feel that should be conserved (if not already protected)?

Additional comments on Design and Heritage

About you

The following section can be filled out anonymously but the more information you give the better we can use it to inform the Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to be kept up to date with the Neighbourhood Plan project please provide your email address below. All personal information will be treated confidentially and will only be used to inform the Neighbourhood Plan.

Name		Street name	
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Email address	
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What is the composition of your household? Please indicate how many people fall into each age category

0 - 11		20 - 35		51 - 64	
12 - 19		36 - 50		65 +	

Please indicate the type of dwelling you currently live in. Circle as appropriate

1 bedroom house / 2 bedroom house / 3 bedroom house / 4 bedroom house / 5+ bedroom house

1 bedroom bungalow / 2 bedroom bungalow / 3+ bedroom bungalow

Studio flat / 1 bedroom flat / 2 bedroom flat

Retirement home / sheltered accommodation

Other (please specify)

Further comments

Please let us know of any additional issues and what you would like to see improved within the parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan may not be able to address all issues raised as it deals specifically with land-use planning matters, but all comments are welcome.

Please complete this survey by **30th September** when a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will come to collect it.

Thank you

for completing our questionnaire and coming to our events.

The first draft of the

THRUSSINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

is now available and you should have received your copy with this flyer. **WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!**



Fill out the feedback form included in your Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Come to our open day: **9th September 2017 (Drop-in: 10am - 2pm)**

Visit our website: www.thrussingtonvillage.org

Consultation will run between the 28th July 2017 - 22nd September 2017

For further information on how to comment and where to drop off completed feedback forms see page 5 of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Feedback Form

Please use this feedback form to tell us if you support the policies within the Thrussington Neighbourhood Plan.

Name:

Email:

Address:

(Please provide your details as we need to demonstrate that no forms are duplicates.)

SUPPORT

SUPPORT WITH
CHANGES

DO NOT SUPPORT

Strategic Policy

S1-Strategic Policy

Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure (Environment) Policies

E1- Flood Risk

Aspiration E1a – Flood Risk Mitigation

E2-Green Infrastructure

E3-Wildlife and Preservation

E4- Landscape, Views and Conservation

Aspiration E4a – Protecting the Church Skyline

Business and Economy Policies

B1- Working from Home

B2- New Employment Development

Housing Policies

H1-Infill Development

H2- Housing Mix

Transport Policies

T1- Parking Provision

Aspiration T1a- Public Car Park

T2- Traffic Calming

Aspiration T2a – Highway Improvement

Aspiration T2b – Bridge Restrictions

T3- Public Transport

T4 – Walking and Cycling

Aspiration T4a – Footpath and Cycle Routes

Leisure and Recreation Policies

	SUPPORT	SUPPORT WITH CHANGES	DO NOT SUPPORT
L1-Tourism Activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L2-Leisure and Recreation Activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aspiration L2a – Park and Play Area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L3- Community Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L4- Local Green Spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Design, Heritage and Character Policies

D1- Protection of Heritage Assets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aspiration D1a – Conservation Area Expansion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aspiration D1b – The Star Inn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D2- Design and Development Character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE POLICIES AND ASPIRATIONS?
OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE DOCUMENT AS A WHOLE?

PLEASE USE THIS SECTION TO WRITE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY



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