

THURSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2018 - 2036

Reg 14 Pre-Submission Draft – West Suffolk Council

Colour used	Meaning
	Agree/straightforward change
	To be passed onto stakeholders
	No further action

Page / Policy Number	Comment	Comments by NP	Action to be taken
Policy 1 Thurston Spatial Strategy	<p>The settlement boundary of Thurston has not been amended to take into account the sites with planning permission (shown on the policies maps pages 69-70).</p> <p>As currently worded, point C(i) could be interpreted to refer to the wider evidence-based needs of the district, so could inadvertently allow further development to take place in Thurston. It could be made more specific by stating ‘...the evidence-based needs of the Thurston Neighbourhood Area’.</p>	<p>New draft local plan has a proposal to amend it.</p> <p>Agree that the settlement boundary should be redrawn to include the permitted sites.</p> <p>As such this will allow the policy to take out reference to generally allowing further sites adjacent to the settlement boundary.</p> <p>Understand that the purpose of a settlement boundary is to provide the delineation of</p>	

		where the strategy for what is permissible changes.	
Policy 1 Thurston Spatial Strategy	It is suggested that this approach is given some further thought, as to define a new boundary in the plan, taking into account these new sites, would provide further protection to the village and land around it.	Agree – wording could be amended as above to be more specific.	
Policy 1 Thurston Spatial Strategy	Point C(ii) may be better included as an issue under criteria (b) which sets out that contributions should be made as necessary to the provision of key infrastructure. It would be relatively simple for a developer to demonstrate that their application would provide sufficient primary and higher education through the CIL or S106 process, thus meeting the criteria, and it is considered that the key issue here is the securing and implementation of the key infrastructure to support any growth which takes place.	<p>C a ii) to become C b – a line in its own right as the issue of lack of primary school places is key to ensuring sustainable development in Thurston and this will ensure sufficient primary education is covered as a item of key infrastructure.</p> <p>C b now becomes C c and will be amended to include education infrastructure within the list of infrastructure required for sustainable development.</p>	
Policy 6 Key Movement Routes	It is welcomed that paragraph 7.18 refers to the National Cycle Route 51 which links Bury St Edmunds to Thurston and beyond. The designation of key movement routes in figure 7.3 and the policies maps is also welcomed, however, it is suggested that a key movement route is extended along Heath Road which links into the nationally important Route 51. This would help meet the requirements of the NPPF in promoting sustainable transport and widening transport choice and for providing high quality cycling networks (para 104 of	As this appears to be a misunderstanding of the purposes of the map which is a proposal of for cycleways/footways linking key movement routes – the NP will redraw the map adding in the existing National Cycle Route 51 to show the proposals will link with existing routes.	

	the 2018 NPPF).		
Policy 6 Key Movement Routes	It is also suggested improving and maintaining links to route 51 could be referred to in the Policy 6 to emphasize and strengthen the cross-boundary linkages between Mid Suffolk and St Edmundsbury. This would help make cycling between Bury St Edmunds and Thurston as attractive as possible to as many people as possible, helping to reduce reliance on the car.	Noted that on Policies Maps 9.10 and 9.2 National Cycle Route 51 needs to be added in as a Key Movement Route.	
NPPF	The opportunity should be taken to review the policies against the new NPPF which was published in July 2018 and make any amendments as necessary.	Noted and amendments to be carried out where necessary. It is noted that if the plan is submitted by 25 th January 2019 it will be judged against the old NPPF.	
Great Barton NP	Consultation with Great Barton should be undertaken	Email sent to Great Barton informing them of the consultation process, but no response received.	