



Thurston's Neighbourhood Plan

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What we are going to do this evening

- Outline Neighbourhood Plan progress
- Help define *the relative importance of criteria we should use* in Thurston to assess the suitability of sites that have come forward for possible development
- Comment on the sites for possible development that have come forward



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What has happened since we last met?

- **The Government**
 - has issued new planning guidance for the building of homes
- **Mid Suffolk District Council**
 - has appointed Rachel Hogger as a critical friend to Thurston NP Group, to liaise with parish councils preparing neighbourhood plans
 - not provided information we need
- **Thurston's Neighbourhood Plan Team**
 - continues to develop Thurston's Neighbourhood Plan



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What the Neighbourhood Plan Team is doing now

- Continuing with the Plan development, working with our professional advisor, Chris Bowden from Navigus Planning, and Rachel Hogger, Outreach officer for MSDC
 - identifying infrastructure we need
 - carrying out the part of the Neighbourhood Plan preparation, 'Expression of Interest for Sites'
 - continuing work with identifying an appropriate housing target that the NP will be measured against



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Criteria for assessing sites

Using criteria for assessing sites:

- Chris Bowden will be using the criteria in order to eliminate unsuitable sites and identify our preferred sites
- The criteria relates to national planning requirements, local plan requirements and physical factors such as access, flood risk etc. They also relate back to the Sustainability Objectives underpinning our Neighbourhood Plan.
- We need to say which criteria are important to us locally



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Which criteria are important to you?

The sticky dot exercise

Use the dots to say which criteria are important to you in assessing the sites for possible development

Please place the dots on the charts

It's a traffic light system:

- Red dot: UNIMPORTANT
- Yellow dot: DESIRABLE
- Green: VITAL



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Assessing sites that have come forward

The map

Most sites are those that were on the previous map of sites

What we will do using the post-it notes for each site

For each site, in your opinion, is this a suitable site for development? Why?

For each site, in your opinion, is this **not** a suitable site for development? Why?



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What will we do with the information you have given us from tonight

Chris Bowden's analysis and your views tonight will be used to provide an overall assessment of each site's suitability for development. We will display the results for you to see

All the information from the assessment tonight, the housing needs survey, the householder, business and youth questionnaires and the very first survey about Thurston's future will gathered together to inform the draft Thurston Neighbourhood Plan



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And finally ...

Thank you for attending this
Public Meeting