

Thorndon Neighbourhood Plan

Parish Council's response to comments received at Regulation 16 Consultation stage

Body	Parish Council response
1) Suffolk County Council	<p><u>Flooding</u> The County Council seeks a further amendment of Policy THN18 having submitted a suggestion that differs from that submitted at Pre-Submission Consultation Stage. The Qualifying Body has no specific comment to make on the proposed amendment other than generic policies in neighbourhood plans should, in our opinion, be consistent across a planning authority.</p> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing</u> The County Council seeks to include reference to homes being built to optional M4(2) standards. The suggested wording, in our opinion, still effectively seeks homes at M4(2) standards and would be contrary to the Written Ministerial Statement. The Botesdale and Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report makes reference to the statement and the Examiner did not accept such an inclusion.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> The Qualifying Body remain of the opinion that allowing an element of a development's car parking to be catered for on-street, whether it is within a development site or not, will lead to potential restrictions of access for emergency vehicles and refuse collections, particularly given the likely size of the road infrastructure serving the small allocations in the Neighbourhood Plan. The proposed amendment to Policy THN18 is not supported.</p>
2) Eye Town Council	Nothing further to add
3) Natural England	Nothing further to add
4) Historic England	Nothing further to add
5) Environment Agency	Nothing further to add
6) Anglian Water	<p><u>Policy THN1</u> It is considered that, given the essential nature of the infrastructure provided by utility operators, it would be easy to demonstrate the exceptional circumstances for it to be located outside the Settlement Boundary. Further, similarly worded policies in other neighbourhood plans in Mid Suffolk and Babergh have not attracted such comments. It is considered that policies need to be consistent across the local planning authority area and that there is no need to include specific reference in the policy to cover Anglian Water's concerns.</p> <p><u>Policy THN18</u> It is considered that Policy THN18i adequately addresses the preference for above ground open Sustainable Drainage Systems and that there is no need for an amendment.</p> <p><u>Policy THN19</u> Nothing further to add</p>
7) Highways England	Nothing further to add
8) National Grid	Nothing further to add
9) Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG	The suggestion for the inclusion of "support for Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG and NHS England in ensuring suitable and sustainable provision of Primary Healthcare services for the residents of Thorndon." is not a matter that impacts on the Examination of the Plan and could be included as an amendment to paragraph 9.9 as a minor amendment following examination.