THURLESTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OVERVIEW

This draft Plan has been produced by members of our community who have volunteered their time in response to the government’s Localism Act 2011 which gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. The Plan is based on information gathered over the past two years from conducting surveys and meetings across a wide spectrum of the community.

The Plan focuses on 29 policies identified by the prefix “TP” which denotes Thurlestone Parish. These policies will have legal weight once the Plan has been made (adopted) and will become part of the development plan used to decide all planning applications within the parish. They must be taken into account by the local planning authority, South Hams District Council. Our own parish council must also use these policies to support their comments on all planning applications.

The Structure of the Plan

The Plan is set out in 9 sections with Appendices.

Sections 1 and 2 cover the aim and purpose of the Plan. They explain how the community’s Vision - which received overwhelming support in the responses to the Questionnaire - will be delivered. Sections 3-9 cover the individual topics: Housing, Local Economy, Wellbeing, Heritage, Environment, Infrastructure and Resources.

Each section starts with objectives (in green boxes), the background to that section, the planning context and policies (in blue boxes). Each policy is followed by the justification for that policy and the relevant higher-level policies and material considerations, which include the National Planning Policy Framework. A summary of the policies is available on the parish website at <http://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk/pre-submission-consultation> and at the advertised consultation sessions.

Your comments

Please note that this Plan is a working document for use by planning officers, district and parish councillors, landowners, developers and residents, planning inspectors and the Court. It is not an anti-development Plan - on the contrary, it supports the right type of development in the right places. It is therefore important that your comments are positive and constructive.

Next steps

Following on from this consultation and taking into account all the comments received, the Plan will be submitted to South Hams District Council which - following their own six-week public consultation - will submit it to an independent examiner. It will then be for the examiner to decide whether the Plan can proceed to a local referendum.