

Place Directorate

Responsible for the Economy
and the Environment



Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (General) Regulations 2012

Mid Suffolk District Council received from Thurston Parish Council an application to designate the whole of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

A map identifying the designated area can be viewed at:

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Neighbourhood-Planning/Thurston-NP-Map.pdf>

The submission was made under Regulation 5 of the above regulations. Comments were invited on the application between 4th July and 5pm 28th August 2013. As no material objections were received, the Head of Economy can designate the Neighbourhood Area through delegated powers awarded by Full Council.

Under Regulation 7 of the above regulations and following the statutory consultation period, the District Council has designated the application area as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by East Bergholt Parish Council.

Peter Burrows
Head of Economy
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council

02 September 2013

[Note: Web link updated March 2017]

Babergh District Council
Council Offices, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, Ipswich, IP7 6SJ
Telephone (01473) 822801
Facsimile (01473) 825742
Minicom (01473) 825878
www.babergh.gov.uk

Mid Suffolk District Council
Council Offices, High Street, Needham Market, Ipswich, IP6 8DL
Telephone (01449) 724500
Facsimile (01449) 724627
SMS Text Mobile (07827) 842833
www.midsuffolk.gov.uk

Strategic Director (Place): Lindsay Barker
Head of Economy: Peter Burrows **Head of Environment:** Chris Fry

Thurston Neighbourhood Area Designation Application Responses

September 2013

In order to prepare a neighbourhood plan, the first formal stage is to designate the neighbourhood area (see Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012). The 'qualifying body' (the town or parish council) has to apply to Mid Suffolk District Council to designate a neighbourhood area, stating its reasons and submit a map of the proposed area.

Mid Suffolk District Council received an application from Thurston Parish Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area to enable the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. A statutory consultation as set out in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 sections 5 – 8, was undertaken by Mid Suffolk District Council from 4th July until 5pm on 28th August 2013.

The following comments were received:

Date	Consultee Name	Consultee Organisation	Summary of Main issues	Action required?
27/08/13	Christopher Smith	Hopkins Homes Limited	On behalf of Hopkins Homes Limited, I can confirm that we support the current proposal to include the totality of Thurston Parish within the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan Area.	None
23/08/13	John Popham	John Popham Planning - Acting for the Dutton Trustees	Site submission. Irrelevant to this stage in the process.	None
15/08/13	Lizzie Griffiths	Environment Agency	We have no comments to make at this stage regarding the designation of the Neighbourhood Area. However, throughout the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan, we would be happy to provide further guidance to the Parish Council on issues that fall within our remit.	None
15/08/13	Derrick Haley	Mid Suffolk elected member for Thurston and Hesselton	Fully support Thurston Parish Council's application for the designation of a NA and to proceed with a NHP as outlined in the application Yours sincerely Cllr Derrick Haley Ward member Thurston, Beyton and Hesselton Leader Mid Suffolk District Council.	None
15/08/13	James Cutting	Suffolk County Council	The county council has no objection to the area as proposed. However, as the plan is developed, appropriate consideration will need to be given to the impacts of proposals on other parishes in the locality.	None

Thurston Neighbourhood Area Designation Application Responses

September 2013

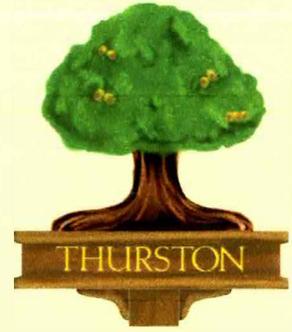
30/07/13	Sue Bull	Anglian Water	We have no comments to make at this time, however if the Neighbourhood Plan was to proceed we would welcome the opportunity to comment on the later stages on any aspects relevant to Anglian Water.	None
30/07/13	Alastair Welch	Natural England	Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning. We must be consulted on draft Neighbourhood Development Plans where the Town/Parish Council or Neighbourhood Forum considers our interests would be affected by the proposals. Provided general advice on a joint Neighbourhood Planning advice, consider impacts on protected species and looking at opportunities for enhancing the natural environment.	Forwarded the general advice to the Parish Council.
25/07/13	Aziza Jeppe	Highways Agency	HA's interest is the strategic road network, in this case the A14 trunk road. At this stage, I can confirm the HA have no comment	None
19/07/13	Mrs Linda Harley	Gt Barton Parish Council	Gt Barton Parish Council has no objections to the application from Thurston Parish Council to designate a Neighbourhood Area which matches the village boundary.	None

As no material objections were received, using delegated powers, the Head of Economy can designate the Thurston Neighbourhood Area to allow the community's plan to proceed to the next stage.

30 August 2013

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Office
New Green Centre
New Green Avenue
Thurston
Suffolk
IP31 3TG



Tel: 01359 232854
e-mail: info@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk
website : www.thurston.onesuffolk.net

Jonathan Free
Head of Communities
Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils
131 High Street
Needham Market
Ipswich
IP6 8DL

11th June 2013

Dear Jonathan

**Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

Please find enclosed an application from Thurston Parish Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area.

The application is accompanied by a map identifying the area for which the application relates, namely the entire parish area of Thurston.

It is considered that the area is appropriate to be designated a neighbourhood area as the parish is a district geographical area, surrounded by open countryside.

Whilst we maintain a dialogue with adjacent parishes, we do not have any existing shared arrangements or means of working with neighbouring parishes, and consider the proposed area for Thurston Parish to be more appropriate.

Yours faithfully


Kathryn Savage
Clerk to Thurston Parish Council

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Office
New Green Centre
New Green Avenue
Thurston
Suffolk
IP31 3TG



Tel: 01359 232854

e-mail: info@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk

website : www.thurston.onesuffolk.net

Thurston Neighbourhood Plan

Application

Neighbourhood Plan Area – The Parish of Thurston (map attached)

Qualifying body – Thurston Parish Council

Statement submission for the Thurston Neighbourhood Area –

Please accept this as the formal application for the Thurston Neighbourhood Plan. The application is submitted by Thurston Parish Council who will be the lead in taking the project forward.

The proposal attracted 100% support at a public meeting held 16th May 2013. The Steering Group, yet to be formed, will comprise of some Councillors, along with residents and business owners with varying skills, knowledge and experience.

Thurston is a mainly residential parish, with a Primary School, a Community College, a Pre-school, 2 small business parks and other individual businesses, farms, and organisations. The access road to junction 46 of the east-bound A14 is in Thurston, with the corresponding exit junction just 2 miles or so away, in Beyton. There is also a Railway Station in the village, and Bury St Edmunds is some 3 to 4 miles away.

The current Parish Council consists of 11 seats. Five members elected at the May 2011 elections are still in place, with 5 co-opted onto the Council since then, and currently 1 vacant seat. The movement in membership has been a challenge to the project, but the current Council has a more than adequate variety of necessary skills etc., and an extremely positive approach towards safeguarding Thurston's future development.

The Council responded to the District Council's concern that local businesses, residents etc should be a part of the production of the Plan, and successfully sought their support at the above-mentioned public meeting. All agreed that the area covered by the Plan should be the Parish boundary.

Volunteers to become involved are currently making themselves, and their interest and skills/knowledge etc, known to the Council, and from among them the Council will form a fully-effective Steering Group.

Given the proximity of the A14 and the Railway Station. The Council is very aware that Thurston will be a target for development at some point in the future, and seeks to have an input as to the nature of such development, drawn from forging new skills in integrating the community; motivating organisations and individuals to become involved; identifying skills and resources needed, and identifying the need and nature of help required from organisations such as Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk County Council and others.

Supporting Documentation –

- Neighbourhood Plan Area map
- Neighbourhood Plan Terms of Reference

Kathryn Savage
Clerk to the Council

11th June 2013



THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE

1: Background:

Neighbourhood Plans will give local people much greater say to shape development in their area.

The Neighbourhood Plan must be in line with the wider ambitions for growth and sustainability in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Local Development Plan (LDP) for Mid Suffolk

Thurston Parish Council has established a working group to oversee the initial stages of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, and is in the process of forming a steering committee to oversee the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Thurston Parish, and to report to the Parish Council.

2: Purpose and Mission Statement

The purpose of the steering committee is to develop and oversee a process that will result in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Thurston in order to:

Preserve and enhance the built, natural, and historical environment of the local area and the character of Thurston whilst allowing for sustainable economic and social growth and development.

The process will be:

- ◆ Inclusive – offering the opportunity to participate for everyone who lives or works in Thurston.
- ◆ Comprehensive – identifying all important aspects of life in Thurston for which we need to plan for the future including affordable housing.
- ◆ Positive – bringing forward proposals which will improve the quality of life in Thurston.

3: Tasks

The working group will:

- ◆ Prepare an outline process for the initial stages of producing the Neighbourhood Plan.

The steering committee will then :

- ◆ Assess existing evidence about the needs and aspirations of the Parish.
- ◆ Engage with everyone who lives and works in Thurston to provide information on the Neighbourhood Plan and the reasons for adopting the final plan.
- ◆ Work closely with Mid Suffolk District Council and agree a project timetable and delivery plan ensuring compliance with legal requirements.
- ◆ Agree a project communication, consultation and engagement strategy.
- ◆ Ensure that there is transparency throughout the delivery process
- ◆ Approve all consultation documents prior to publication
- ◆ Analyse the views, ideas and proposals received during the planning process and use them to prepare the draft plan.
- ◆ Work with Mid Suffolk District Council to ensure compliance/conformity of the final plan in parallel with the LDP & NPPF.

- ◆ Actively publicise the Neighbourhood Plan prior to the referendum.
- ◆ Keep Thurston Parish Council fully informed of progress and present steering committee minutes.

4: Membership and Quorum

Membership of the steering committee shall be drawn up from Thurston Parish Council and interested parties living or working in the Parish. It shall also include Thurston Parish Clerk and a Planning Officer from Mid Suffolk district Council.

Membership of the group shall comprise no more than 14 persons of which no more than 7 voting members shall be from the Parish Council.
The steering committee will be quorum when one third of the members are present.

5: Current Membership of the working group

Councillor Stuart Campbell
Councillor Richard Fawcett
Kathryn Savage (Parish Clerk) Non-Voting

When the steering committee is formed, it shall elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson from their number. If the Chairperson is not present the Deputy Chair shall take over.

The steering committee shall extend until the Neighbourhood Plan has been assessed and approved by the independent examiner. The steering committee shall pass the draft Neighbourhood Plan to Mid Suffolk District Council for approval prior to independent examination.

6: Support Officers and Administration

The non voting advisory officers shall be the Clerk to the Council and the Mid Suffolk Planning Support Officer.

The Clerk to the Parish Council shall ensure that appropriate clerking arrangements are in hand for steering committee meetings.

Notice and associated papers shall normally be despatched three clear days before the date of the meeting by e-mail and the minutes to be publicised, recorded and open to the public.

7: Frequency, Timing and Procedure of meetings

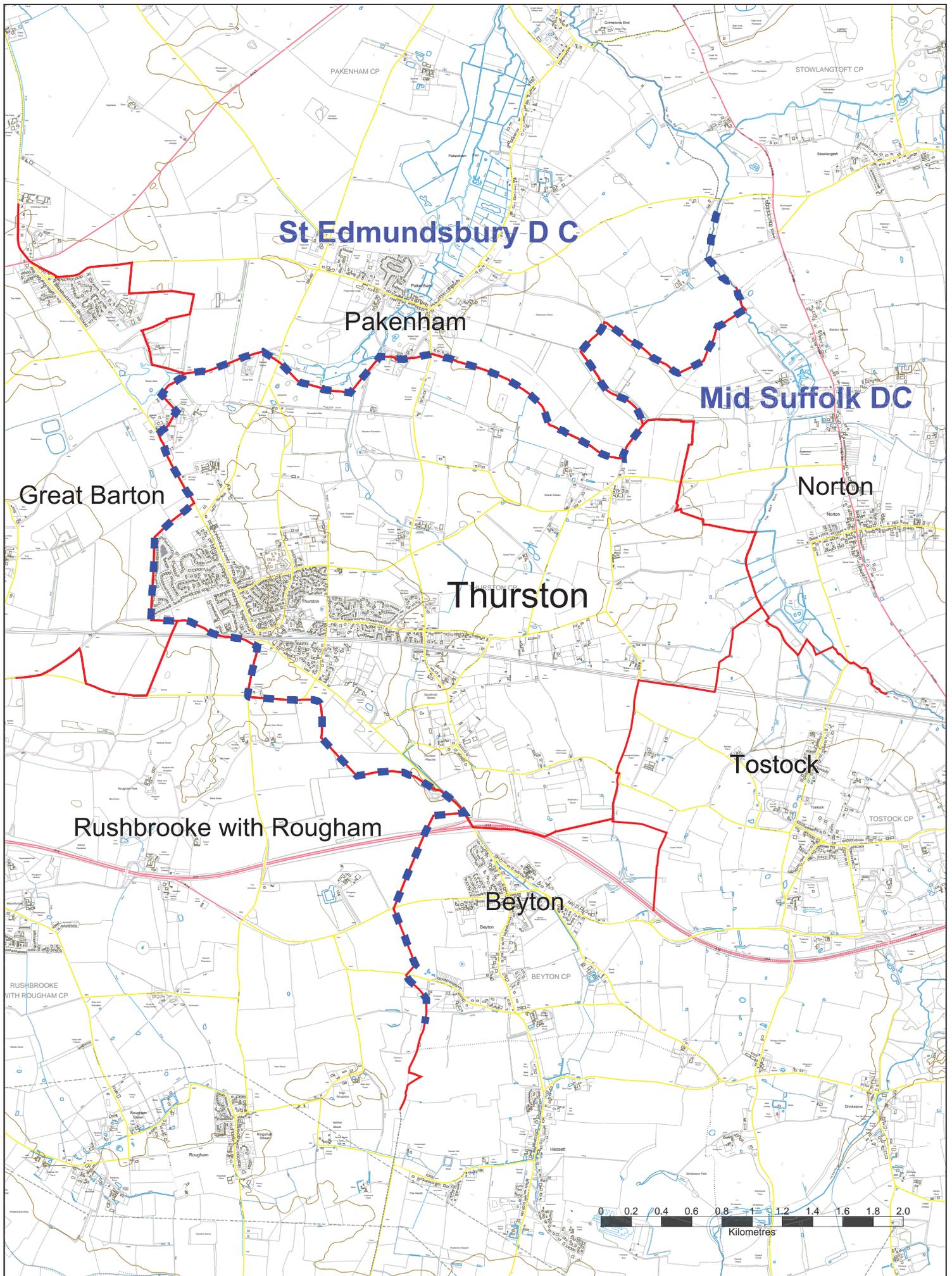
The steering committee shall meet not less than twelve times a year.

Meetings shall be open to the public to observe proceedings.

All meetings shall include the opportunity for public participation.

The Terms of Reference will be approved by the Parish Council

Any changes to the steering committee Terms of Reference shall require Parish Council approval.



St Edmundsbury D C

Pakenham

Mid Suffolk DC

Great Barton

Norton

Thurston

Tostock

Rushbrooke with Rougham

Beyton



MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL
131 High Street
Needham Market
Suffolk
IP6 8DL



Reproduced by permission of
Ordnance Survey on behalf of HMSO.
© Crown copyright and database right 2011.
Ordnance Survey Licence number 100022274
Date Printed : 10/06/2013