

**Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan
Community Engagement Meeting – 29 September 2015**

Question 6: Should preservation of the historic and natural environment take priority over all other issues?

Total of **50** post-it responses

- 12 responses just said ‘yes’ without further comment.
- 7 responses saying ‘yes’ but with extra emphasis and without qualification.
- 14 responses emphasising the need to preserve and protect the area. 3 of these responses mentioned the coastline in particular.
- 3 responses saying ‘yes’ because ‘that is why people come here.’
- 10 responses saying ‘yes’ but recognising the need for some building to take place. 2 of these responses mentioned wind and solar farms and mobile phone masts – not to rule them out, but to say that they need to be thought about carefully.
- 5 responses saying ‘no’ but adding that there is a need to strike a balance.

Responses:

Yes (12)

Yes. Very important!

Yes v. important

Yes 100%

Yes, they should.

Without a doubt. Yes, Yes, Yes!

Most definitely.

Preservation of historic/natural environment should take priority.

Not priority but due consideration. Homes for local people – not to be sold to overseas buyers.

Preservation essential – otherwise village will be changed forever.

The parish is fortunate in having a wonderful natural environment. This should take priority.

Yes it should be preserved. It is exactly why it is so loved by many.

We should strive to maintain the natural environment at all costs.

Preservation – natural environment be protected.

Yes. Maintain area of natural beauty.

Historic – no. Natural – some control as we live in a AONB.

Preservation of natural environment should certainly have equal standing with other issues.

Yes definitely. This should be the starting point of all consideration.

Yes – don't kill the golden goose but telephone box communal activities are very precious. Also church, village.

Historic –not necessarily. Natural – absolutely.

The natural environment and particularly the coastline should be protected at all costs.

Yes, as much as possible. Coastline should be protected

Coastline and beaches need to be protected and looked after. Temporary railings and eroding bank along golf course beach a disgrace and will threaten road from South Milton. Many parts of the coastal path very near cliff edge and muddy in winter. Beaches are what makes Thurlestone.

Yes. This is why I moved here and also why the majority of holidaymakers/tourists visit.

Yes. This is why most people come here.

Should be a high priority for living – and tourists. “It's a reason people come here in the first place.”

Although building and change will happen, we must have at least one eye on the beauty of our environment.

Important to be taken into careful and full consideration in all development but not overriding.

Preservation of the environment is important but should be kept in balance to other needs/issues. Some development/progress will be needed and accepted.

Keep farming and country ways a priority. Preserve any historic buildings and any building to blend in with surrounding area, not to stick out like a sore thumb or on skylines.

Yes, but ensure people not suffering from exclusion or isolation.

This parish is no different to any other where similar designations are in force. Change is entirely possible within a framework of CONSERVATION. Intelligent management of process.

Yes - but it should be possible for buildings/facilities etc to exist in harmony with the environment.

Depends on the issues eg mobile phone mast could be OK.

Yes, as an AONB we need to keep the area as beautiful as it is with housing fitting into that beauty – not wood and glass blocks.

Preservation should take priority. Wind farms, solar should be used carefully, vehicular access issues are a must.

No. We don't want to live in a museum.

No - BUT it takes sensitivity to attract new residents who will add to and enhance the historic and beautiful environment. It can be done!

Not always. It must be a balance.

Not over all other issues but it should be given the highest consideration unless there are really important issues.