



Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Have your say by completing
this Questionnaire



About the Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan will be used to help decide planning applications in the parish over the next 15 years.

The Questionnaire

The questionnaire is anonymous. The questions are based on the information we have gathered over the past seven months from surveys and meetings across a wide spectrum of the community. Your answers will be used to help us develop a neighbourhood plan based on the views of the entire community. Remember there are no right or wrong answers; we are simply interested in your views.

Completing the Questionnaire

The questionnaire is available online on the parish website; click on the link at the top of the home page. If you are able to complete it online, it would be very much appreciated as it will save us time inputting the data. If you have a smart phone, it can be reached by scanning in the QR code below.

We think it will take you about 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Please try to answer all the questions. If you have any additional comments about a particular topic, please put them in the comments box at the end of each section.

Returning the Questionnaire

For completed paper copies, please use the envelope provided and leave at either the Thurlestone or Bantham village shop.

If you need help with completing or returning the questionnaire, please contact:

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This questionnaire is your opportunity to present your views; please don't miss the chance to have your say.

The closing date is Monday 27 June 2016.



About you

1. Your village

Thurlestone

Bantham

Buckland

Outlying rural area

2. Your postcode

3. Your home

Please tick all that apply

I own my home

This home is my principal residence

I rent my home

This home is not my principal residence

4. Your household - ages

Please give the number in each age group

Under 5

5 - 11

12 - 16

17 - 24

25 - 44

45 - 64

65 - 79

80 and over

5. Your household - gender

Please give the number of each gender

Male

Female

6. Your household - employment status

Please give the number aged over 17 in each group

Work in the parish

Work outside the parish

Work from home

Student

Looking after home/family

Long term sick/disabled

Seeking work

Retired

7. You have told us so far: *“Housing too expensive! We have to have a sustainable parish to enable youngsters to live/buy here.”* *“There is a need to balance out the age groups, which at the moment are dominated by retirement and second homes.”* *“I would like my children to live and be able to buy in the area.”* Local employers have told us there is not enough rental accommodation for their employees to be able to afford to live in the parish. Local estate agents have told us there is a shortage of residential lettings and houses for sale under £400,000.

What do you think about housing requirements in the parish over the next 15 years?

	Need a lot more	Need a few more	About right	Too many already
Thurlestone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buckland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bantham	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. What type of housing do you think we need for the future?

	Not needed	Not needed very much	Needed	Very much needed
Flats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bungalows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 bedroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 - 3 bedrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4+ bedrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privately owned by middle/lower income families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privately rented by middle/lower income families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self/custom build plots for middle/lower income families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social housing to buy*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social housing to rent*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Social housing is for those who are unable to buy or rent on the open market and is usually provided by housing associations.

9. If any new housing is needed, where do you think it should be built?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
One site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A number of smaller sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Individual plots	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infill within existing villages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adjoining existing villages (including greenfield/farmland)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There shouldn't be any new housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Outside the 3 main villages, would you support the development of any new housing by:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The conversion of existing rural/farm buildings e.g. barns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adding to existing clusters of houses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. A settlement boundary is a line that is drawn on a plan around a village between its built form and the open countryside. Different criteria-based planning policies apply either side of the line. Thurlestone's settlement boundary is well over 20 years old; Bantham and Buckland have no settlement boundary.

Do you think the settlement boundaries for each of our three villages should be reviewed through the neighbourhood plan?

Strongly agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree

12. In recent years much change has come about in Thurlestone through replacement dwellings and extensions to existing dwellings. In response to what you have told us, a policy is proposed to establish criteria for such development to ensure that it is appropriate, e.g. in terms of its scale and impact on the character of the area.

Would you support a policy to control such development in the parish?

Strongly agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree

13. Currently 39% of homes in the parish are second homes compared to the average figure across the South Hams District of 14%. You have told us so far: *“No more second homes. There are enough.”* *“The big problem is seasonality, we need to ensure all year round living.”* You have also told us: *“Second homes bring in a lot of work to the local area so [we] still need them, especially when they utilise local trade and businesses, property management companies.”*

Do you think that there should be a planning condition on all new open market houses to ensure they are used as the occupier’s principal home and not used as a second home, or for holiday letting?

- Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

14. Between 2001 and 2011, the population over 65 grew by just over 3% and by 2011, the over 65s accounted for just over 43% of the population. You have told us so far: *“Assisted living accommodation would be very good.”* *“Suitable property for [the] elderly/disabled to rent, freeing up larger homes for families.”*

Are you in favour of a policy to support the provision of assisted living accommodation that would provide some assistance with daily activities (but not full-time care) and/or suitable housing designed for the elderly?

- Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

15. Any other comments on Our Homes?

16. Looking to the future, you have told us that you would welcome more small-scale, year-round employment opportunities: *“Yes – it would enable people to work and live locally.”* *“Jobs are the only way to sustainable prosperity.”* *“More opportunities for employment of young people.”* *“Maybe a small complex for business/individuals to work from.”* *“Business initiatives, office space, small business park especially now superfast broadband is here.”*

Do you consider that there should be more employment within the parish?

- Yes No

17. In 2011, 15% of those employed in the parish were employed in tourism. Tourism is a significant part of our economy and helps the viability of smaller-scale businesses, including local pubs and shops.

Would you support the expansion of the following tourism-related businesses?

	Yes	No
Hotel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cafes/restaurants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Caravan/campsites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bed and breakfast	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

18. Would you support the development of new premises for the following businesses?

	Yes	No
Cafes/restaurants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and crafts workshops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surf/watersports shop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farm shop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Caravan/camp sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

19. Would you support the development of a new business hub with shared facilities for small businesses?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

20. Would you support the development of new small-scale workshops e.g. for boat building, boat repairs, outboard engine servicing?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

21. Would you support the development of more storage space for local business or commercial use e.g. for boats, watersports equipment?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

22. Would you support the change of use of rural/farm buildings, e.g. barns, to create new opportunities for local business, commercial or storage purposes?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

23. Would you support keeping existing business and commercial premises, including shops and pubs, in uses which support employment?

- Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

24. Any other comments on Our Economy?

25. Whilst there is a much concern about improved access spoiling the area, you have told us that you want to see the safety of pedestrians and cyclists improved; there has also been a lot of support for new cycle tracks.

Should new footpaths and cycle tracks be provided to link our villages?

	Footpaths	Cycle tracks
Strongly agree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. Thurlestone has play areas at Island View and at the Primary School. Parents have told us that these play areas are not easily accessible to children in Buckland and Bantham, even for those old enough to go out on their own, as the road is considered to be too dangerous.

What do you think about the current provision of play areas?

	More than is needed	About right	Not good enough
Number of play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Equipment in play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. If you think that the current provision of play areas and youth facilities is inadequate, what other facilities do you think are needed?

	Thurlestone	Buckland	Bantham
Play area with equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Informal/kickabout area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Woodland/adventure/nature trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities for teenagers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Level grass sports pitch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

28. Would you support the change of use of greenfield/farmland to open space, sport or recreation use?

- Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

29. Would you support a policy which placed restrictions on the change of use of open space, sport and recreation land and facilities to other uses?

- Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

30. None of the villages in the parish has a central focal point where there is open space for people to meet informally. Would you support the provision of such a space, should the opportunity arise?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Thurlestone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buckland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bantham	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. Any other comments on Our Wellbeing?

Our Heritage

32. The parish contains more than 45 heritage assets which are Grade II Listed by Historic England and mainly located in the Conservation Areas of Thurlestone and West Buckland. Bantham has listed buildings but no Conservation Area. There are other heritage assets which do not have any statutory protection but are part of our historic environment.

Please indicate which of the below assets you consider add to 'our sense of place' and should be given some local protection, e.g. from neglect and decay, and whose setting should be protected.

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|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> The pump house in Thurlestone | <input type="radio"/> Water troughs in Thurlestone and West Buckland |
| <input type="radio"/> Thurlestone telephone box | <input type="radio"/> Lime kilns |
| <input type="radio"/> Buckland telephone box | <input type="radio"/> Bantham streetscape, top of village looking down towards The Ham and back |
| <input type="radio"/> The cobbled road by the church | <input type="radio"/> Coronation Quay and boathouse |
| <input type="radio"/> The World War II pill box on Leasfoot beach | <input type="radio"/> Dixon's Quay and boathouses |
| <input type="radio"/> The War Memorial in Thurlestone | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

33. Any other comments on Our Heritage?

34. The parish has a number of County Wildlife Sites, including: Thurlestone Marsh, the coast between Thurlestone and Bantham and along the Avon Estuary. These sites are designated on the basis of the importance of their wildlife but have no statutory protection. The parish also contains the breeding territories of a number of rare wildlife species, including Cirl Bunting and Barn Owl.

Would you support a policy to protect the following sites and habitats?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Protect wildlife sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protect habitats of rare wildlife species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protect hedgerows and streams as wildlife corridors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protect Devon banks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

35. You have told us so far: *“The natural environment and particularly the coastline should be protected at all costs.” “I would like to see little change to the river and the estuary area to maintain the appeal of the area. I would like my children to enjoy what I have enjoyed.” “I have lived here all my life and I love the way it is now.”* (aged 14).

The parish has a number of distinctive seascapes (including beaches, estuarine views and foreshores), riverscapes and skylines. Do you think that a policy to protect these features from inappropriate development should be included in our neighbourhood plan?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

36. The coastline is an important local asset. Between 2010 and 2014, South West Coast Path users grew by 11% from 7.8 million to 8.7 million and the overall spend by walkers increased by 22.7%, compared to 12.2% for tourism as a whole within the region. Set against this is the constant threat of coastal erosion and the cost of repairing the cliffs and beaches.

Would you support sympathetically designed schemes to help manage coastal erosion?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

37. A dark skies policy would aim to reduce light pollution to reduce the effects of unnatural lighting on the environment, as well as protect residential amenity.

Do you think a dark skies policy would be a valuable part of our neighbourhood plan?

- Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

38. Any other comments on Our Environment?

39. How satisfied are you with your landline telephone service?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	I don't have a landline
At your home	<input type="radio"/>				
If in the parish - at your place of work	<input type="radio"/>				

40. How satisfied are you with your mobile phone signal coverage?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	I don't use a mobile phone
At your home	<input type="radio"/>				
Across the parish	<input type="radio"/>				

41. Does your broadband speed satisfy your needs?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	I don't use the internet
At your home	<input type="radio"/>				
If in the parish - your place of work	<input type="radio"/>				

42. Developing a community WiFi network across the parish could be one way of overcoming mobile phone signal and broadband speed problems. This would require the erection of inconspicuous transmitters and receivers.

Would you support the development of a community WiFi network?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

Please add any comment below

43. How much of a problem do you consider car parking to be?

	Not a problem	An occasional problem	A major problem
Summer / holidays	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
All year round	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

44. If you consider parking to be a problem, where should more parking be provided?

	A single new car park on greenfield/farm land	More spaces provided throughout the village
Thurlestone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buckland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bantham	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

45. You have told us that the main disadvantage of living in the parish is the volume of traffic on the lanes, particularly during the peak holiday season. You have also told us: *"I like the narrow lanes and would hate to see any road widening or one way system."*

Would you support policies in the neighbourhood plan that result in improvements to the free flow of traffic in the parish, e.g. the provision of more and wider passing bays?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

46. In the event of a medical emergency, the parish benefits greatly from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. The charity has recently appealed to local communities to provide night landing sites as permanent fixtures.

Would you support the provision of a night landing site in the parish?

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

47. Any other comments on Our Infrastructure?

Our Resources

48. Do you consider the development of solar panels on farmland within the parish:

- Definitely appropriate Possibly appropriate Definitely inappropriate

49. Do you consider the development of solar panels on farm buildings within the parish:

- Definitely appropriate Possibly appropriate Definitely inappropriate

50. Do you consider the development of wind turbines on farmland within the parish:

- Definitely appropriate Possibly appropriate Definitely inappropriate

51. Do you consider the development of small scale wind turbines close to farm buildings within the parish:

- Definitely appropriate Possibly appropriate Definitely inappropriate

52. Within Thurlestone village there is an opportunity to investigate the feasibility of developing a community heating scheme to heat the school, parish hall, church and hotel through two or more shared boilers using wood fuel. This may allow local farmers, other land owners and the community to work together to harvest and use wood fuel at reasonable cost, supporting the local economy and creating employment.

Would you support the development of a community heating scheme for Thurlestone village?

- Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

53. Any other comments on Our Resources?

Our Vision

54. The Vision statement will describe how you would like the parish to look in 15 years' time. Based on what you have told us so far, we have prepared the following draft Vision for the parish:

“A vibrant coastal and rural community where the quality of life of its residents and the preservation of the natural environment are paramount and where any development should be proportionate, balanced and sustainable in keeping with its designation within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.”

Please let us know your views on the draft Vision

Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

55. Any other comments on Our Vision?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. It is anticipated that a summary of the results will be posted on the parish website in August 2016.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group