

THURSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CHARACTER ASSESSMENT 2017

KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM THE 2017 CONSULTATION



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KEY DETRACTING FEATURES – SUMMARY & POLICY ACTIONS

Character Area No.	Area(s) Covered	Key Detracting Features	Policy Area Covered
1	Barton Road Mill Lane Hazelwood Drive Marley Close Jacob Close Blenheim Drive	Congestion caused by school transport.	Movement
1	Heath Road Matlings Garth Heath Court The Crescent The Hawthorns	Railway line on the southern boundary of Matlings Garth.	None
1	Genesta Drive Heather Close Furze Close The Hambros Bracken Row Rowan Way	None	None
2	Blackbird Close Lapwing Close Partridge Close West Part of Howes Avenue and of Norton Road	Street parking detracts from the appearance of the area around the amenity grassed space between Partridge Close and Robin Close. Poor visibility at staggered junction at Ixworth Road/Norton Road and Station Hill. School traffic congestion in North Norton Road.	Housing Movement
2	Wren Close Pheasant Close Robin Close & Rylands Close East part of Howes Avenue and of Norton Road	Residents street parking detracts from the appearance of the area. This is made worse by school generated parking in the roads opposite Thurston Community College. School traffic congestion at peak times.	Housing Movement

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2	Fox and Hounds Corner Hunter Drive Laurel Close Oak Close	At times street parking detracts from the appearance of the cul-de-sacs. Busy junction at mini-roundabout outside Fox and Hounds Public House.	Housing Movement
3	Meadow Lane	Occasional dumping of garden waste along footpath from Meadow Lane to Ixworth Road	Environment
3	Cedar Close	Poor visibility at entrance to Cedar Close within the 30mph speed limit.	Housing <i>Not within the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan – Traffic Calming Measures</i>
3	Ixworth Road	Litter along fence bordering Thurston Community College.	<i>Not within the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan - Parish Council referral</i>
4	Sandpit Lane, Sandpit Drive	High irregular back garden fences lining pavement at northern end of Sandpit Lane. In parts hedging can grow over onto block pavement.	Housing
4	New Green Development	Some neglected communal parking areas. Considerable on-street parking in places. High irregular back garden fences lining pavement along Norton Road. Greenery lining walkways could be better maintained. Excessive signage around New Green Centre. Considerable amount of litter around youth shelter.	Housing Housing Movement <i>Not within the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan – Parish Council Referral</i> Recycling - policy regarding adequate and suitable refuse collection points

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4	Station Hill	<p>Limited station parking impacts on surrounding area.</p> <p>High irregular back garden fences along north of Station Road.</p> <p>Excess signage at pharmacy and workshops.</p> <p>Mature Oaks on Station Hill have roots partly extended into the pavement.</p> <p>Boarded redundant Station Building on Station Hill.</p> <p>Congestion at peak times at mini-roundabout.</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Environment <i>Not within the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan – referral to Parish Council</i></p> <p>Infrastructure – Community Right to Build/Bid?</p> <p>Movement</p>
5	Thedwastre Road Pokeriage Gardens The Rose Gardens Lode Close	<p>Narrow pavement and none over railway bridge where the traffic calming often causes waiting traffic to mount the verge or pavement.</p> <p>Busy cross roads at Pokeriage Corner with poor visibility for all access points.</p>	<p>Movement</p> <p>Movement</p>
5	Beyton Road Royston Drive	<p>Dangerously narrow pavement along Beyton Road with large vehicles and school buses daily mounting the pavement at junction with New Road/Barton Road.</p> <p>Flooding at Pokeriage Corner and under Railway Bridge.</p> <p>Busy cross roads at Pokeriage Corner with poor visibility.</p>	<p>Movement</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>Movement</p>
5	The Acorns	None	None
6	Victoria Close Oakey Field Close	<p>Neglected areas of garage blocks.</p> <p>In places there is considerable on-street parking by residents at certain times – particularly in Victoria Close.</p> <p>Narrowness of high-fenced walkways.</p>	<p>Housing</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Housing</p>

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6	School Road School Lane	School traffic and the associated parking and turning problems. Both roads have narrow pavements. Occasional dumping of garden waste on amenity area near shops.	Movement Movement Environment
6	Birch Road Cavendish Close St Peter's Way	Neglected parking areas and block garaging. Some use of front gardens for parking. Occasional use of the railway embankment next to the walkway and cycleway as an area for disposing of garden waste.	Environment Housing Environment
7	Church Road Woodlands Close	Cars parked on verge between Cavendish Hall and Church during school pickup times, football and cricket matches and church services. This causes passing problems. Considerable signage outside Church and at entry to footpath along side of Recreation Ground.	Infrastructure Environment
7	Stoney Lane Barrell's Road	Cars parked on the road in Stoney Lane causes passing problems.	Housing
7	School Road – Eastern End, North Side Rectory Gardens Recreation Ground and surrounds	Considerable signage on entry to footpath along side of Recreation Ground.	<i>Not within the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan – Parish Council referral</i>