

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TEAM

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HOUSEHOLDER QUESTIONNAIRE HOUSING FREE TEXT SUMMARY

Q 13. What particular existing buildings and features do you think should be retained within Thurston Q16.

- Most common responses were:
 - Railway Station & Railway Bridges due to their Victorian features
 - St Peter's Church
 - New Green Centre & surrounding green area
 - Cavendish Hall & surrounding green area
 - Well spaced and landscaped residential areas
 - Old buildings with historical interest.
 - The Granary
 - Period properties
 - Fox & Hounds Public House
 - Methodist Chapel
 - Community College Playing Fields/ Open Space on New Green/ Views of the Church/ Recreation Ground Field/ Open Views of Norton Road/ Heath Road Playing Field
 - Village Signs
 - All dwellings and commercial premises older than 75 years should be retained if structurally sound.
 - Listed Buildings
 - Flint stone or stone front houses
 - Elm Farm & Green Farm
 - Retention of large houses with large plots of surrounding land

Q14. What, in your opinion, is best about the current housing in Thurston?

- Most common responses were:
 - Good mix to cater for all budgets and tastes
 - Numbers about right for facilities available
 - Variety of housing suiting different age groups
 - Area is well-kept and imaginatively planned to mix different types attractively and conveniently
 - Layout of developments, space between properties i.e. open green spaces (in particular Maltings Garth area)
 - The housing allows space and is not all crammed in but this needs to remain so in any future development.
 - The estates are spaced out within the village and are not too large
 - Linked footpaths
 - The number of smaller, affordable houses
 - Density gives a village feel – not cramped or overcrowded as in urban designs
 - The village still feels as if it has a heart, the houses are contained and do not sprawl out towards adjoining villages.
 - Quiet and relatively safe area, good mix of housing and good transport to Bury St Edmunds and beyond

- The best thing is that privacy is maintained as most housing in this area is not overlooking each other by being too overcrowded and there are no large housing scheme plots built here.
- Proximity to town/Railway/A14/School
- Most common negative comments were:
 - Excessive development of 2 bed bungalows has reduced retirement options.
 - No sustainable housing for all ages not just child bearing age groups.
 - No ability for there to be a flow of people through the housing.
 - Not enough social housing.
 - A good mixture of houses and bungalows
 - Too many big houses on "in fill" land
 - More starter homes needed
 - Too generalised. Current houses don't have redeeming features
 - More affordable homes for young people.
 - Its locality to the A14, the village is not pretty
 - Do not want the village to spread further, make it a village with a centre
 - Not enough smaller properties for young couples and older people wanting to downsize.