

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TEAM

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YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE FREE TEXT SUMMARY

Do you use the leisure facilities in Thurston outside of school hours?

- Most popular response as to why the facilities were not used were:
 - Age restricted
 - Cost
 - Time
 - Lack of interest
 - Use other facilities outside of Thurston

What other leisure facilities would you like to see in the village?

- Most popular responses were:
 - Safe cycle paths.
 - Swimming pool.
 - Gym trail.
 - Accessible Sports Centre or a gym/fitness suite
 - Skatepark including bike park / BMX track
 - Football field with permanent goals
 - Dog walking field

Which leisure activities do you take part in within Thurston and outside of Thurston?

- Most popular responses for within Thurston were:
 - Piano lessons
 - Martial arts
 - Gym
 - Basketball, rounders
 - Drama
 - Cycling
- Most popular responses for outside of Thurston were:
 - Martial arts
 - Swimming
 - Tennis
 - Guides
 - Football
 - Cricket

What additional facilities do you think Thurston needs?

- The majority of answers covered the following types of facilities:
 - Small retail shops covering stationary & books & sweets
 - Fast food outlets : Pizza; Chinese; Ice Cream Shop; Burger bars; Bakery
 - Safer footpaths including zebra crossings
 - Dentist
 - Safer cycle paths
 - Restaurant / Cafes
 - Somewhere to go after school
 - Leisure Centre – accessible during day and evening

What do you like least about living in Thurston?

- The most common of answers are listed below:
 - Type of houses being built
 - Lack of shops & food places
 - Lack of leisure facilities in particular: swimming pool & skatepark
 - The traffic with school buses on school days
 - The new bridge that goes over the railway crossing
 - Location of facilities
 - Pot holes
 - Activities are too far from my house.
 - Footpaths are not wide enough
 - No doctor's surgery
 - No field for walking dogs

What do you like best about living in Thurston?

- The most common of answers are listed below:
 - Scenery and surrounding open areas.
 - Views across countryside
 - Not as crowded as bigger towns and cities
 - Plenty of facilities easily accessible
 - Easy to get to other areas such as Bury St Edmunds
 - Lots of useful services and easy to get to school
 - It is a quiet and peaceful village with a good community
 - Rural small village, surrounded by fields
 - Its safe and peaceful & a proper village

What would you like Thurston to look like in the next 15 years?

- Overall the majority wished for Thurston to remain a village and not grow into a small town although it was understood that more houses would occur
- The most common of answers are listed below:
 - More refuse bins.
 - More leisure & community facilities – especially aimed at young adults / teenagers
 - More cycle paths and footpaths & more green open spaces
 - An environmentally healthy place
 - A few more shops
 - A more local bus station with coaches to London/Cambridge/Norwich
 - Swimming pool
 - To continue being a quiet village but maybe with a few more houses to allow more people the chance to live here
 - Not so over developed and no more housing estates.