

THURSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2018 - 2036

Reg 14 Pre-Submission Draft – Natural England

| Colour used | Meaning |
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| | Agree/straightforward change |
| | To be passed onto Stakeholders |
| | No further action to be taken |
| | Ask Chris at Navigus? |

| Page / Policy Number | Comment | Comments by NP | Action to be taken |
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| Overall | Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body. | | |
| Natural England's role | Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. The local planning authority will be aware and should advise the neighbourhood planning body when Natural England should be consulted further on the neighbourhood plan. | The NP feels that it is consistent with these and does not need to provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally. | |
| Planning policy for the natural environment | Neighbourhood plans and orders present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Proposals should be in line with the | | |

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| | <p>National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraph 109: “The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by: protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils; recognising the wider benefits of ecosystem services; minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible, contributing to the Government’s commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures;”</p> | | |
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