

Thurston Neighbourhood Plan (review)

Policy	Status	Commentary	Evidence	Action
Policy 1 : Thurston Spatial Strategy	CHANGE	Needs bringing up to date to reflect latest commitments and new housing figures	MSDC SHLAA and Parish Briefing Pack March 2025	To be reviewed
Policy 2: Meeting Thurston's Housing Needs	CHANGE	Bringing up to date to reflect what has been built and any evidence of need ;	Household Survey	To be reviewed
Policy 3: Meeting specialist care needs	NO CHANGE	Retain. Some provision has been delivered however more may be required	Household Survey	Collect evidence
Policy 4: Retaining and enhancing Thurston Character through residential design	CHANGE	Principal design policy. Could be expanded to cover design of other uses	Household Survey Design Code; Character Assessment	To be reviewed
Policy 5: Community Facilities	CHANGE	Minor change to reflect updated community priorities for new facilities	Household Survey	To be reviewed
Policy 6: Key Movement Routes	CHANGE	Update to reflect PROW protection and enhancement; could add in identified or indicative new routes required	Household Survey	To be reviewed
Policy 7: Highway capacity at Key Road Junctions	CHANGE	Updated to reflect improvements and add in any new concerns	Household Survey	To be reviewed
Policy 8: Parking Provision	CHANGE	Updated to reflect new SCC standards and guidance; broadened to include all forms of parking	Household Survey; Design Code; SCC latest standards	To be reviewed
Policy 9:Landscape and Environmental Features	CHANGE	Strengthen policy to include wider landscape, village gateway enhancements and important views	Household Survey; Character Assessment; Design Code; Environment, Landscape, Green and Open Spaces	To be reviewed

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Policy 10: Local Green Spaces	NO CHANGE	Minor update to add in any new spaces as a consequence of new development	Environment, Landscape, Green and Open Spaces;	Minor update
Policy 11: Provision for Wildlife in New Development	CHANGE	Update to reflect latest position with biodiversity net gain (10%) and SuDS guidance; possibly identify ecological corridors and green infrastructure	SCC SuDS guidance; Environment, Landscape, Green and Open Spaces; Household Survey	To be reviewed
Policy 12: Minimising light pollution	NO CHANGE	Minor update if any known technological advances	None	Possible minor update only
POSSIBLE NEW POLICIES				
Climate Change/Net Zero	NEW	Electric charging points, solar panels, heat pumps,	Design Code; MSDC SPD	
Infrastructure	NEW	Possible new policy covering the need for infrastructure as a result of growth	None	To be explored
Commercial/Business/ Employment Uses	NEW	Possible new 'supportive' style criteria based policy encouraging suitable business uses	Household Survey	To be explored
Brownfield Land	NEW	Possible 'brownfield' first style policy ; could identify specific areas	Household Survey; Character Assessment	To be explored
Heritage	NEW	Possible identification of non-designated heritage assets;	Household Survey; Character Assessment	To be explored