

Hi,

In response to your request for comment please see below:

We are seeking comments on the proposed Settlement Hierarchy. In particular;

- Whether the identification of existing facilities and services is accurate and up to date, particularly from Parish Councils. Thrupton Parish has a Place of Worship, a Sports Field and a Village Hall. There is no Public House, Primary School or Food Store although these exist in neighbouring Parishes.
- Feedback on whether the use of the 6 key facilities and levels of public transport service are appropriate to differentiate our rural settlements in the hierarchy. No, they are not. Through Thrupton Village there is an inadequate, ill timed, not seven days a week bus service which cannot be described as “Medium” according to your footnote 16 at page 32.
- Feedback on how we have assessed settlements that can access services and facilities available in a nearby settlement due to their proximity. I could find no explanation as to how you arrived at 4* Number of Other Facilities. The assessment of broadband access seems faulty. There will always be some dwellings sufficiently close to BT’s infrastructure to benefit but the majority of the Parish would not. As this is a Parish assessment it should be on that basis i.e. if the whole Parish has high speed access a * would be appropriate if not, it isn’t.

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