

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE THRUXTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Via email

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Dear Ms Bourner and Ms Hughes

FACT CHECK REPORT: THRUXTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you for the Local Authority's comments of 3 January 2020 and the Parish Council's comments of 13 January 2020 on the fact check version of my report on the Thrupton Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) examination.

I have considered the comments carefully and have made a number of the requested changes to my report, bearing in mind that the changes that can be made through the fact check process are limited to factual errors. I would reiterate this stage is not an opportunity to re-examine issues and put forward further evidence, opinions and submissions that would ultimately change the recommendations.

With this in mind, I comment below in respect of the following specific changes requested by the Parish Council:

- Paragraph 3.1 - Whilst Test Valley Borough Council's letter of designation is dated 10 May 2015, it clearly refers to the Parish Council's application being made in 2016 and a consultation period between March and April 2016. The Consultation Statement also refers to designation in May 2016. I have therefore had to assume that the letter's date of 2015 was a mistake. No change is made.
- Paragraph 4.5 - The Plan when made, will form part of the development plan and its policies will be used to make development management decisions on planning applications. The Vision and Objectives of the Plan should relate to planning matters to be translatable into policies, guidance and proposals in the Plan. If the Objectives refer to non-planning matters, the Plan will lack clarity. No change is made.
- Paragraph 4.21 - With regard to a reconsideration of site LGS7 because of its archaeological value, I still conclude that it does not meet the Local Green Space tests but I have added some additional text to paragraph 4.21 to refer to the Roman villa remains.
- PM8 - I have not changed PM8 as policy EN5, as drafted, did not refer to the River Bourne.

I can confirm, however, that I have clarified the wording of PM4, PM13 and PM19 and I provide separately my final report incorporating the other requested revisions.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this letter is placed on the Parish Council and Local Authority's websites.

I wish you well in progressing the Plan through the next stages.

Your sincerely

Mary O'Rourke

Examiner