

# THORPE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

**Learn about the  
emerging plan for  
our village**



- **Housing**
- **Our Environment**
- **Business & Employment**
- **Heritage & Design**
- **Green Belt**
- **Traffic**

## DROP-IN EVENT

We are now in the process of developing the Plan for the village. Before we proceed much further, we are pleased to invite you to attend our event where we will share with you our thoughts and ideas. We are keen to listen to your views and get your valued feedback.

All residents and businesses employing staff within the Thorpe Designated Area are welcome to attend.

**The Plan will impact how our village develops in the future. We look forward to welcoming you and hearing your views.**

**Thank you.**

[www.ThorpeForum.org.uk](http://www.ThorpeForum.org.uk)

### WHEN

Friday 9th March

3pm – 8pm

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March

11am – 4pm

### WHERE

Rutherwyke Room  
(behind St Mary's Church,  
Thorpe)

# Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan

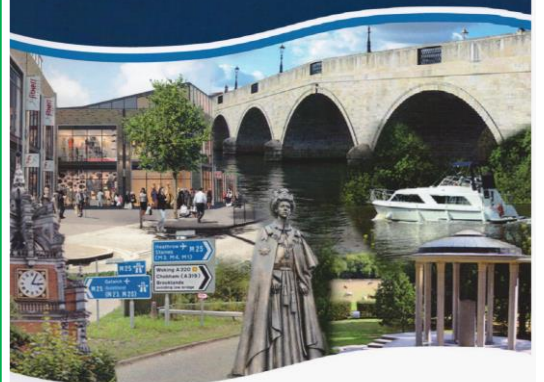
## The New Local Plan: What it means for us

Runnymede Borough Council ("RBC") have recently consulted on a new Local Plan. This covers the whole Borough. In terms of Thorpe, the Local Plan policies, if adopted, will apply as will some key proposed changes. The most important of which are:

- ❖ Thorpe Village will be removed from the Green Belt. This will give the opportunity for modest housing development on the fringes of the Village
- ❖ Crucially, RBC have recognized what many of you told us at the last event, that you only want small and modest developments. RBC are NOT dependent on the Village making a significant contribution to the increased house numbers, but modest new housing is expected over the Local Plan period (up to 2030).

Please note: Until the Local Plan is approved, the Village will remain in the Green Belt and development opportunity limited.

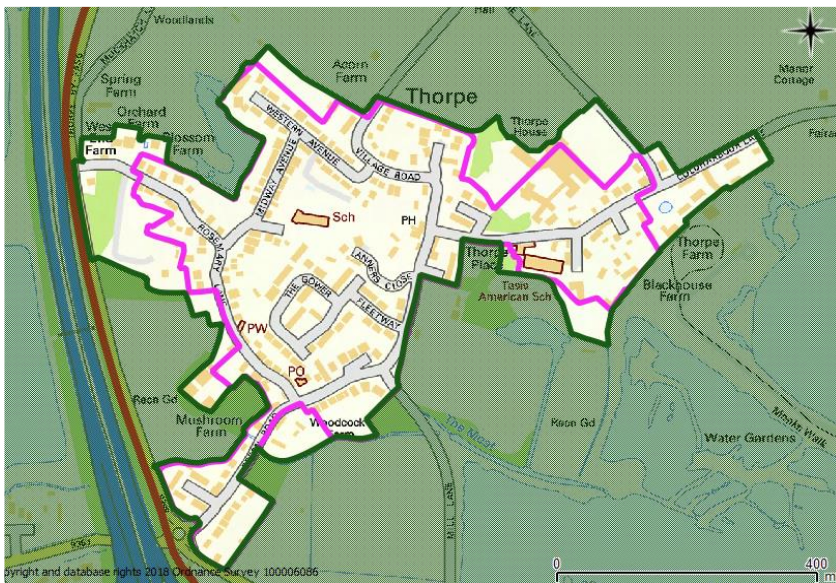
## Runnymede 2030 Draft Local Plan Consultation



January 2018

Runnymede  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

*RBC have a stand at the event. Please take time to speak with RBC's planners who will be pleased to explain the changes affecting Thorpe Village.*



**IF OUR PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE IS APPROVED, IT WILL BE SIGNIFICANT TO FUTURE PLANNING PERMISSIONS.**

**THROUGH THE VILLAGE PLAN, RBC WILL NEED TO ENSURE FUTURE APPLICATIONS IN THE AREA COMPLY WITH OUR PLAN AND NOT JUST THE WIDER BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN.**

**IF YOU ARE A LAND OWNER CONSIDERING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU URGENTLY SPEAK TO THE FORUM**

## Other news & work of the Forum

- ❖ The Forum, with support from central government funding, commissioned an independent Character Assessment of the Village was undertaken in the summer and this can be found on the website and copies are available to view at this event;
- ❖ We are now consulted on ALL planning applications within the area of the Plan;
- ❖ Held our AGM and our website lists all our meetings.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE FORUM, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**



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## Heritage:

The Forum have established a Working Group to explore how we can help protect our past and yet at the same time look to the future. As part of this work, the Forum commissioned an independent Heritage and Character Assessment of the village. This work has highlighted several recommendations that we will seek to include in the Plan and forms part of the 'Evidence' to underpin our analysis.

- ❖ 42 GRADE 2 and 2\* LISTED BUILDINGS MOSTLY IN THE CONSERVATION AREA.
- ❖ 89% OF RESPONDENTS TO OUR MARCH 17 QUESTIONNAIRE AGREED THAT BUILDINGS SHOULD BE BUILT IN THE CHARACTER OF OUR EXISTING PROPERTIES
- ❖ THE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE SYTLE OF DWELLING USES RED BRICK AND TIMBER FRAMED ACCENTS.



## Protecting the past.. planning the future

Through the working group, the Heritage Working Group have identified potential areas where the Plan will enhance the future development of the village.

## Areas of focus

Key aspects that the plan would include are:

- ❖ Design standards for new housing to ensure that the style and character of our built environment maintains the character of other properties found in the village
- ❖ Encourage 1.5-storey "dormer" properties
- ❖ Materials and exterior treatment to reflect existing heritage environment
- ❖ Seek to improve and protect our existing character walls.



**Please provide us your feedback by completing the questionnaire and let us know what you would like protected and encouraged in your village.**

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## Traffic

A working group has been looking into many of the issues you raised during the last consultation regarding such issues as speeding traffic and specific aspects. We have been advised that highway matters are the responsibility of Surrey County Council and as such we cannot, through the Plan, directly impose highway changes, such as speed changes. We can however, include in the Plan aspect of traffic matters that, as part of future development, would like resolved.

- ❖ YOU HAVE TOLD US THAT TRAFFIC IS A MAJOR CONCERN.
- ❖ YOU ALSO TOLD US ABOUT SPECIFIC ACCESS AND PARKING ISSUES
- ❖ YOU WERE DIVIDED ON THE NEED FOR A PUBLIC CAR PARK.



While we cannot directly influence highway and other like matters through the Plan, we will continue to voice your concerns during the summer through discussions with Surrey County Council (the highway authority) about our desires and wishes for the Village.

## Areas of focus

The Traffic Working Group have identified the following opportunities that we would like to discuss with Surrey County Council and gain their support for inclusion (hopefully securing some funding from any future development proposals). These include:

- ❖ “Welcome to Thorpe” gateways to define entrance points to the village
- ❖ Consider the potential to fund speed reduction measures to encourage safer passage of vehicles through the village
- ❖ Improvements to the street lighting, with particular interest in extending the current heritage lighting found in Ten Acre Lane and Village Road
- ❖ Potential options for a public car park
- ❖ Consideration to a 20mph zone around the village, although recent evidence from other 20mph zones that have been implemented have cast doubt on their effectiveness
- ❖ Pedestrian and cycle facility improvements, including a circular walk around the village
- ❖ Policies to protect the character of our lanes, particularly Rosemary Lane and Ten Acre Lane

**PLEASE GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK**

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## Business Links

A working group has been formed of local business to look at planning for current and future economic activity and how the Plan can introduce policies to help support a strong balance between business and residential interest. As part of the Plan we are looking at ways to foster community links between the businesses and residences. We also have on the Forum, individuals with business interests and provide voluntary help in supporting the Forum.

- ❖ APPROXIMATELY 60% OF THE PLAN AREA IS OWNED BY BUSINESSES.
- ❖ BUSINESSES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY
- ❖ THROUGH THE VILLAGE PLAN, WE WANT TO FOSTER GOOD RELATIONS AND SUPPORT BUSINESS.



Through the working group, the Business Links Working Group have identified potential areas where the Plan could support businesses. We are still working on our proposals and policies that could support businesses.

## Areas of focus

The Business Links Working Group have identified several areas where the Plan is currently being considered as an opportunity to help improve some key aspects. These are:

- ❖ Poor community broad band speeds are recognised and seek to bring about improvement in digital access within our community by increasing the broadband capability within the Plan area
- ❖ Consider the potential for small micro work units (typically 1-5 persons)
- ❖ Improved pedestrian and cycle routes and examine how this could become part of a longer-term plan of providing better pedestrian and cycle facilities within the area.

**PLEASE GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK**

**IF YOU ARE AN EXISTING BUSINESS WITHIN THE PLAN AREA AND NOT YET BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FORUM, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SPEAK ABOUT HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE VILLAGE.**

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## Your Feedback:

Your feedback is vital to us.

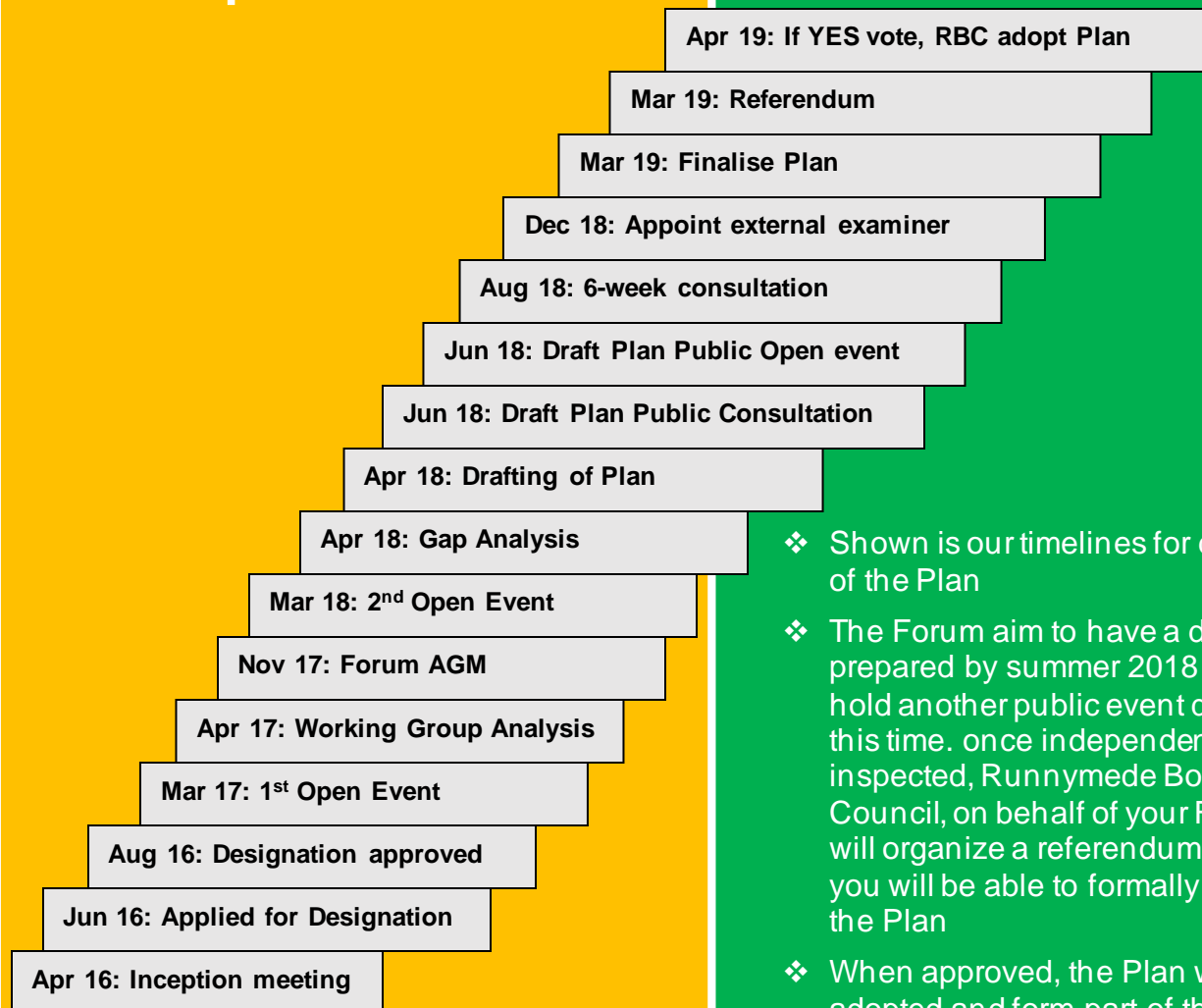
- ❖ Please complete a feedback questionnaire and once complete drop-off in the box before leaving the event. Please feel free to have a drink and complete the questionnaire seated at one of the tables. Please also mark on the map any ideas and thoughts you have.
- ❖ Please do not hesitate to ask any of the Forum members if you have any questions or need help completing the feedback questionnaire.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU.  
THANK YOU.**



**PLEASE COMPLETE A  
QUESTIONNAIRE TO LET US  
KNOW WHAT YOU LIKE AND DO  
NOT LIKE ABOUT WHAT YOU  
HAVE SEEN AND LEARNT  
TODAY.**

## Next steps:



- ❖ Shown is our timelines for delivery of the Plan
- ❖ The Forum aim to have a draft plan prepared by summer 2018 and hold another public event during this time. once independently inspected, Runnymede Borough Council, on behalf of your Forum, will organize a referendum when you will be able to formally vote on the Plan
- ❖ When approved, the Plan will be adopted and form part of the legal planning process.