

**Aldringham cum Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan Policy Ideas
Exhibition Write-up of drop-in sessions held 18th and 19th October
2023 at the Outside Inn (The Parrot), Aldringham and Thorpeness
Country Club**

Demographics

Permanent residents:

Sizewell	1
Aldringham	52
Thorpeness	33
<i>Second homes/holiday lets</i>	
Aldringham	0
Thorpeness	11
Nearby settlements	8
Work in the parish	3
Total:	108

Age Profile

21-30	2
31-40	2
41-50	4
51-60	12
61-75	44
75+	37
Total:	101

Communication Source

Flyer	62
Word of mouth	24
Poster	6
Social media/website	12
Total:	104

Vision and Objectives (post-its)

1. Objectives 3 and 4 agree.
2. Objectives 6 and 7 definitely agree.
3. Objective 8 agree but no obtrusive signage.
4. Objective 9 – parking beside The Meare is a problem in the summer- provide extra parking elsewhere.
5. Lower the speed limit within the village itself and stop parking beside The Meare
6. Objective 10 – perhaps the County Club's facilities could be made available to permanent residents free of charge rather than building more.
7. Objective 11 – agree.
8. 2nd home ownership should be restricted if at all possible – 3 agrees.
9. Need a SMART objective regarding the % balance of permanent residences/holiday homes/second homes for each community. A second objective to achieve that balance and maintain it.
10. Resident: cycle path/footpath from Aldringham to Thorpeness
11. Objectives should also consider those who 'visit' as well as live and work as they contribute significantly to the local economy – objective!
12. Resident: please expand the cycle path from Thorpeness to Aldeburgh – starting point at the boardwalk by the Kitchen Café. Pushchairs and bikes on the road are so dangerous.
13. Resident Aldringham – agree.
14. 2 residents agree.
15. House building should be maintained settlement boundaries only.
16. Half the objectives are not applicable.
17. Resident Aldringham – All dogs on leads
18. Agree that cycle paths should not be part of the main roads – but off road where possible – Aldringham resident.
19. Agree to all.
20. Agree resident Aldringham.
21. Agree but to be more forceful of house building numbers. No more estate developments of more than 10 dwellings max
22. The coastal erosion at Thorpeness is the most important issue.
23. Broadly agree but some missions - see post it – re housing (sustainable) and cycle paths – Leiston and Aldeburgh
24. Objective 8 – cycle paths needed but with safe routes (speed limits should be reduced, cyclist priority).
25. Objective 1: very important to maintain the character of Thorpeness.
26. Objective 2: new development should not be too energy demanding – if multiple bathrooms/heating required a heat pump and unobtrusive solar panels should be encouraged.
27. Objective 1: Housing. Prevent new developments infilling spaces to prevent high density and appearances that are not in the character of the parish.

28. Objective 1: Housing. No purpose is served for the local community if new houses are purchased as second homes. We have more than enough second homes.
29. Businesses: Second homes which are let create jobs – housekeeping, gardening etc and use of the local pub/restaurant and tea shops. Vacant second homes serve no purpose to the community. Encourage the letting of second homes.
30. Vision to be more succinct
31. Agree 1, 3, 6, 8, 9
32. Objective 2 – Primarily focused on Thorpeness, and therefore should require any new development in Thorpeness to contribute significantly to mitigating environmental challenges and not increase the number of properties at risk.
33. Objective 5 – What are “appropriate visitor facilities”. This is far too vague.
34. Objective 7 – What is ‘the established character’? So many recent developments do not respect the traditional design, so what character is supposed to be reflected? Lakeside Avenue in Thorpeness is a perfect example as it shows no cohesive design principle.
35. Objective 10 – This is a very loose objective. I would suggest adding something like ‘appropriate for an area of AONB’ or ‘suitable for a rural location’ or similar. There should be a constraint on what can be proposed for this area.
36. Objective 11 – No idea what this objective means.
37. On the whole agree. x2
38. Whilst agree with the right to protect the environment and wildlife it also needs to protect residents too.

Housing

Q: Do you think there is a need for new housing in the parish over the next 15 years?

1. Yes
2. Yes, must grow to make population increase.
3. No – (x9)
4. Yes, but must be made affordable.
5. Housing if evidence of need
6. Yes – sustainable growth for Thorpeness.
7. Yes – but only affordable housing for permanent residents.
8. Probably not
9. If affordable and not holiday homes
10. Doesn't appear to be a need right now.
11. Affordable housing for families/people working in the area.
12. No – I think there is enough at the moment.
13. If need is identified – small groups of houses (all to include 1-2 affordable units for the young)
14. Yes, to new houses but only if they are sold to full time residents.

15. Central location on bus route.
16. Yes, affordable, and social housing.
17. Yes, but affordable to attract locals and permanent residents.
18. Any new housing should be fully evidenced by local demand, and properties built solely for the purpose of fulfilling that local demand. The majority of recent developments have not been purchased by local people, including affordable homes. There is no need for any more housing in Aldringham until proven local demand exists.
19. Limited. We need to protect farmland and natural environment. There's no capacity for large housing estates.
20. Yes, to provide community benefit and to maintain a sustainable local population

Q: If, new housing is to be allowed, where should it be located?

1. Within settlement boundary
2. Expanded on new builds in Aldringham – Chandlers Way, new estate.
3. Away from present housing so as to control disruption to homeowners
4. Brown field sites
5. Segregation between Aldringham, Leiston and Thorpeness must be kept. No creeping developments between villages that potentially join up into a town. Villages must be kept as village, not suburbs.
6. Close to required infrastructure (or linked to new plans)
7. Pavilion grounds
8. More infrastructure to cope with more people.
9. Location – separately away from the historic core of the village – land behind the sports field.
10. Do not build on riparian land.
11. On the driving range
12. Sensitively considered.
13. Land adjacent to the sports field
14. Aldringham near crossroads or fields heading towards Thorpeness. Between Pilgrims Road and pavilion.
15. Land between Church Farm and the Golf Course
16. The housing in clusters policy mainly covers this. Any demand led building should be built in very small clusters within existing residential spaces, and not extend beyond current village limits.
17. Look at the parish it is hard to see where new housing could go. We are a rural and coastal parish with preserved conservation areas. Limited one-off builds or builds on existing footprints might be acceptable. Leiston has more capacity for large estates
18. Land between the almshouses and the pavilion.
19. To the west of Aldringham

Q: If, new housing is to be allowed, what type should it be?

	Agree	Disagree	Comments
1-2 bedrooms:	28	0	Housing which may attract families with children to the parish is more appealing than housing which is unsuitable for families with children. All Subject to proven local demand, and the houses are specifically built to fulfil that demand Starter homes for locals and those working in the parish
3-4 bedrooms	23	3	Modern design houses will become dated carbuncles: traditional design only.
4+ bedrooms	8	17	
First/Starter homes	30	4	
Bungalows	17	2	Need to attract permanent residents to Thorpeness e.g., build more bungalows, (for retirees) stop development of bungalows into houses
Affordable housing	36	2	Only people from the area otherwise 'no' also in keeping design of build. Not until all of the existing accommodation of this type is occupied by local people
Specialist housing	21	2	Stop development of bungalows into houses, no more second homes or Air BnB lets – restrict these and prevent new owners from letting. No holiday lodges – there are plenty in Aldeburgh plus hotels and campsite.

Q: What are your views on second homes/holiday lets?

1. Quadruple the council tax on second homes. Check on second homes masquerading as business premises avoiding council tax and loan collection payments.
2. No more, does nothing to promote community.
3. Affordable properties for people who don't drive is not advisable as walking to Leiston is somewhat dangerous.

4. New and starter homes should not be allowed to be holiday homes or holiday lets.
5. Houses should be built that are in keeping with surrounding properties and not unsightly large blocks that will be demolished as ugly within decade.
6. Holiday home, hotel and b and b – community 'tax' per stay to fund sea defences
7. No more houses built to let.
8. Development of caravans to lodges needs careful control as lodges appear in the middle of conservation areas which are not suitable.
9. Affordable housing needed within any development.
10. Important to develop Aldringham as a community - second homes would not contribute to local life. Affordable housing should be designated in perpetuity as such.
11. Thorpeness is a holiday village so no issue with holiday homes. Aldringham needs to be protected from too many holiday homes.
12. Holiday lets should pay for local services.
13. Too many party houses being developed in Thorpeness i.e., over development of sites.
14. Holiday lets should not qualify for small business rate relief – they end up paying nothing towards local services.
15. If we have to have 2nd homes, then the powers to pay a substantial levy to be given to the parish council for local projects.
16. Second homes should pay double rates. But really no more second homes
17. Holiday lets/second homes provide more income into the local community.
18. Development should only be allowed if houses are built in Thorpeness style (Elizabethan/Jacobean), and the profits or rent contribute to providing /protecting coastal defences or mitigating erosion and there is a control that stops them being bought a second homes. Thorpeness needs permanent residents.
19. Do not agree with either.
20. Not all holiday homes are business registered. Many pay legit council tax and contribute to the local community. Do not agree however that those claiming business rates relief etc should be penalised.
21. If new build restriction on sale of said property for second homes
22. No more second homes
23. Buy to let's cause more than their share of problems – dustbins etc left in the street all week, inconsiderate parking, failure to recycle properly.
24. Pay at least double rates, money tax for coast.
25. Need more young families that live full time in Thorpeness.
26. Very concerned about depopulation of permanent residents in Thorpeness
27. Don't agree with second homes.
28. No definitely not, no more.
29. Bungalows to free up larger properties for families to build more larger properties, so no need to build more, large properties.
30. Don't agree with second homes.

31. Thorpeness was a purpose-built holiday village I think this is forgotten sometimes.
32. Re-balance of holiday and second homes with more homes occupied most of the time. I suggest Neighbourhood Plan includes 'Principal Residence' policies such as have been included in other Neighbourhood Plans for Reydon and Southwold, Wells and Hunstanton and Downham Market
33. 2nd homes should pay usual council tax as other residents however little they are used.
34. If new build restriction on sale of said property for second homes.
35. Difficult to stop this in Thorpeness as it was built as a holiday destination. However, any home used as a second home or holiday let should be subject to significantly increased Council Tax payments.
36. They may well bring in revenue for the parish but they also put a strain on public services.
37. What is the percentage of second homes in the parish, should there be a limit imposed and with Airbnb. This would free up housing for locals.
38. Second homes are part of our parish. However a balance needs to be maintained between second homes, holiday lets and permanent residents.

Q: If new housing is to be allowed, how many houses should be built in the next 15 years?

	Agree	Disagree	Comments
<10 dwellings	26	8	Only if there is benefit to the community (e.g., money for sea defences) Subject to proven local demand, and the houses are specifically built to fulfil that demand
11-20 dwellings	8	9	The landowners are the real driving force because they can sell land to any developers.
21-30 dwellings	23	14	Difficult to quantify without base data but a 5-10% increase should be planned for.
31-40 dwellings	2	18	
40+ dwellings	2	22	

Q: If new housing is to be allowed, what community benefits should it bring or contribute to?

1. Need doctors and dentist – no new housing required.
2. Cycle paths to Leiston/pool and Aldeburgh.
3. Should bring better/increased facilities – doctors, schools/places in school, a community hall, more access e.g., more business.
4. Only social housing

5. Cycle path to Leiston
6. We need in the area more community medical care i.e., NHS dentist – money funded from benefits driven surrounding towns and villages could contribute to this.
7. Appropriate primary care services
8. We need new affordable housing for young working people, small developments.
9. No new development without supporting infrastructure.
10. Doctors, dentists, car park, new school
11. New light on Mill Hill facing toward the green not house, or new guard.
12. Develop any new housing only through community land trusts. Keep them affordable, sustainable and for local people.
13. Permanent residents
14. New housing only that doesn't impinge on existing facilities in Thorpeness.
15. Something to bring more cohesion between villages.
16. Development can not only profit the developers; contribute to the community please.
17. Cycle paths especially to Leiston (from Thorp)
18. Coastal erosion should be sorted before any large future development.
19. Infrastructure to support communities, doctors, and dentists.
20. Limit buildings to preserve the unique nature of the area and the greenery.
21. Housing to pay for safe cycling routes- Aldringham to Thorpeness
22. Any future development should make contribution to coastal erosion.
23. Low Lane bridle path being used a cut through to Aldeburgh should be stopped.
24. Doctors and dentists.
25. Sustainable build low carbon impact, affordable to run.
26. In Thorpeness, contribution should go to help protect the coast.
27. More infrastructure, more buses, doctors, school places, village hall.
28. Any new development should contribute to village improvements/coastal defences.
29. Footpath to Aldringham, permanent residents, low carbon, affordable or with a restriction not to be sold on as a second/holiday home, additional health, social care provision, doctors, and dentists.
30. If housing, key infrastructure needed and now funding and action for sea defences.
31. Medical care, doctors, dentists, effective public transport.
32. NHS dentist
33. We need to build up the infrastructure to follow the amount of people buying them; only grow affordable housing.
34. Housing development to fund cycle way between Aldringham and Thorpeness is positive.
35. New homes which become second homes do not serve the residents of the parish.

36. The field between Thorpeness Almshouses and the pavilion may be suitable for housing subject to the provision of adequate further infrastructure and traffic/pedestrian access and safety.
37. No infill. Increasing housing density would ruin the character and heritage of our parish.
38. No development on any part of the golf course, otherwise the whole of the golf course will eventually become a housing estate.
39. Aldringham - Improvements to the infrastructure and services – Healthcare, schools, drainage, public footpaths, quality of road surfaces.
Thorpeness - Improvements to the infrastructure and services – Healthcare, schools, drainage, public footpaths, quality of road surfaces and a significant contribution towards coastal protection.
40. Smaller homes, almshouses, sheltered housing where older people can downsize to free up larger homes
41. Stop buy to rent, limit second homes and Airbnb. Could second homes/Airbnb be purchased by the council to house local residents
42. Coastal protection, cycleways and footpaths, infrastructure.

Natural Environment

Landscape Character

Landscape break between Aldringham & Leiston, Aldringham & Knodishall

Agree	Disagree	Comments
56	0	<p>And maintain footpaths, link villages with cycle paths.</p> <p>Too much lost already</p> <p>Need policy to protect the special views, environment, flora and fauna, and landscape characteristics in the former Aldringham Special Landscape Area.</p> <p>All existing green spaces should be preserved.</p>

Identify Important public local views.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
28	0	

Nature Conservation

Promote net gain for nature in new development.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
43	0	<p>How will this be measured.</p> <p>Including energy projects</p>

Encourage wildlife friendly measures in new development.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
31	0	

Identify specific wildlife corridors.

Agree Disagree Comments

37 0

Q: What should the Plan say about coastal protection that isn't already being done?

1. Coastal area in Thorpeness is outstanding and should be protected.
2. Sizewell should be asked to contribute to coastal defences as part their commitment to the local area.
3. Remove the rock and plan to relocated housing in N.E.A
4. If the rock gets removed and no more is allowed. NEA plus the rest of the village will be at risk.
5. The SMP needs to be looked at now.
6. Does anyone realise that the SMP runs out in 2025?
7. Coastal erosion and overtopping of the shingle banks need to be a priority.
8. Promote managed retreat.
9. Coastal paths from Thorpeness to Sizewell is outstanding and views should be protected.
10. Protect villages and wildlife from power companies who want to destroy it.
11. Good idea but is it possible?
12. Protect coast from erosion more sea defences needed.
13. Nothing is being done for Thorpeness at all.
14. Do not build hard defences on the coastline let it evolve naturally.
15. There are a lot of grants from Sizewell that could be used for coastal erosion.
16. Would like to see protection.
17. Check whether Sizewell power station won't be under the sea in 50 years' time!
18. 'Promoting,' 'Encouraging' and 'preserving' actually needs maintaining - no just wait and see.
19. Sizewell C will significantly worsen erosion here due to their hard defences. Stop Sizewell C
20. The Plan should promote the protection of the coast.
21. Any development in the parish should contribute to coastal and Meare defences.
22. Rock is not a hard defence. If we don't do anything in the north the rest of the village will be at risk.
23. Proactive action is required now to secure the village against erosion.
24. Coastal erosion will affect the whole village, and something needs to be done now.
25. Any new building in Thorpeness should be built in such a way that it will not be impacted by rising sea levels even if nothing is done to protect our coast. If these measures are not practical/possible/necessary then a significant contribution should be made towards the cost of any coastal protection prior to the development commencing, in addition to the required contributions for Health, schools etc.

26. Needs to protect from any National Grid cabling projects and any onshore wind turbines that might be proposed. Also, any effects from Sizewell C
27. The plan should support the protection of Thorpeness

Access, Community and Recreation

Accessibility and Connectivity

New pedestrian and cycle routes that connect with existing ones and local services and facilities.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
59	0	<p>Cycle path to Leiston</p> <p>Hard cycle path to join up with path at sluice on Aldeburgh Road is long overdue.</p> <p>Verges need maintaining all year round; it is dangerous as a pedestrian or cyclist to leave or arrive in Thorpeness. No mow May is a joke!</p> <p>Safe tarmac footpath from Thorpeness to Aldeburgh is required.</p> <p>Cycle path to Leiston and Aldeburgh please</p>

Existing walking and cycling routes should be protected.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
45	0	<p>Footpath/pavement to Leiston must be cut – hedge overgrown</p> <p>Need to be wheelchair/mobility scooter usable, several parts are impassable</p>

Support for trails that increase public enjoyment and understanding of the area e.g., heritage trails.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
31	0	

A safe pedestrian cycle route between Thorpeness and Aldringham

Agree	Disagree	Comments
54	0	<p>Pedestrian route Aldeburgh to Aldringham</p> <p>Safe path with good signage</p> <p>And Aldeburgh</p> <p>Pedestrian and cycle route essential between Thorpeness car park and Aldeburgh</p> <p>Like to see proper cycle paths between Aldringham and Thorpeness and between Aldringham and Leiston</p>

As a multi village Parish it should be possible to walk/cycle between villages safely, away from the main roads.

A safe pedestrian route to the tea rooms at Aldringham

Agree	Disagree	Comments
26	3	30mph speed limit sign near Parrot junction from Thorpeness Way is too close to junction. Parrot junction sees way too many bumps, near misses and accidents. No clear vision for crossing.

What is important for a car park?

	Agree	Disagree	Comments
Highway safety	21	0	Roundabout at Parrot crossroads to control traffic speed.
Pedestrian safety	33	0	Adequate disabled parking
Provision for cyclists	24	0	
Electric charging points	23	2	Only a few and not to the detriment of those who just need to park

Community Facilities

Protect existing recreational/leisure facilities e.g., sports pitches/golf course.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
43	1	Are 2 large local golf courses really necessary? 2 large golf courses are necessary for the future of our children and have been there over 100 years.

Enhance existing recreational/leisure facilities e.g., pavilion.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
34	2	Current plan is too big and too expensive. Current plan is too ambitious. Need children's play area in Thorpeness, near boathouse through archway? Country Club flat grass area near Westbar?

The village needs this pavilion.
 More facilities for ladies and girl's football.
 The Country Club is hardly used so is there a demand for even more recreational facilities?
 Definitely
 The parish needs a modern community facility

Support water-based recreation e.g. The Meare

Agree	Disagree	Comments
34	0	No jet skis/power boat launching from the beach. What does this mean? There are already water based activities on the Meare. Does this mean paragliding off the beach, jet skiing off the beach?

Protection of existing community facilities e.g., pub, church, cafes/tearooms, allotments etc

Agree	Disagree	Comments
53	0	More allotments please Community orchard The Parrot is a listed building that needs protecting and support to help it stay in village life (x2) These facilities are essential for a rural community

Support new facilities e.g., community centre/village hall, meeting places, shop, new business, cultural facilities, or hubs.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
49	1	Shop needed in Thorpeness. Restore Thorpeness grocery shop (x2) Aldringham community needs a meeting room of its own, (access, transport, and other reasons) Its own village hall would be great. Make sure that the pub maintains its existing community outreach for local residents and doesn't go too upmarket or expensive. Still a need for a village store in Thorpeness Well done Chirs and Parrot for creating a community hub! Like to be a village hub, hall, meeting place in Aldringham to encourage local groups to get together. Is there really a demand for this? Together is better. Just need one centre, eg The Pavilion.

There are plenty of meeting places eg the Parrot / the Dolphin and halls Knodishall and Leiston

Support new green spaces e.g., play areas.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
29	0	<p>Park and outdoor adventure style play area would be a great asset to encouraging young kids to stay outside.</p> <p>A children's play area would be good.</p> <p>Aldringham needs its own meeting space not the pub.</p> <p>All of the green spaces should be protected. Any new developments should be built in very small clusters, not on open land.</p> <p>Not sure where other than the pavilion. Enhance existing playground in Mill Hill.</p> <p>Play area required in Thorpeness – Pavilion?</p>

Business and Employment

Business and Employment

Encourage small scale businesses e.g., shops that serve both visitors and the community.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
56	2	Agree

Support existing tourist businesses and manage tourism.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
37	4	<p>Local businesses need both local and tourist support either alone is not enough to sustain some businesses.</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Need a healthy balance between residents and visitors.</p> <p>What does this mean?</p> <p>Tourism is an essential contributor to the parish but needs to be managed in such away that it is an asset and does not become consuming</p>

Support homeworking

Agree	Disagree	Comments
23	3	Needs full fibre network in Thorpeness.

This is not necessary. Connectivity within the Parish is adequate already.

Extension or enhancement of existing businesses e.g., Golf Club/Hotel/Country Club

Agree	Disagree	Comments
21	21	<p>This will provide employment for young people.</p> <p>Disagree, only helps the 'well-to do.'</p> <p>Supporting businesses is important but not at the expense of trashing our parish. The density of the plans to develop the Dolphin Inn into the Dolphin Hotel is inconsiderate because of density/character and traffic issues.</p> <p>There are enough businesses catering for visitors. Most are too expensive for local residents to patronise.</p> <p>These businesses bring important out of area visitors to the area. We should be thankful that the area attracts visitors.</p> <p>Subject to council approval</p> <p>Would like to see the Country Club used more to secure its future</p>

Heritage, Design and Tourism

Heritage protection and enhancement

Protect and enhance the Thorpeness Heritage Centre

Agree	Disagree	Comments
43	1	<p>The very large businesses in the area should support this more.</p>

Protect the heritage assets of the parish.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
38	0	<p>Access to the beach by Coastguard cottages</p> <p>One of Thorpeness's heritage assets is the Dolphin which will be lost when it's converted into yet another hotel bar. Shame.</p> <p>Make sure that the Conservation Area guidelines and NPPF are followed – have a rethink about designating more Non-Designated Heritage Assets which have a greater degree of protection from development which would harm character.</p>

Designs should reflect differences between Aldringham and Thorpeness

Agree	Disagree	Comments
35	2	Maybe? Agree with differences. Thorpeness is unique in its style and character whereas Aldringham is a typical Suffolk village although at risk from encroaching development annexing it to Leiston. The demographic and needs of the two are fundamentally poles apart. Of course, they do. Thorpeness and Aldringham should be separate parishes, Aldringham should pair up with Knodishall. The two (Aldringham and Thorpeness have very different needs) Designs just needs to reflect the existing street scene in its location irrespective of the village.

Layout, materials, style, scale, landscaping, storage, and parking should all be covered in a design policy.

Agree	Disagree	Comments
34	0	Any policy should also include reference to the necessary green credentials of any build.

Anything else that should be included within a design policy?

1. No swimming pools. These are fundamentally damaging, and the sea is at hand.
2. Sustainable build – energy generation on site. Low carbon build; cheap to run.
3. Footpath outside the Parrot up to the start of Mill Hill needs repair. I am disabled and need a smoother surface for my walker as the ground is very uneven. I have already had two falls in this area.
4. Efficiency. Thermal qualities. Impact on residents during construction.
5. Any design should reflect traditional building styles in keeping with rural Suffolk. Not futuristic glass houses.
6. Adequate parking recognising we are a rural community

Have we missed anything? (post-its)

1. The objectives need to reflect the potential impacts of the various energy projects proposed for the area which will impact on the villages and the community and the services i.e., housing, transport, pollution, areas of natural beauty, tourism, impact on business, retail etc.
2. Need an objective to protect the area from energy scheme impacts.
3. Cycle path to Leiston
4. Mitigation and compensation from energy schemes
5. 2 residents from Almshouses on Aldeburgh Road – new bus shelter please!
6. Monitor the impact of other local plans e.g., Leiston, on our village.
7. Agree with bus shelters near Ogilvie Homes
8. Need shop in Thorpeness.
9. Coastal erosion at Thorpeness is **the** most important issue.
10. Needs a specific objective to maintain a healthy mix of permanent and 2nd/holiday homes.
11. Monitor impact of energy schemes in terms of disruption of village life and impact on communities
12. Traffic! - 30mph is rare – almost mown down on the way here.
13. Resident of Almshouses, Aldringham Ogilvie Homes, new bus shelter please
14. Footpath cycleway to Aldeburgh
15. Shop/central hub needed in Thorpeness.
16. Protect coastal defences is key to the conservation of the integrity of Thorpeness.
17. Suggestion: someone be assigned to review a handful of Neighbourhood Plans for parishes facing similar issues – plagiarism can be productive it's not a crime!
18. On election days a caravan for voters in Aldringham
19. Housing should be sustainable build (objective 7) to help reduce climate change through building design.
20. Provide safe, fast cycle route for to Leiston and Aldeburgh as well as Aldringham-Thorpeness (objective 8)
21. I agree that coastal erosion is **the** most important issue.
22. I'd be interested to know how much traffic is using Aldringham Lane & Leiston – Ald Road daily average. The speed signs are I think effective – mostly. Too much heavy traffic on small unsuitable roads.
23. Flooding is my main concern.
24. Election place – Aldringham
25. Coastal erosion is the most important. All new build developments must have legally binding contract to build affordable social housing on flood free land.
26. Safe footpath between Have House and Thorpe with good signage.
27. Eric and Bill – thank you so much for all your assistance and I am happy with the smaller sympathetic developments within the boundary.
28. It would be useful to know who is responsible for what between parish, District and County Councils.

29. Cyle path from Thorpeness to Aldringham (and Leiston). Current is very dangerous to cycle near The Holt. People also walk on the road – again very dangerous at The Holt.
30. Coastal defences main issue before anything else
31. There is not much land to build on inside the boundary at Thorpeness.
32. Objective 10 - would be fantastic if more sports facilities were available e.g., goals by the pavilion.
33. I think there should be a mention of 'over industrialisation', particularly relating to the current energy hub scenario.
I also think that we should be pushing the 'green agenda' more, probably via building policy – e.g. any new build should not be connected to mains gas, have solar panels, air source heat pump/ground source heat pump, electric car charger etc.
34. There should be an objective that takes into account the impact from National Grid cabling projects and Sizewell C and possible land base wind turbines. Namely on the environment, wildlife and people in our parish.
35. There should be an objective that ensures that the parish doesn't become separated. Thorpeness and Aldringham needs to continue to stay as one - not them and us.
36. Can anything be done about the junction at the parrot / Elm Farm so many bad accidents have occurred there. Maybe better signage / lighting
37. An objective to ensure energy projects contribute to the parish in a positive way

October 2023.