

# Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council

## Neighbourhood Plan Consultation on key issues and Objectives

### Questionnaire - September / October 2023

Thank you for your interest in the Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Please print the questionnaire and complete it by ticking the appropriate boxes and adding your comments which will help us have a better understanding of your views.

#### **PART 1 - Tell us a little about yourself**

AGE	Up to 20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-75	75+

I am a full-time resident of-	Aldringham-	
	Thorpeness-	
I have a second home/holiday let-	Aldringham-	
	Thorpeness-	
I live in a nearby town/village-		
I don't live here but work here-		

How did you hear about the drop-in	Flyer/leaflet	
	Word of mouth	
	Poster	
	Website/Social media	

#### **Part 2 - A vision for the parish:**

### Vision and Objectives

At the end of this Neighbourhood Plan period, the parish of Aldringham cum Thorpe will be a place:

- perceived by residents and visitors as an inclusive, great place to live, work, play and raise families; where health, transport, social, sporting facilities are available to and readily accessible by all
- that is an exemplar of careful husbandry of natural habitats, where the existing recreational access and use of both land and water resources is appropriately managed ensuring that the indigenous and visiting wildlife can thrive
- which manages and maintains its shoreline defences and inland waterways in relation to risks of erosion and flooding in a manner that protects its heritage and sustains its economic and social vitality
- where the community looks after its heritage, invites, entertains, educates and involves people from local and regional communities and from more

widely dispersed parts of the country, and in so doing makes a special contribution to the cultural and communal identity of Suffolk

- where the recreational enjoyment of the Suffolk coastline, including its beaches, shingle foreshores, inland waterways, marshes, wetlands, heaths and Sandlings is responsibly managed.

**Objective 1:** To ensure that new development, including new housing is appropriate in size and scale to the established character of the parish and meets the existing and future needs of those who live and work within it.

**Objective 2:** To respond to the effects of climate change and sea level rise by requiring new development to adapt and mitigate to the environmental and constructional challenges arising

**Objective 3:** To protect and enhance the parish's important wildlife habitats and landscape features.

Objective 4: To encourage public and private initiatives to maintain sustainable land use and protect residents from flooding, along the shoreline and low-lying inland areas, consistent with the existing Shoreline Management Plan

**Objective 5** To encourage the provision of appropriate visitor facilities at key destinations,

consistent with the protection and conservation of the environment, to facilitate enjoyment,

recreation, research, education, involvement, and communication

**Objectives 6:** To protect, conserve and enhance the built heritage of the parish, both designated and undesignated.

**Objective 7:** To maintain a high-quality level of design and ensure that new development celebrates, respects and enhances the established character and distinctive architecture of all parts of the parish.

**Objective 8:** To sensitively manage and improve access and public enjoyment of the key coastal landscape areas, including the shoreline, marshes and inland waterways by consolidating existing routes (such as footpaths and cycleways) and encouraging the provision of new routes.

**Objective 9:** To improve existing accessibility and parking arrangements for all users through the promotion and provision of high quality and well-designed amenities.

**Objective 10:** To encourage the enhancement of the parish's existing outdoor sporting and leisure facilities and support the introduction of new facilities which cater for the widest possible range of skill, experience and excellence, and the widest participation across age groups.

**Objective 11.:** To support the continuity and enhancement of the parish’s existing cultural and community facilities and encourage the introduction of new facilities which consolidate or extend the range of cultural opportunities available to serve the community.

Do you agree with the Vision and Objectives?

Have we missed anything?

### **PART 3 - What you have previously told us**

## **Housing**

**Houses should be suitable and affordable for local people to help maintain a viable residential population including young families with children**

**Maintain balance between 2<sup>nd</sup> homes, holiday lets and residents**

**Contain housing within settlement boundaries**

**Discourage ribbon development**

**Ensure adequate infrastructure for additional housing**

**Housing should only be built to provide community benefit including coastal defences**

## **Natural Environment**

**Maintain separation between Aldringham and Leiston**

**Maintain separation between Aldringham and Knodishall**

**Maintain hedges**

**Maintain river hundred Special Landscape Area**

**Protect Fauna and Flora**

**Control flooding**

**Ensure Coastal protection and adequate shoreline management**

## **Heritage, Design & Tourism**

**Manage street lighting**

**Housing should be of a good design and in keeping**

**Protect the conservation area and ensure character of Thorpeness is not lost**

## **Access, Community & Recreation**

**Better maintain paths and cycleways**

**Footpath/cycleway required between Aldringham and Thorpeness**

**Footpath/cycleway required between Thorpeness and Aldeburgh**

**Improved footpath required from Thorpeness to the Pavilion**

**Meeting place needed in Aldringham,**

**Improved community hall needed for the parish**

**Improved sports facilities**

**Provide children's play space**

## **Business & Employment**

**Support local businesses**

**Manage tourism**

## Part 4 - Questionnaire

Housing			
<p><b>DRAFT POLICY IDEA:</b>  <b>New housing: Q:</b> Do you think there is a need for new housing in the parish over the next 15 years?  <b>Comments:</b></p>			
<p><b>Location: Q:</b> <i>If</i>, new housing is to be allowed, where should it be located?  <b>Comments:</b></p>			
<p><b>How many: Q:</b> <i>If</i> new housing is to be allowed, how many houses should be built in the next 15 years?</p>			
	Agree	Disagree	Comments
< 10 dwellings			
11-20 dwellings			
21-30 dwellings			
31-40 dwellings			
40 + dwellings			
<p><b>Community benefits: Q:</b> <i>If</i>, new housing is to be allowed what community benefits should it bring or contribute to?  <b>Comments:</b></p>			
<p><b>Housing Mix: Q:</b> <i>If</i>, new housing is to be allowed, what type should it be?</p>			
	Agree	Disagree	Comments
Size: 1-2 bedrooms			

Size: 3-4 bedrooms			
Size: 4+ bedrooms			
Type: First/Starter Homes			
Type: Bungalows			
Affordable Housing			
Specialist housing e.g. Almshouses, self-build, sheltered housing			

**DRAFT POLICY IDEA: Second Homes/Holiday lets: Q:** What are your views on second homes and holiday lets?

Comments:

## Natural Environment

**DRAFT POLICY IDEA:**  
**Landscape Character**

Agree

Disagree

Comments

Preserve the existing landscape breaks between Aldringham and Leiston and Aldringham and Knodishall

Identify key important public local views  
(See map)

**DRAFT POLICY IDEA:**  
**Nature Conservation**

Agree

Disagree

Comments

Promote net gain for nature in new development

Encourage wildlife friendly measures in new development

Identify specific wildlife corridors

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

Comments:

## Heritage, Design and Tourism

DRAFT POLICY IDEA: Heritage Protection and enhancement	Agree	Disagree	Comments
Protect and enhance the Heritage Centre			
Protect the heritage assets in the parish			

Are there any buildings in the parish that are not nationally listed but are locally important?  
[Comments:](#)

DRAFT POLICY IDEA: Design	Agree	Disagree	Comments
Designs should reflect differences between Aldringham and Thorpeness			
Layout, materials, style, scale, landscaping, storage and parking should all be covered in a design policy?			

Anything else we should include in a design policy?  
[Comments:](#)

## Access, Community & Recreation

Access, Community & Recreation			
<b>DRAFT POLICY IDEA: Accessibility and connectivity</b>	Agree	Disagree	Comments
Support for new pedestrian and cycle routes that connect with existing ones and to local services and facilities			
Existing walking and cycling routes should be protected.			
Support for trails that increase public enjoyment and understanding of the area e.g. Heritage Trails			
A safe cycle/pedestrian route between Thorpeness and Aldringham			
A safe pedestrian route to the tea rooms (Aldringham)			
<b>DRAFT POLICY IDEA: What is important for a car park?</b>	Agree	Disagree	Comments
Highway safety			
Pedestrian safety			
Provision for cyclists			
Electric charging points			
<b>DRAFT POLICY IDEA: Community Facilities</b>	Agree	Disagree	Comments
Protect existing recreational/ leisure facilities e.g. sports pitches, golf course			
Enhance existing recreational/ leisure facilities e.g. Pavilion			
Support water-based recreation e.g. the Meare			
Protect of existing community facilities e.g. pubs, church, cafes/tearooms, allotments etc			
Support new facilities e.g. community centre/village hall, meeting places, shop, new business, cultural facilities or hubs			



Support new green spaces e.g. play areas.			
<b>DRAFT POLICY IDEA: LOCAL GREEN SPACES</b>	Agree	Disagree	Comments
<p><b>Please identify any important green spaces that should be protected in the Neighbourhood Plan.</b></p> <p>Comments:</p>			
<b>Business &amp; Employment</b>			
<b>DRAFT POLICY IDEA: Businesses &amp; Employment</b>	Agree	Disagree	Comments
Encourage small scale, businesses e.g. shops that serve both visitors and the community.			
Support existing tourist businesses and manage tourism			
Support homeworking,			
Extension or enhancement of existing businesses e.g. Golf Club/Hotel/Country Club			
<p>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>			

Please send the completed questionnaire to:

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