

# Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan

## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Runnymede Borough Council is preparing a new Local Plan for the Borough.

As part of the new Local Plan, the proposal is that Thorpe Village will be removed from the Green Belt, this will give the opportunity for modest housing development on the fringes of the village.

The Neighbourhood Forum was established in 2016 to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan so that these new areas for development can be carefully planned to ensure they are integral to and enhance the village.

## THE VISION

The vision of the plan is to consider development within a new green belt boundary as proposed by the plan, which takes account of Thorpe's unique historic value and green infrastructure.

## VISION PRINCIPLES

1. New development should create a focus towards the village centre and historic core.
2. New development should enhance village identity; viability of community, and enhance Thorpe's green infrastructure.
3. Improvement of pedestrian and cycle links to the village core and primary school.
4. New development should be designed in accordance with the Forum's heritage design policies to integrate with Thorpe's historic core.
5. New housing mix should seek to accommodate deficiencies in local supply.
6. Green infrastructure needs to be enhanced to ensure sufficient protection from adjoining motorways and improve biodiversity.
7. Improve sports facilities to the public.
8. Improve and extend existing hedgerows that have historic importance.
9. Use new development to improve public access to important green spaces.