**Neighbourhood Plan Community Engagement**

The following paragraphs summarise feedback received from parishioners who attended two Community Engagement Workshops, the first in Thriplow Village Hall on 29th February 2020, the second in the Officers’ Mess Business Centre, adjacent to Heathfield Ward on 7th March 2020.  A total of (72?) people attended. The displays presented at the Workshops for comment were prepared in the light of 209 responses to an initial questionnaire issued to all households in the parish in May 2018. The displays have now been placed online and further comments are invited.

**A VISION FOR THE PARISH**

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION -23 likes, 1 not like for net expansion of green belt

7 likes for establish new woodland and protected wildlife area

8 likes for protected green spaces

LIVING VILLAGE -18 likes

6 likes fast fibre broadband

4 likes expand visitor parking

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH - 14 likes, one not like

7 likes infrastructure limitations need to limit development appropriately.

Query on 3% limit on housing expansion - of what? Can we clarify?

RESPECTING RURAL ROOTS - 12 likes

4 likes for ensure the surrounding farms remain part of village life and ensure that development is

‘agriculture friendly’.

4 likes for ensure protected green areas within the village continue to be used for livestock farming.

4 likes for limit road markings and road ’furniture’ to avoid urban feel.

SOCIAL COHESION - 10 likes, 1 not like

6 likes 1 not like for sports facilities - protecting cricket club, while adding football and tennis facilities (already football at Heathfield).

INTEGRATING THE PARISH - 9 likes

4 likes for use amenity development to better link Heathfield and Thriplow

3 likes for better cycleways, etc

HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE - 6 likes

5 likes for thriving village shop, pub, rec spaces, clubs, etc

**TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIVITY**

HEATHFIELD STRENGTHS

HEATHFIELD WEAKNESSES

3 likes (agree) for poor bus service

8 likes (Heathfield) and 9 likes, 1 not like (Thriplow) for improve cycle and footpath connections

HEATHFIELD OPPORTUNITIES

4 likes for bus link Thriplow-Heathfield for school children and shoppers

6 likes for improving cycle and footpath connections

HEATHFIELD THREATS

4 not likes to re-routing of A505 to go between Heathfield and Thriplow.

HEATHFIELD MAP

Map shows 6 likes for asking county council to adopt roads, and 1 dislike

Map shows 6 likes and 4 dislikes for opening Pepperslade Road to Heathfield

Map shows 2 likes and 3 dislikes for opening Kingsway to Ringstone

PARISH MAP

38 dislikes for re-routing A505

24 likes to improving junction from Thriplow to A505

22 likes for improving path to Fowlmere

10 likes to possible 5G mast at Thriplow church.

8 likes to improve path to Whittlesford (Drift)

7 likes to improve amenity of path to Heathfield.

Note added about number of car accidents - greater than 1 per month - which occur on A505 between Thriplow and Flint Cross because of speed and traffic.

VILLAGE STRENGTHS

1 like for rural environment

VILLAGE WEAKNESSES

10 likes for dealing with speeding through-traffic, including note for limiting HGVs going through village

7 likes for dealing with congested school drop-off and car parking

5 likes for dealing with poor mobile and internet connection

4 likes for each of bus service poverty and dangerous A505 access

3 likes for poor road maintenance

VILLAGE OPPORTUNITIES

12 likes for better mobile and broadband

9 likes for traffic calming measures

9 likes for improve school drop off

7 likes for improve cycle paths and footpaths

3 like and 1 dislike for village car park

VILLAGE THREATS

20 dislikes for re-routing A505 closer to Thriplow

15 dislikes of increased through traffic

9 dislikes of end to bus service

THRIPLOW MAP

20 likes to 20mph zone starting in Church Street

9 likes to possible drive through drop off at school

8 dislikes and 7 likes to new car park near green and shop

3 likes to improve path to Whittlesford

5 likes to broadband mast in church tower

**AMENITIES, FACILITIES AND UTILITIES**

HEATHFIELD STRENGTHS

2 likes for playground and fishing ponds.

1 like for rural footpaths.

HEATHFIELD WEAKNESSES

4 likes (agree) serious lack of amenities.

4 likes (agree) no central amenity (e.g. shop or hall)

1 like (agree) each to poor access to A505, poor drainage, poor mobile signal, poor broadband

connectivity and unadopted roads.

HEATHFIELD OPPORTUNITIES

8 agree to development of a central amenity (e.g. shop or hall).

6 agree to create recreational facilities between Heathfield and Thriplow Village.

1 agree to enhance access to and use of rural environment.

HEATHFIELD THREATS

4 concerned by urbanisation

HEATHFIELD MAP

5 agree and 3 disagree to locating new amenity area on privately owned land along the lane to “sewage pumping station”

2 agree to locating a village amenity or “hub” in IWM Duxford (Building10)

1 suggested a hub in former ICENI house.

THRIPLOW VILLAGE STRENGTHS

10 likes for pub

10 likes each for school, shop, church, cricket pitch, playground and bridleways

6 dislikes for rural paths as being insufficient, with a note complaining about the loss of permissive rights of way to Newton and Foxton.

THRIPLOW VILLAGE WEAKNESSES

6 likes (agree) that mobile signal is weak.

2 likes (agree) that broadband connectivity is poor

THRIPLOW VILLAGE OPPORTUNITIES

7 likes (agree) for need for improved mobile phone signal 5 likes (agree) for need to improve broadband connectivity

7 likes (agree) for create opportunities to integrate Heathfield and Thriplow more effectively

2 agree, 1 disagree to proposition that a larger cricket ground is needed (but see Map comments below)

2 likes (agree) that better use could be made of rural pathways/rural environment

THRIPLOW VILLAGE THREATS

21 dislikes for further urbanisation

THRIPLOW VILLAGE MAP

12 likes and 7 dislikes for possible site north of Fowlmere road for privately owned, larger cricket pitch

6 likes for the purchase of the existing cricket pitch for use as a local recreation space

4 likes for mobile phone mast to be located in village church steeple 2 likes for creation of a village museum

**HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT**

OPPORTUNITIES

3 likes and 1 dislike for general proposal to build starter homes, family homes, homes for the elderly (see Map comments below)

THREATS

10 dislikes for possible re-routing of A505 between Heathfield and Thriplow Village

HEATHFIELD MAP

7 dislikes and 1 like for possible location of mixed affordable housing on lane to “sewage treatment works”

3 dislikes and 1 like for locating mixed affordable housing on site west of Hurdles Way

THRIPLOW VILLAGE MAP

28 likes for proposed development of grain store site but some added a note, “no more than 15 houses”, and cars should not be allowed from there to Farm Lane/Lower Street

13 likes and 3 dislikes to proposed development on privately owned exception site north of Sherald’s Croft Lane

3 likes and 9 dislikes for proposed development of Rectory Farm brown field site on Middle Street

4 likes and 5 dislikes for proposed development of former chicken sheds on green field site up the Baulk from Middle Street

**LANDSCAPE AND CHARACTER**

STRENGTHS

9 likes for views on to green fields

7 likes for friendly atmosphere. 5 likes for Green Belt designation

4 likes for the peaceful, green ad rural environment

4 likes for the RAF heritage in Heathfield

WEAKNESSES

3 likes (agree) and 1 dislike (disagree) for the threat of flooding

2 likes (agree) for the lack of cycle paths and limited footpaths

1 like (agree), 2 dislikes (disagree) for the lack of adequate recreation space in Thriplow Village

3 likes (agree) for the lack of community and retail space in Heathfield

1 like (agree) about inadequate parking spaces

1 like (agree) for Thriplow/Heathfield divide

OPPORTUNITIES

21 agree to keep traffic slow for pedestrians

17 agree on need to protect views on to internal and external green spaces

15 agree to preserving village feel

11 agree to more trees, village woodland

7 agree to more protected wildlife routes

5 agree to going carbon neutral

4 agree on need to improve links between Thriplow and Heathfield

4 agree to enhancing sites of special and scientific interest

2 agree and 1 disagrees on the need for more protected village amenity areas

THREATS

12 dislike disproportionate development

13 dislike increased traffic on A505

7 dislike affordable housing

3 dislike growth in population

**Summary of conclusions**

Further adjustments can be made to the conclusions in the light of comments received online. The highest priorities which have emerged so far focus on preserving the special nature of both Thriplow village and Heathfield, introducing stronger traffic control measures, better foot and cycle paths, the development of a central amenity in Heathfield and improving the A505 junction/ Gravel Pit Hill junction. There is support for additional housing, including social housing, but only in limited numbers in very specific places. There is strong opposition to any re-alignment of the A505 on a route between Heathfield and Thriplow.