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RE: Thame Neighbourhood Plan Call for Sites

Thame Town Council is undertaking a review of the Thame Neighbourhood Plan, which was “made” in July 2013.

Since 2013 the District Council have been preparing a new Local Plan that will guide development of all kinds across the District. Within the current draft version the District Council have proposed further housing and employment growth for Thame. As one of the early stages in the preparation of a new neighbourhood plan, the Town Council is looking to identify potential sites within Thame Parish that could help meet those, and other, development needs.

We are seeking land for the following, and other uses:

- Housing
- Housing land for Thame’s Community Land Trust
- Employment
- Town Centre retail and office space
- Education, including land for a 2-form entry primary school and nursery provision
- Open space and parks
- Other infrastructure, e.g., car parking, community and health facilities.

We would therefore like to invite landowners, developers and agents to put forward sites for consideration. Sites do not necessarily have to be immediately available, as the Thame Neighbourhood Plan will cover development needs up to 2034, in line with the District’s Local Plan. They must, however, be suitable and achievable for development purposes.

For the first time, Thame will be looking for housing sites suitable for our local Community Land Trust. The Trust is run by residents and workers from Thame who will build affordable homes for purchase or rent for local people who are struggling to afford homes on the open market. Properties built will be subject to the rules of the Trust (a Community Benefit Society) that will ensure that they will continue to be available, into the future, for residents with a strong local connection. Any funds raised through rents and sales will be used for the benefit of the Thame community.

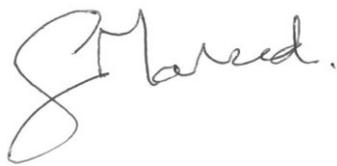
If you have a site you would like us to consider, please complete and submit the form that accompanies this letter. You will also need to submit a map that clearly identifies the location and boundary of your site. For practical purposes we are looking for housing sites that could hold two or more homes but for all other sites, there are no lower limits.

A full assessment of each submitted site will be undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee of Thame Town Council, and the results made publicly available. The assessment criteria to be used in this process are currently being drafted and may be made available for public consultation. Any sites deemed suitable for possible inclusion within the revised Thame Neighbourhood Plan will be further assessed with the benefit of detailed evidence and compliance with any current and emerging national and local policy.

Sites must be submitted to Thame Town Council by Monday 22nd April, 2019.

Should you have any further questions on this, any other matter, then please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Markland'.

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