

Thame Call for Sites – Questions and Answers V.1 07/03/2019

Q. I have already submitted my site for development with the District Council. Do I need to submit this again to the Town Council?

A. The District Council is not making details of either the landowners or the promoters of sites available to neighbourhood plan groups. To ensure that your site is considered for allocation, please submit any site(s) you have an interest in to Thame Town Council.

Q. We have already seen lots of development in Thame! Why are we looking for more?

A. The District Council have a duty to prepare a document, the Local Plan, that allocates sites for development in places they believe can receive it. Where neighbourhood plans are in place, the form and precise location of the development is decided by the community, through the neighbourhood plan. Although the Town Council does not believe full account has been taken by the District Council of development in Thame's neighbouring villages, including those within Buckinghamshire, we must prepare to provide that development. The precise allocation of houses and employment land will be decided following inspection of the District's Local Plan, later this year.

Q. You are not asking for a minimum site size. Why is this?

A. Each site will be looked at in terms of its location, and other merits. We are not looking to preclude sites from being suggested that could either provide for a need in themselves, or through being combined with other adjacent, or nearby sites, form a viable parcel of land.

Q. I'm looking for land myself. I want to build a house / find a location for my existing / future business.

A. Please contact us using the e-mail address consultations@thametowncouncil.gov.uk with your needs. As the Neighbourhood Plan progresses, greater certainty will arise around the suitability of land for certain uses. Although it is not our role to act as a land agent, we will look to help people and businesses find the owners of land that is suitable for their needs. In doing so, we will always advise compliance with existing or emerging development plan policies.