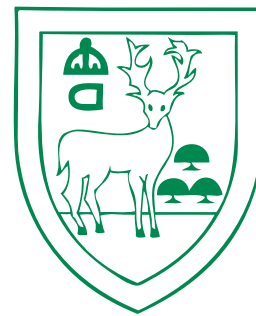


Theydon Bois Village Design Statement Association Questionnaire December 2007



There was a full article in the September 2007 Village News about the Village Design Statement but to remind villagers, a design statement gives a detailed description of the existing character and main features of design in the village and guidelines for how this should be respected in any new development. It identifies the physical properties and characteristics of the village and its surroundings that are valued by local people.

It embodies villagers' views on change and how it should be managed, gives positive guidance to designers and developers on design acceptable to the community, helps protect important or historic buildings and open spaces and assists the local planning authority when dealing with planning applications.

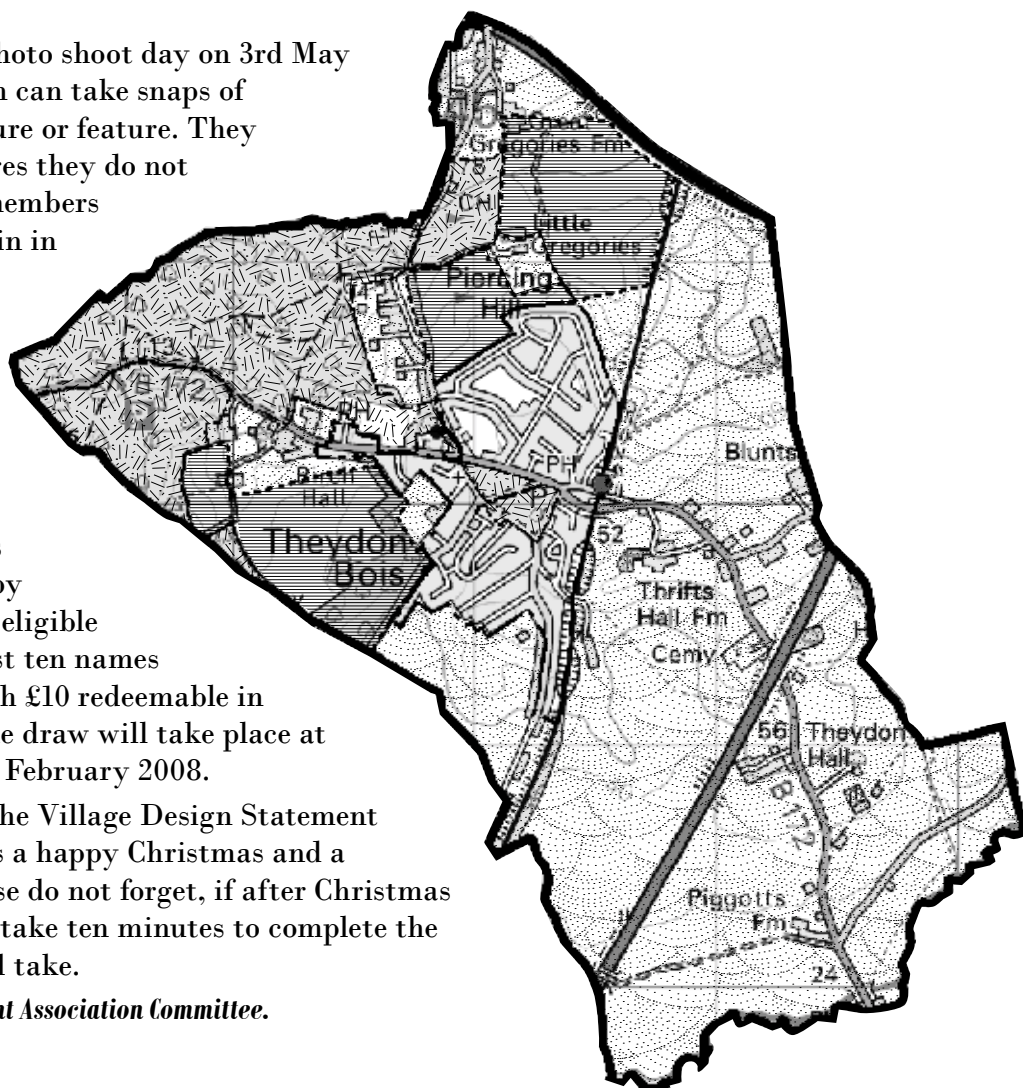
We have now written to the majority of clubs, associations and clubs associated with the Village Association as part of our publicity exercise, and we have received donations. This questionnaire, which we hope all villagers will complete, will provide us with information about the village and its inhabitants which will then be analysed and used as the basis of the information to be embodied in the Village Design Statement.

This will be augmented by a photo shoot day on 3rd May 2008, when adults and children can take snaps of their favourite view, architecture or feature. They can also take pictures of features they do not like. We would encourage all members of the village community to join in the fun and help us compile a comprehensive picture gallery of the village's most valued features.

Please help us by completing the questionnaire in full. The names of villagers who have submitted questionnaires fully completed and returned by the 31st January 2008, will be eligible for inclusion in a draw. The first ten names drawn will receive tokens worth £10 redeemable in participating village shops. The draw will take place at the Village Hall on Friday 8th February 2008.

It remains for all members of the Village Design Statement Association, to wish all readers a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and please do not forget, if after Christmas you have an idle moment, just take ten minutes to complete the questionnaire, that is all it will take.

Theydon Bois Village Design Statement Association Committee.



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Please complete the questionnaire by marking X in the box which corresponds with your opinion for each statement:-

- A Strongly agree
- B Agree
- C No strong opinion
- D Disagree
- E Strongly disagree

1. General Situation

1.01 It is very important that the village should retain a green area around it to keep it a separate entity. A B C D E

1.02 Which feature of Theydon Bois is most important to you?

1.03 Which feature of Theydon Bois are you most disappointed with?

1.04 There is a strong sense of community spirit in the village. A B C D E

1.05 The existing community spirit would be damaged by substantial expansion of the village. A B C D E

1.06 The protection/retention of Epping Forest and 'buffer land' is important. A B C D E

1.07 Despite current pressures on housing we should resist any compromise of our Metropolitan Green Belt. A B C D E

2. Building form, style and layout

2.01 There are buildings in Theydon Bois worth preserving in their current state. A B C D E

2.02 Which buildings in Theydon Bois do you find visually/historically important?

2.03 What do you dislike about the appearance of Theydon Bois?

2.04 Unrestricted alterations to buildings should not be permitted. A B C D E

2.05 Extensions to existing buildings should be sympathetic in scale, height, design and materials. A B C D E

2.06 New housing should be sympathetic in scale, height, design and materials. A B C D E

2.07 Infill housing, utilising land between houses, should be sympathetic in scale, height, design and materials. A B C D E

2.08 Development of all types should complement existing/adjacent properties. A B C D E

2.09 The village would benefit from the development of new housing. A B C D E

2.10 The character of Theydon Bois derives from its present size. A B C D E

2.11 Further development is desirable. A B C D E

2.12 Infill, utilising land between houses, should be encouraged. A B C D E

2.13 Building new dwellings in gardens should be restricted to preserve biodiversity and the open aspects of the village. A B C D E

2.14 There should be more buildings that are modern/cutting edge in design. A B C D E

2.15 Bearing in mind that we are surrounded by Metropolitan Green Belt and currently legislation restricts the development of housing, what number of new dwellings/households could the village accommodate over the next 10 years?

Up to 50

Up to 100

Up to 200

Over 200

2.16 Bearing in mind that currently building on Metropolitan Green Belt is severely constrained, if development needs to take place, where should new dwellings go?

2.17 If development is necessary what type of development do you feel Theydon Bois most needs?

Social housing

Affordable housing/starter homes for first time buyers

Sheltered or other accommodation suitable for the elderly

Family housing

Flats

2.18 Theydon Bois should retain a mix of smaller houses and bungalows as well as larger family homes. A B C D E

2.19 The current mix of housing styles and sizes is adequate. A B C D E

3. Environment

3.01 The village should not have street lighting. A B C D E

3.02 Consideration should be made to lighting some parts of the village which do not benefit from the light provided by houses or shops. A B C D E

3.03 The erection of mobile phone masts should be discouraged. A B C D E

3.04 The erection of wind turbines should be discouraged. A B C D E

3.05 The erection of solar panels should be encouraged. A B C D E

3.06 Aircraft noise is at an unacceptable level. A B C D E

3.07 Light pollution from surrounding facilities is intrusive. A B C D E

3.08 Domestic garden/security lighting can be intrusive. A B C D E

3.09 The current Theydon Bois 'Dark Sky Policy' contributes to the tranquillity of the village. A B C D E

3.10 The CCTV coverage in the village is intrusive. A B C D E

3.11 The CCTV coverage in the village is adequate. A B C D E

3.12 Wheeled bins are visually intrusive. A B C D E

3.13 Native hedgerows should be encouraged. A B C D E

3.14 Grass verges should be preserved. A B C D E

3.15 Street side property boundaries should be maintained in keeping with the rural environment. A B C D E

3.16 The planting of native trees should be encouraged. A B C D E

3.17 The excessive impermeable paving of front gardens is environmentally damaging. A B C D E

3.18 Front gardens provide a valuable contribution to the character of the village. A B C D E

4. Surrounding Landscape

4.01 The Metropolitan Green Belt should be preserved at all costs. A B C D E

- 4.02 The green spaces to Abridge, Loughton and Epping should be preserved. A B C D E
- 4.03 The Village Green should be preserved. A B C D E
- 4.04 The wild meadow areas on the village green should be preserved. A B C D E
- 4.05 The Buxton Trust sports ground should be preserved. A B C D E
- 4.06 The allotments should be preserved. A B C D E
- 4.07 All public footpaths and bridleways should be maintained. A B C D E
- 4.08 The views down to Epping Forest from the Birch Hall public footpath should be preserved. A B C D E
- 4.09 The view down to the village from the Abridge Road and from Piercing Hill should be preserved. A B C D E
- 4.10 The view from Loughton Lane towards the pond should be preserved. A B C D E
- 4.11 The surrounding agricultural land provides, employment, important local character and views, as currently managed with arable crops, copses and hedgerows and should be supported. A B C D E
- 4.12 Appropriately managed non-arable grazing land provides additional important rural character and adds to visual appeal and informal recreational opportunities. A B C D E
- 4.13 It would be advantageous to expand the City of London ‘buffer land.’ (‘Buffer land’ is the land owned by the City of London but not included in the 1878 Epping Forest Act.) A B C D E

5. For the under 18’s only

Age 5-8

Age 9-12

Age 13-17

- 5.01 I like living in Theydon Bois. A B C D E
- 5.02 Some form of street lighting would be desirable. A B C D E
- 5.03 There are insufficient facilities for young people. A B C D E
- 5.04 The youth club should be reopened. A B C D E
- 5.05 If the youth club was reopened I would use it regularly. A B C D E
- 5.06 I think more police presence would discourage vandalism. A B C D E

- 5.07 Theydon Bois does not need more large scale sports/leisure facilities. A B C D E
- 5.08 The 'Playground At Theydon' meets my needs. A B C D E
- 5.09 The village does enough to encourage wildlife. A B C D E
- 5.10 I would prefer to live in Theydon Bois when I have my own home. A B C D E
- 5.11 More people moving to our village would improve it. A B C D E
- 5.12 The transport links to the village are adequate. A B C D E
- 5.13 If the 541 bus service was improved I would use it. A B C D E
- 5.14 There are too many motor vehicles on the road. A B C D E
- 5.15 I play tennis at the tennis club. YES NO
- 5.16 I play football/cricket at the Buxton Trust ground. YES NO
- 5.17 I am a member of the Scouts/Guides. YES NO
- 5.18 I attend an activity at either of the village community centres. YES NO
- 5.19 What activities/facilities if any, would you like to see provided in Theydon Bois?

6. Shopping, Social and Community

- 6.01 Theydon Bois does not need more large scale sports/leisure facilities. A B C D E
- 6.02 The retention of the public houses is desirable. A B C D E
- 6.03 Conversion of the present shops and public houses to residential should be resisted. A B C D E
- 6.04 The design/appearance of the shop fronts is an important issue. A B C D E
- 6.05 The mix of shops and restaurants is adequate. A B C D E
- 6.06 The parking available for the shops is adequate. A B C D E
- 6.07 The parking available for the tube station is adequate. A B C D E
- 6.08 There should be an increase of parking restrictions in the village. A B C D E
- 6.09 There should be residents' parking in some roads in the village. A B C D E

- 6.10 An increase of parking available near to the station should be considered. A B C D E
- 6.11 Parking should be discouraged on existing front gardens. A B C D E
- 6.12 There are adequate ‘dropped kerbs’ etc. for disabled people. A B C D E
- 6.13 Street furniture should be consistent across the village. A B C D E
- 6.14 There are too many road signs in the village and on country lanes. A B C D E
- 6.15 There is a need for more pedestrian crossings in the village. A B C D E
- 7. The following questions in the sections below are not within the scope of the Village Design Statement, so cannot be adopted as Material Planning Guidance. However, the committee feels that they cover important current local issues that are worthwhile including in the questionnaire. Information gained will be passed on to the appropriate body.**
- 7.01 The following facilities, which are important in maintaining a sense of community, are adequate for the present village:
- Cemetery A B C D E
 - Chemist A B C D E
 - Cricket Club A B C D E
 - Churches A B C D E
 - Dentist A B C D E
 - Doctors’ surgery A B C D E
 - Playground A B C D E
 - Post Office A B C D E
 - School A B C D E
 - Scout Hut A B C D E
 - Shops A B C D E
 - Tennis Club A B C D E
 - Village Halls A B C D E
- 7.02 The youth club should be reopened. A B C D E
- 7.03 There are insufficient facilities for teenagers. A B C D E
- 7.04 More police presence would discourage vandalism. A B C D E
- 7.05 The retention of the tube station is essential. A B C D E

The following section is not compulsory.

8. Analysis Data

8.01 If answering on behalf of your household how many adults live in your home?

8.02 How many children live in your home?

8.03 In which road do you live?

8.04 How old are you?

under 18, see questionnaire on page 5.

18-24

25-44

45-59

60-74

over 74

8.05 How long have you lived in the village?

1-5 years

6-10 years

11-25 years

over 25 years

The information included in this questionnaire will be used by the Theydon Bois Village Design Statement Committee for the purposes for which it was collected. It will not be passed to any third party.

If you would like to be included in the Prize Draw, maximum of one prize per household, please complete the slip at the bottom of this page.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this important survey. **Please return it to one of the collection locations, Parish Office post box Village Hall, the Post Office or the Book Shop by the 31st January 2008.** One copy of this questionnaire is being delivered to each household but should you require more than one copy, further copies are available from the Parish Office in the Village Hall or can be downloaded at www.theydon.org.uk.

We will endeavour to make sure that YOUR views are reflected in the Village Design Statement brochure.

I would/my family would like to enter the Prize Draw.

Name

Address

Telephone number

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