



**Local Plan for the Broads - Review
Preferred Options bitesize pieces
February 2023**

Sites specifics - Upper Thurne

This is a proposed draft section/policy for the Preferred Options Local Plan. Member's comments and thoughts are requested. This policy is already in the local plan, but some amendments are proposed.

Amendments to improve the policy are shown as follows: ~~text to be removed~~ and added text.

There is an assessment against the UN Sustainable Development Goals at the end of the policy.

The proposed Sustainability Appraisal of the policy is included at the end of the document. This would not be included in the Preferred Options Local Plan itself; this table would be part of the Preferred Options Sustainability Appraisal, but is included here to show how the policy and options are rated.

The currently adopted policy remains in place – these are proposed amendments and this section will form part of the Preferred Options version of the Local Plan.

Policy POSSUT: Upper Thurne

Main Map North East and Policy Map 15

1. The Upper River Thurne area defined on the Adopted Policies Map will be protected for its special nature, character and tranquillity.
2. Development likely to lead to a significant increase in the volume or extent of boating, or a change in its nature (particularly an increase in the proportion of motorised craft) in this area will be strictly controlled to reflect the importance of the area for quiet recreation and as a wild bird refuge.
3. Applicants for planning permission will need to demonstrate that proposed development is compatible with these aims.
4. In recognition of the area being the darkest in the Broads, particular attention will be paid to lighting schemes in order to protect the dark skies of the Upper River Thurne area.
5. The specifics of a proposal could mean that a project level Habitats Regulation Assessment could be needed.

Parishes affected

Catfield CP, Hickling CP, Horsey CP, Ingham CP, Martham CP, Potter Heigham CP, Repps with Bastwick CP, Sea Palling CP, Somerton CP, Winterton-on-Sea CP.

