

# Thurnham Parish Design Statement

A Parish Design Statement describes the landscape, qualities and characteristics local people value in their community and its surroundings and sets out guidance for the future development in the parish. The purpose of the Parish Design Statement is to provide through its adoption by Maidstone Borough Council, supplementary planning guidance that supports and amplifies the Borough's planning policies.

**Listed below are the main areas we believe the Design Statement should address:**

- **The character and protection of the landscape.**
- **The preservation of the Special Landscape Area.**
- **Identification of appropriate and inappropriate development.**
- **Design guidelines for new housing.**
- **Provision of infrastructure, including transport facilities.**
- **Maintenance of highways and byways.**
- **Improving the safety of pedestrians**
- **Provision of parking facilities**
- **The introduction of a Quiet Lanes Scheme.**
- **The maintenance of footpaths and bridleways.**
- **Protecting and improving the appearance of the countryside.**
- **Improving police presence and performance.**

**We recommend that:**

- **The Parish Council should consult with the people of the parish in producing a Parish Design Statement with the aim of influencing Maidstone Borough Council's revised Local Development Framework.**