

Report from Taverham Woodland Volunteers – 10.11.18

Housing.....they were united in not wanting development south of the Taverham Road and thought if a large number of houses were earmarked for Taverham it should be on land NE of Thorpe Marriott. They felt that the valley could be seen from many parts of Taverham, this contributed to the open feel having the countryside nearby, they were definitely in favour of a green gap.

Housing should be starter homes, social housing and provision for older people who wanted to downsize but remain in the community(e.g, Swanson Morley) not be isolated in the country.

New housing layouts should include, woodlands/tree belts and open areas. They felt that woodland was probably easier to maintain than contemplative/sensory gardens, something was needed for mental health.(Last summer people have been pleased to walk in the shade of the trees) Space to walk dogs and to run.

Provision of doctors or at least a pharmacy is necessary, also schools.

Transport.....sufficient residential parking is needed in new areas as it's a fact of life that all adult household members will use a car. There are bottlenecks on Drayton High Road at commuter times.

Cycle routes need to be joined up - can travel to the University by bike.

Environment.....Flooding occurs at all bridges, at Binyon Gardens.

Important views are Wensum Valley, Marriotts Way and Thorpe Marriott Green which give an open feel.(At Queens Hill they considered the roads too narrow, houses too close and one way in to be unacceptable.

Business.....New shops should include opticians and cafes.