

Option 1b

This illustrative masterplan places the playing fields on the southern edge of the village, reflecting the views of some of the stakeholders at the workshop. Significantly more playing fields can be provided as a result, increasing the green gap on the approach to the village and giving a productive long term use to the greenspace on the southern edge. A strong green link is proposed to the playing fields, using the line of the historic drainage ditches, alongside a second green wedge running directly south from the village.

The core of the village green is retained, with additional housing close to it to support a local shop and community facilities. A green lane through the proposed development ensures that there remain good walking and cycling connections through the heart of the village to the school, church and the surrounding countryside.

On the western approach, this option considers a diversion of Thornhill Road through the existing industrial estate as part of the proposed residential redevelopment. This creates a more attractive gateway to the village without relying on complete redevelopment of the employment areas. It also avoids the difficult bend on the approach to the village and creates a safer and easier route for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Option 1b also includes the possibility of a new east-west connecting route through the village, connecting Thornhill Road to Old Vicarage Lane close to the existing hotel. The justification for this is to spread the traffic and remove pressure on Thornhill Road and Pound Corner in particular. This illustrative masterplan also raises the possibility of restricting access to Pound Corner by creating a new link from Old Vicarage Lane to the west of the school expansion.

School/community uses 1.5ha
Village green & Playing fields 8.3ha
Brownfield housing 4.0ha
Greenfield housing 13.5ha
Retained employment 2.3ha



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