

Points for Meeting 18.07.23

Vision Statement – to discuss and agree on final version of

The Parish identifies and adopts appropriate emerging opportunities and technology to be more sustainable, environmentally aware, and responsive to **climate change** placing this at the heart of the New NP.

To continually seek to develop the **housing stock** with the intention of making it possible for local people to live the whole of their lives in the parish if they so wish.

Embracing inevitable change in a positive and beneficial way, the Parish will have **services, facilities, and local employment** appropriate for a modern rural and thriving community whilst retaining its rural character, ethos and setting with the minimum of intrusion on the existing green and agricultural space.

To support improved and **safer pedestrian and cycle connections** throughout the village including to the schools and station, **traffic management and parking**.

The Parish has a measurable continuing improvement in both its **natural and street environment** delivered through improving biodiversity and design codes.

Suggestions, amends by the SG

Tenant – no changes

Nick –

1. applying my work experience, it is, I'm afraid, too long for a Vision.
2. expediently, putting the above aside, and focussed on clarity, I think: "ethos" should be "distinguishing character" (because ethos also means sentiment or moral nature); "rural" seems to add little to what comes later (but I left it in).
3. in para 4, parking seems incongruous with pedestrian travel/safety- unless it has in mind "non road users" such that a rail station car park could fit. perhaps the Vision should focus on what problems we seek to solve - by taking it up a level. easy and safe to travel environmentally and safely (foot/horse/rail/EV car perhaps). That probably does not preclude a station or school car park.
4. Design codes are a means to implement a vision/strategy - and very few will know what on earth they are. Vision should be plain English readable, so (for example) "housing density that reflects Mortimer" might be the sort of language to use.
5. Whilst Vision can and should be aspirational, consider if the Plan can facilitate new employment, services and facilities. Happy to leave in as the aspiration, but am mindful of the doctors' example - it can set false hope.
6. I think I set out my view before on why trying to force the term "NewNP" is questionable

Bob – the addition of '**together with improved public transport.**' at the end of the 4th para.

Reasons for this as follows:

1. The provision of more sustainable travel choices would contribute towards improved sustainability.
2. It could contribute towards reducing parking pressures at the schools and station.

In agreement with Nick that the overall vision statement is too long and is in danger of just becoming a long list.

Jo - to omit 'inevitable' and leave just 'change', inevitable sounds default reticent.

New NP Strategy

- Identify and support opportunities to provide a range of starter homes (affordable and market rates), homes for rent (affordable and market rates), shared equity, family homes and smaller homes/bungalows for older people to downsize made available to members of the local community that supports the vision of local people being able to live the whole of their lives in the Parish if they so wish.
- Seek out and implement realistic, for the parish, best practice zero carbon Community energy generation and climate change mitigation
- To have Mortimer centred design guides and codes that deliver the aspirations of the community expressed in this Neighbourhood Plan.
- To aim for long-term investment in which the values that matter to community are safeguarded.
- To build on the Greening Campaign initiative to help recover the loss of natural environment and biodiversity.
- Minimise extension to the existing Settlement Boundary and disallow further ribbon-style developments, thereby maintaining a compact village avoiding creeping urbanisation.
- To have a master plan for the delivery of the 2039 Vision of Mortimer to direct the proposed development of and in the Parish and centre of the village.

New NP Analysis and Policies Review

For discussion:

Existing NP Policies - What to keep/discard/carry over/add

Consultation Analysis

WPC LP policies - What's the read through and do they fulfil the needs of our NP?

Climate Change (community generation, residential/public buildings, mitigation)

Housing/homes

Highways and transport (road, cycling and pedestrian safety, parking, public transport).

Facilities (medical, shops, schools, cafes, community halls, sports facilities).

Design guides and codes (buildings, public spaces)

Environments (biodiversity, green spaces, street environment)

Recommended contents of a NP are:

- Introduction
- An overview of the Area covered by the NP
- Summary of community engagement
- Key issues
- Vision and Objectives/Aims
- Site allocations and/or development envelopes as appropriate if any
- Planning Policies by key theme - structure
 - objective,
 - policy(ies), and
 - supporting text to aid interpretation/application of the policies including reference to supporting evidence.
- Designation of Green Spaces.