

Exhibition 2015 Feedback Vision

35 written comments were submitted. These were analysed into 8 themes and shown in the tables below. These are followed by a listing of all the comments received.

- 7 comments were received on lighting, all but two was supportive of no lighting, one comment was lighting around the shops but no other, and one commented there was no reference to light pollution
- 7 responses supported the maintenance of a buffer round Mortimer.
- 3 responses emphasised the need to create and maintain social spaces for people to meet.
- 6 responses were concerned about the maintenance/creation of footpaths
- 4 commented on the need to keep trees and hedge rows.
- 2 responses commented on the 'design' of the village/developments going forward.
- 2 suggested residential development by the station
- 1 comment received on commercial development

Ref No = cross reference to feedback cards

Threads = colour highlights common threads

If no comment was made the card was omitted from the analysis hence missing ref numbers

30th March 2015

Comments Catalogued into Principle Themes

Ref No	Response	Thread
1101	No street lights or very limited.	Lighting
1104	Better lighting around the shops and pub for safety, but keeping within the village.	
1108	No mention of light pollution.	
1116	I believe that maintaining a 'dark' village environment is important and	
1130	Wonderful no street lights	
1138	Totally agree about street lighting [remains dark village] but it seems to be a requirement for every new development that it should be lit. Are you able to challenge this? Can we insist that street lights are switched off at midnight - 4.00 am?	
1154	... plus remaining a 'dark village' ...	
1103	Keep all boundaries thus Mortimer stays individual village and not in the future years become a suburb of Reading	Buffer round Mortimer
1112	Building on the site opposite APMF (football field) contradicts the objective not to compromise the rural approach to the village.	
1114	Green belts around the village are crucial to stop urban sprawl	
1115	Keep very clear green buffer between Mortimer and Grazely (Reading creep)	
1135	By definition any further development after the centre of the village is full will encroach upon the green belt between us and neighbouring settlements.	
1151	Keep approaches to Mortimer rural.	
1154	Essential village retains its open spaces ... and feeling of a village in open countryside remains,	
1105	Move the project nearer station to alleviate the traffic and congestion in the centre of the village.	Move development towards station
1108	Need to move development towards the station to reduce traffic through the village.	
1100	'Landscape & setting': change 'visual landscape' to is central to how Mortimer residents meet, talk and socialise in the way those in dispersed village may not.	Social contact spaces
1106	Explicit mention of design features known to encourage community and inter individual contact.	
1141	Endeavour to keep village as a recreational area ...	
1101	Improved roadside paths.	Footpaths & Bridleways
1116	I believe that ...and that network of walkways and bridle paths are important and to how the village connects to the area.	
1125	Footpath Mortimer – Burghfield not a pavement next to the road but a solid path for pushchairs, bikes & walkers. Maybe following the road but making a detour by the houses by the dip in the road. Englefield can you help?	

1133	Specifically concerned about the preservation and enhancement of ... footpaths.	
1141	Keep the lanes on North & South of Mortimer as walking/cycling routes.	
1147	Paths (foot) are generally poor and lack drainage and maintenance. Deter horses from using foot paths.	
1129	[See indicative map for centre of village layout.]	Design
1152	There must be a guarantee that all additional units are counted towards Mortimer share and this is fixed to 2026 and any excess growth taken into consideration. Can we set an absolute boundary? Sites chosen should not change the feel of immediate surroundings i.e. no blocks of flats next to houses.	
1125	Some trees should have a preservation order put on them before they are chopped down including those on farm land before development. Some buildings should have a preservation order too. We've lost a number already. Bring back our holly hedges. We've lost so many. They make a feature in the village. Bring back the Scotspines. They are important since the village grew with the railway.	Woodland and trees
1133	Specifically concerned about the preservation and enhancement of woodland	
1143	Green and wooded areas maintained NOT built on.	
1152	Wooded areas in common use to be preserved.	
1141	– no more empty business buildings.	Commercial

All Comments

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1100	'Landscape & setting': change 'visual landscape' to is central to how Mortimer residents meet, talk and socialise in the way those in disparessed village may not.	1
1101	No street lights or very limited. Improved roadside paths, Farmer's market.	2
1102	Cannot answer the statement above as more focus is needed.	3
1103	Keep all boundaries thus Mortimer stays individual village and not in the future years become a suburb of Reading	4
1104	Better lighting around the shops and pub for safety, but keeping within the village.	5
1105	Move the project nearer station to alleviate the traffic and congestion in the centre of the village.	6
1106	Explicit mention of design features known to enourage community and inter individual contact.	7
1108	Need to move development towards the station to reduce traffic through the village. No mention of light pollution.	8
1109	I am very lucky to live in Mortimer and would like to share that with mainly young people. My daughter cannot afford to live here.	9
1112	Building on the site oposite APMF (football field) contradicts the objective not to compromise the rural approach to the village.	10
1114	Green belts around the village are crucial to stop urban sprawl	11
1115	Keep very clear green buffer between Mortimer and Grazely (Reading creep)	12
1116	I believe that maintaining a 'dark' village environment is important and that network of walkways and bridle paths are important and to how the village connects to the area.	13
1120	'Easy access to the contryside' Cycle paths – where? surrounded by Englefield land and the estate discourages cycling? Shooting – where? Hunting – where? Horse riding – bridle paths not many. Utopian view bullxxx not required Is there not enduring problem of cars being used used to access dog walking paths as open spaces with access are being pushe awat from where people live – dicuss!	14
1123	Street names should be sympathetic to the statement e.g. representingFlora and fauna or history and geology. Mybe 'Red Kite or '??' <u>NOT</u> as in 'Keith LockClose' thisis almost hegmony!	15
1125	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath Mortimer – Burghfield not a pavement next to the road but a solid path forpushchairs, bikes &walkers. Maybe following theroad but 	16

	<p>17making a detor bybthe houses by the dip in the road. Eglefield can you help?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some trees should have a preservation order put on nthem before they are chopped down including those on farm land before development. Some buildings should have a preservation order too.We've lost a number already. • Bring back our holly hedges. We've lost so many. They make a feature in the village. • Bring back the Scotspines. They are importnat since the village grew with the railway. 	
1128	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We appreciate all the work you have done. • While we can see that homes are needed for more people, especially the young couples of the village, we do not wish for the character of this lovely village to be changed. • We would not like to see the central feature of (Fir's Lees) copse and green space destroyed. 	17
1129	[See indicative map for centre of village layout.]	18
1130	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural is crucial. • Quiteness!! • Wonderful no street lights 	19
1133	Specifically concerned about the preservation nand enhancement of woodland and footpaths.	20
1135	By defintion any further development after the centre of the village is full will encoach upon the green belt between us and neighbouring settlements.	21
1138	<p>Totally agree about street lighting [remains dark village] but it seems to be a requirement for every new development that it should be lit. Are you able to challenge this? Can we insist thatvstreet lights are switched off at midnight - 4.00 am?</p> <p>The vision needs to touch on traffic management; it should cover discouraging through traffic.</p>	22
1139	Support vision statement except for more parking at the station	23
1140	Important to keep the rural feel of Mortimer	24
1141	<p>Keep the lanes on North & South of Mortimer as walking/cyclingroutes.</p> <p>Endeavour to keep willage as a recreational area – no more empty business buildings.</p>	25
1142	The status of being a 'dark village' should be maintained.	26
1143	Green and wooded areas maintained NOT built on.	27
1147	Paths (foot) are generally poor and lack drainage and maintenance. Deter horses from using foot paths.	28
1148	It is key to maintain Mortimer as a distinct rural village	29
1150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be improved bus serices in the village to encourage people to leave their cars at home and for those whodo not drive. • On the fact sheet 'the choice of lamp standard will be in keeping with a rural setting rather than urban style sodium lights' The lighting at the mini roundabout near vthe station is hideous and more in keepingwith 	30

	a motorway an ius intrusive to residents, These should be remved and replacedby lighting thatis in keepingwith the rural setting.	
1151	Better bus services Bring back station shuttle bus Keep approaches to Mortimer rural.	31
1152	There must be a guarantee that all additional units are counted towards Mortimer share and this is fixed to 2026 and any excess growth taken into consideration. Can we set an absolute boundary? Sites chosen should not change the feel of immediate surroundingsi.e. no blocks of flats nextto houses. Wooded areasin common use to be preserved.	32
1153	Vision statement covers all that is important to me.	33
1154	Essential village retains its opens spaces plus remaing a 'dark village' and feeling of a village in open countryside remains,	34
1159	Many bresidents are young, it would be interesting to know whether they have come to the village for the same reasons many of usnolder folk had. When I think of rural community I accept thelack of facility and need for home-grown entertainment. I was in my 20's when I came. I suppose now that isn't whatis expected. I am uncertain that the tide can be turned & especially if we are looking at more facilites, businesses etc etc. Housing is inevitable but we already have a shop emprty, have 4 shops that are not retail and retail probaly wouldn't survive here very successfully.	35