

Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan

Do you know what this is and how it will affect Mortimer for the next 20 years or more?

Do you want it to reflect your views?

**Do you think Mortimer needs...
many more houses?
to be combined with Burghfield?
less green space?
more traffic through the village?**

**Would you like Mortimer to have...
more jobs?
better broadband?
a new primary school?
better public transport?**

**All, some, or none of these could happen.
Act now to have an influence.**

"Your village, your views"

**Please read this leaflet and come and learn more
and give us your views at the:**

**Public Meeting
at St. John's Hall at
7:30pm Thursday March 20th**



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What can a Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan do?

- Provide a unique opportunity to influence the future of Mortimer
- Be more Mortimer-specific than the West Berks Local Plan
- Protect us from development additional to that in the West Berks Plan
- Give Mortimer an opportunity to say where it wants development
- Protect our important local green spaces
- Influence the future of our infrastructure
- Give us more flexibility in using the developers' levy to fund infrastructure

How does Mortimer start to produce one?

We need **Mortimer-specific visions and objectives**. Here is a first draft to be discussed at the meeting:

The Mortimer Vision

Mortimer retains a distinctive rural character and a strong sense of community while providing a wide range of services and a thriving small business economy. Development is in harmony with this vision and ensures that Mortimer's distinctive character is retained.

Objectives for Mortimer's Future

Mortimer will accommodate its appropriate share of housing development while keeping its distinctive rural character. Housing developments in Mortimer will have a mix of dwelling types and make efficient use of land and respect the overall character and housing density of the area. Younger village residents and other eligible residents will be able to find homes in the village.

Mortimer will have a thriving economy while keeping the existing rural character of the area. Mortimer will remain and develop as a focus for the provision of services to the local community. Mortimer will be well served by both public and private infrastructure while keeping its existing rural character. Transport provision for the population of Mortimer will be maintained and where possible, improved while keeping the existing rural character of the area.

Mortimer will enhance its green infrastructure. There will be a reduction of the flood risk for properties in Mortimer. Mortimer will enhance its biodiversity. The historic landscape and heritage assets of Mortimer will be conserved and enhanced. Low carbon use will be supported throughout Mortimer.