

Residential site allocation

Objectives

The NDP must make it possible for people to live the whole of their lives in the parish if they so wish.

New residential developments will retain the existing compact nature of the village and will, ideally, be close to the centre of the village (near St. John's Church).

To do this Mortimer will accommodate its appropriate share of housing development but needs to maintain its distinctive rural character. Housing developments in Mortimer must also provide a mix of dwelling types and make efficient use of land while respecting the overall character and housing density of the area.

To make the schools and health/welfare infrastructure effective for as long as possible, the NDP should allocate and reserve space near the centre of the village to enable the provision of such facilities (when approved and funded)

To achieve this some of the land behind St John's school will be utilised.

Policies

The general policies to meet these objectives are:-

RS1 New residential developments will be allowed within the existing settlement envelope boundary or on sites specified by this NDP and, ideally, close to the centre of the village (near St John's church)

RS2 Any agreed new development will minimise any extension of the village envelope, subject to other policies.

RS3 Any such extension will be drawn tight into any agreed development

RS4 The rural edge of any such development will be carefully designed and landscaped to blend into the surrounding rural landscape rather than creating the effect of a hard edge

RS5 Both views looking out to the wider rural landscape and in towards any development will be considered in the above context.

RS6 Housing development in the plan period will be enabled by utilising the land behind St John's school (shown on plan X to be supplied)

The additional policies to meet the third objective are:-

RS7 Part of the site behind St John's school will be allocated for a new larger St John's school (shown on plan Y to be supplied)

RS8 Part of the site behind St John's school will be allocated for a new Doctors' Surgery (shown on plan Y to be supplied)

RS9 Part of the site behind St John's school will be allocated for shared parking for the new school and the Doctors' Surgery (shown on plan Y to be supplied)

RS10 Such land shall be allocated for a period of 5 years when, if no progress has been made on providing the facilities, a review of the allocation shall be carried out.

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