

## **Appendix A - NDP Principles**

*This is explanatory information for questions 3- 5*

### **Summary**

The analysis of the exhibition feedback has led to the development of a different emphasis to the NDP which is summarised in three NDP Principles:

*Principle 1: The NDP must make it possible for people to live the whole of their lives in the parish if they so wish*

*Principle 2: The NDP will ensure that new residential developments will be within or adjacent to the existing settlement envelope boundary and, ideally, close to the centre of the village (Post Office, bank).*

*Principle 3: To make the schools and health/welfare infrastructure proposed in the Second Principle effective for as long as possible, the NDP must allocate and reserve space near the centre of the village to enable the provision of (when approved and funded):*

### **Discussion**

The NDP is developing and at each stage new facts and views are discovered. As such the NDP is likely to change its emphasis and its stance on various issues. The feedback from the recent exhibition has, as might have been expected, produced such change.

Two clear themes arose as part of the discussions, both formal and informal, that happened at the exhibition.

The first theme was that people wanted to be able to choose to live all their lives in Mortimer without being forced away by lack of suitable housing or amenities etc. and this is summarised in Principle 1.

The second theme was that, while it was recognised that Mortimer had to take its fair share of new development, such development should have as little impact as possible on the open land around the village. Additionally, it was clear that the community wanted such development to be as close to the village centre as possible to encourage and allow non-motorised trips to the amenities in the village. This is summarised in Principle 2.

Naturally to make those themes meaningful it is necessary to give examples of what they mean in practice. The questionnaire lists these in order to gather views as to whether the community agrees with them or not (Questions 3 & 4).

Two of the examples are of such importance that they have been given the status of a principle. Principle 3 is proposed to ensure space is allocated for a new infant school and doctors' surgery, as and when approval and funding become available. (Question 5).

The questionnaire does not mention moving St Mary's Junior School to the centre of the village in the plan period (to 2026). While many felt it to be desirable, it is now believed that it is not practically possible in that timescale as it is extremely unlikely that the necessary funding could be found in the required time frame. To carry on with the stated aim of moving St Mary's Junior School would mean that a piece of land behind St John's Infant School would be sterilised for a long period of time with no realistic prospect of it being developed. Hence it is believed that a better use for the land would be for homes close to the village.

However, there can still be a longer term aspiration to move St Mary's Junior School closer to the village centre. Hence question 5c) asks for views on that subject.