

Appendix G - What Next?

The responses to the questionnaire will be taken and analysed to show what the community thinks about the various proposals. That analysis will then be reported to the Parish Council and placed on the NDP web site and in the library so that everyone can see the results.

The results will then be used to help formulate policies for the NDP and as draft policies are developed they too will appear on the NDP web site and in paper copy in the library and comments will be invited. A complete draft of the document will be presented to the Parish Council for ratification.

If the document is ratified there will be a period of six weeks when the document is on deposit for formal consultation. It will be available to view on the web site and in the library. During this time anyone can comment but statutory consultees will all be sent a copy of the plan for their feedback. A statutory consultee is a body like the Environment Agency.

The results of that consultation will again be reported to the Parish Council together with any recommendations to change the document. When the Parish Council is happy with the document a final version will be produced and sent to West Berkshire Council. Again that final document will be on the web site and in the library.

West Berkshire Council will check the document to make sure it conforms with their core plan, for instance that there are enough homes in the plan to meet their requirements. Once they are satisfied that the NDP conforms they will organise an examination in public. This means that a government planning inspector will hear any objections to the plan and make sure it meets all the necessary regulatory requirements. The inspector will then indicate any changes that are required.

Finally a document will be produced which has gone through the due process and which will then form the basis of a referendum. All the electors in the parish will be entitled to vote to say yes or no to the plan. Only if the referendum has a majority of yes votes will it then become part of the planning framework for Mortimer.

The aim is to hold the referendum in 2016.