

Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Questionnaire



The purpose of this questionnaire is to ask the Stratfield Mortimer community its views on a range of possible development options. Those views will be used to determine the policies for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. As well as this NDP questionnaire you have been delivered a Housing Needs Survey; please complete both.

This NDP questionnaire is open to everyone aged 16 and over, resident or working in Stratfield Mortimer. You may complete this questionnaire on-line or use this printed copy.

The on-line questionnaire is available now at <http://tinyurl.com/MortimerNDP> or by scanning this QR code from a smart phone.



If you or another person in your household or place of work can't complete the questionnaire on-line and need additional printed copies, please call our helpline 07435 301319. More printed copies will be delivered to you including, if required, large print versions. Please allow at least 48 hrs for delivery and note the response deadline. You can also call this number if you have any other queries about the questionnaire.

If you complete a paper copy you must return it to one of the secure boxes in the Parish Council Office, the Doctor's Surgery, the Library or Budgens during the normal opening hours of each place. (Please do not return it in the reply-paid envelope provided with the Housing Needs Survey).

The date for last receipt of completed questionnaires is 22nd May 2015 (midnight for on-line, times of last access to boxes on page 15)

Names and addresses will be removed from completed questionnaires prior to analysis. This questionnaire process is in accordance with the Data Protection Act (2003). The analysis of the questionnaire results will be anonymous and will be published on www.mortimer-ndp.org.uk; paper copies of the analysis will be available in Mortimer Library.

Thank you very much for reading and completing this questionnaire – please be assured it is a good use of your time in contributing to decisions about the future of Mortimer. All returned questionnaires with name and address completed will be entered into a raffle for a prize of £100.

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Question 1 Residency or local worker status	Please tick one only							
I am a resident of Stratfield Mortimer								
I work in Stratfield Mortimer (only answer this if you are not a Mortimer resident)								

Question 2 (for statistical analysis only)	Please tick just one	16-18	19-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66+
My age is								

Mortimer NDP's Principles

The three Principles set out in questions 3, 4 and 5 provide the criteria for assessing whether the policies in the NDP satisfy the aspirations and needs of the community. They have been developed through extensive public consultation in July 2014 and February 2015. You can read more about them in Appendix A. **Please indicate whether you support each principle and the actions to achieve them; you can comment about them in Question 6.**

Question 3	Please tick one option on every line				Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
<u>First NDP Principle</u>									
The NDP must make it possible for people to live the whole of their lives in the parish if they so wish									
This principle will be achieved by providing: (Even if you disagreed or strongly disagreed with the First NDP Principle please indicate your opinion of these actions)									
a) A range of homes being available to match the needs of people in the various stages of their lives –for example, starter homes, homes for rent, shared equity, family homes and smaller homes including bungalows for older people to downsize									
b) The infrastructure services of a modern and attractive parish – superfast broadband, schools that meet capacity needs, additional health and welfare services									
c) Local employment opportunities and encouraging successful businesses									
d) An attractive village centre that encourages more people into the local shops, making them more successful									

Question 4	<i>Please tick one option on every line</i>					Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
Second NDP Principle 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).										
This principle will be achieved by: <i>(Even if you disagreed or strongly disagreed with the Second NDP Principle, please indicate your opinion of these actions)</i>										
a) Minimising the extension of the existing village envelope										
b) Maintaining a compact village and disallowing “ribbon” style developments										
c) Encouraging and enabling walking and cycling to the village, reducing the need for car usage										
d) Providing space for sufficient school and surgery provision at the heart of the village										
e) Maintaining the rural approaches to the village										
f) Avoiding closing the gaps between Mortimer and adjacent settlements										

Question 5

Please tick one option on every line

Third NDP Principle To make the schools and health/welfare infrastructure proposed in the Second Principle effective for as long as possible, the NDP should allocate and reserve space near the centre of the village to enable the provision of them (when approved and funded):										
a) A new, larger St. John’s Infant School with associated parking; the current school is at capacity, does not meet the standards for play space and is a recognised WBC priority										
b) A new doctor’s surgery with associated parking, to facilitate the introduction of additional services such as optician and, if current trends develop, provide the necessary accommodation for decentralised services such as X-ray, chemotherapy and integrated social and health care services										
c) Try to develop plans for a possible future relocation of St Mary’s Junior School nearer to the centre of the village, noting that there is no near term priority within West Berkshire Council so such a development is unlikely to take place until the longer term (after 2026).										

Question 6 *If you have comments about anything in Questions 3 – 5, particularly if you have disagreed strongly or disagreed with anything, please write them here:*

Site of Residential Development

110 new homes must be built in Stratfield Mortimer by 2026 to meet West Berkshire Council (WBC) requirements. The NDP must allocate the site(s). The NDP Steering Group has examined the sites in the WBC Housing Sites Allocation Plan (available at <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=30382>) and looked for additional sites specifically smaller, dispersed sites following residents' feedback during the July 2014 consultation. The result is the following options that support the NDP Principles outlined earlier. See Appendix B for a map of sites and an explanation of why the other site options do not meet the NDP Principles

Question 7 <i>How should the NDP allocate the site(s) for the 110 homes?:</i>	<i>Please tick one only</i>
a) Develop only site 7, the field behind St John's School to accommodate 110 homes and reserve space there to build a new St. John's Infant School, school playing field, and a new Doctors' surgery with parking for school and surgery	
b) Develop all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site 2 in King Street site, (up to 10 homes) • Suitable windfall site/garden land (infill) which can be identified by 22nd May • Site 7 behind St John's School to accommodate the balance of 110 homes and reserve space there to build a new St. John's Infant School, school playing field, and a new Doctor's surgery and the associated parking 	
c) Neither of a) or b) above	

Question 8 *If you responded 'neither of a) or b) above', please tell us where you think 110 homes should be built in Mortimer. These need to be on specific sites; a general statement of , for example, "all in back gardens" will not be accepted by WBC*

Question 9 *In order for the option in Question 7b to be realisable, garden land or infill sites must be identified now. If you own windfall, garden or infill land you wish to offer for consideration as a small development, please tick here and fill in the details at the end of the questionnaire*

Residential Development – Types of Home

Question 10 <i>Please tick one on every line</i> What types of additional homes are needed in the parish?	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
Detached houses with 3 or more bedrooms					
Semi-detached houses with 2 to 3 bedrooms					
Terraced houses with 2 to 3 bedrooms					
Starter houses with 1 to 2 bedrooms					
Flats with 1 to 2 bedrooms					
Houses with workshops attached for cottage industries					
Houses with office space for home workers					
Bungalows suitable for downsizers					
Sheltered accommodation for the elderly					
Affordable housing – homes for rent					
Affordable housing – shared equity homes					
Affordable housing – homes to buy (per government qualification criteria)					

Allocation of Affordable Homes

New developments will contain up to 40% of affordable homes. Appendix C explains the definition of affordable homes. The final decision as to how they are allocated will rest with West Berkshire Council but please indicate your order of priority as this may help in obtaining some level of local control.

<p>Question 11 How should affordable home be allocated?</p>	<p>Please rank the following in order of preference (1 = highest, 7 = lowest) Please fill in each box</p>	
Living in the parish		
A member of a family already living in the parish		
Currently employed within the parish		
Previously living or employed in the parish but moved away because of lack of affordable housing		
Prioritised jobs and professions working in the parish (e.g. teachers, firemen)		
Resident of adjacent villages (e.g. Beech Hill, Burghfield Common)		
Resident outside West Berkshire		

Residential Development – Design Principles

Please indicate your support for the following:

Question 12	Please tick one	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
A Site Development Design Brief will be prepared for each site selected for development and included in the Mortimer NDP. You can read about Design Briefs in Appendix D						

<i>Question 13</i> Large developments will be designed to include the following:	<i>Please tick one on every line</i>				
	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
Rural footpaths which link to the centre of the village					
Layouts which encourage the formation of a number of smaller communities					
Cycle ways which link to the centre of the village					
Open green space					
Wildlife habitat e.g. ponds, wetlands, bird and bat boxes					
Play areas					

<i>Question 14</i> New developments will have:	<i>Please tick one only</i>
No public lighting	
Ground level lighting on pavements and paths	
Lamp post lighting at junctions only	
Lamp post streetlights throughout	

<i>Question 15</i> New developments will:	<i>Please tick one on every line</i>				
	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
Have no buildings higher than 2 principal storeys (or 3 if using roof space)					
If bricks are used these will be red/orange in colour, similar to those of the Victorian buildings in the village					
Have roofs of red tile or grey slate					
Have any necessary street furniture finished in black					
Have gabled or hipped roofs rather than flat roofs					
Encourage energy management technology to encourage reduction in waste (eg intelligent thermostats and consumption monitoring via mobile phone)					
Use details such as coloured brick inserts, mouldings or patterns of raised brick around windows or between levels , similar to those on existing buildings in the village					
Adhere to the “Building for Life 12 principles” which are explained in Appendix E					

Commercial Development and Employment

Please indicate your support for the following:

Question 16 <i>Please tick one on every line</i> The NDP should help to retain existing employment and encourage new employment by policies that support::	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
<i>Office Space</i>					
The conversion of existing buildings in the village to office space					
The conversion of redundant farm buildings to office space					
The allocation of land for a small number of small office units					
<i>Retail</i>					
The conversion of existing buildings in the village to retail					
The allocation of land for new retail units					
Applications for new retail outlets by independent and local businesses					
Applications for retail space by high street chain businesses					
<i>Other</i>					
A small number of start-up premises					
A small number of small light-industry units					
The building of a childcare nursery by a business					
Large commercial or industrial activity or warehousing					
Solar farms that conform to the NDP principles					

Question 17 Would any of the following facilities be helpful to you in your business or employment if they were available in Mortimer?		<i>Please tick all that apply</i>	
Meeting rooms for short-term and ad-hoc hire		More public Wi-Fi	
Superfast broadband		A Mortimer-specific website for businesses to advertise on	
Village hub with computers for short-term hire		A Mortimer-specific business networking forum	
Office space for short-term hire		Business directory (printed) distributed to homes	

Infrastructure Opportunities

The developers of the new homes will pay an average of approximately £3000 per house built to the Parish Council (if the NDP is accepted) to be spent in the village on things the village wants. This is a portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). During the consultation the following have been asked for by residents. **Which of these is important to you?**

Question 18 <i>Please tick one on every line</i>	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
New community hall/village hall					
Purchase and refurbish Garth Hall as a new community centre					
Contribute to the development of a community/sports centre on the Alfred Palmer Playing Field					
Public toilets in the centre of the village					
More bike racks at the station					
Allotments					
Village recycling centre					
CCTV on the Fairground					
Charging points for electric vehicles					

Question 19 *Please tell us if there is anything else you would like to see the CIL spent on*

Parking

Do you think we need more car parking?

<i>Question 20</i>	<i>Tick any you agree with</i>
Station car park enlargement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Converting verges to hard-standing laybys on both sides of road from station roundabout going towards Grazeley	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional car parking space in the centre of the village	<input type="checkbox"/>

Flooding

Several areas of Mortimer suffer from flooding; some several times per decade e.g. bottom of The Street near the station. In 2007 a combination of unusually high rainfall over a short time period and the inability of the systems in place to discharge the quantities of water involved resulted in river, surface water and sewer flooding with many residential properties and areas (e.g. the cemetery) sustaining damage. It is vital that new housing developments do not make the current situation worse and ideally the opportunity is taken to improve it. The Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan can address these issues. Please indicate your support for each of the following:

<i>Question 21</i>	<i>Please tick one on every line</i>	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
All developments will be designed and constructed to reduce the overall level of flood risk (surface water run-off and water course flooding) both on the site itself and elsewhere downstream compared to current use.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development proposals within the flood sensitive areas will be permitted where they can demonstrate: a) The development proposed will not have a detrimental impact on surface water run-off on the site or elsewhere b) The development proposed is entirely self-sufficient in its ability to manage surface water run-off.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainable Drainage Schemes (SuDS) will be used to provide wildlife areas such as ponds and swales as an integral part of site design.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Heritage

Please indicate your support for the following:

Question 22	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Please tick one</i></p> <p>The Bronze Age barrows near the western end of the village (in Stephens Firs and Holden's Firs) should be developed into an attraction/amenity for the village.</p>					

Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure

Please indicate your support for the following:

Question 23	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Please tick one on every line</i></p> <p>The NDP will specify that biodiversity and green spaces in the parish are to be maintained and enhanced by the following:</p>					
<p>Additional cycle ways should be surfaced with more natural surfaces such as gravel rather than hard surfaces such as tarmac</p>					
<p>There is no need for additional rural footpaths</p>					
<p>There is a need for a footpath/cycleway away from The Street connecting the village, St Mary's school and the station</p>					
<p>There is a need for a footway/cycleway to connect Mortimer and Burghfield</p>					
<p>All new large developments should have at least as much green open space as Strawberry Fields</p>					
<p>There is no need for more green space apart from that provided on new developments</p>					
<p>All new developments should be wildlife friendly by providing such things as bat roosts, hedgehog gates in boundary fences and wildlife (unkempt) areas</p>					
<p>Existing green spaces may be used for new development as long as more than equivalent provision is provided close at hand</p>					

Local Green Space Designation

Local communities can use Neighbourhood Plans to identify for special protection green areas of particular importance to them. By designating land as Local Green Space local communities will be able to rule out new development on those spaces other than in very special circumstances. However there are substantial constraints on what can be designated Local Green Space (see Appendix F). Brewery Common, Windmill Common and Summerlug already have special protection by virtue of being designated a 'common' which gives them additional protection over and above that given to areas designated Local Green Space. Please indicate your support for the following:

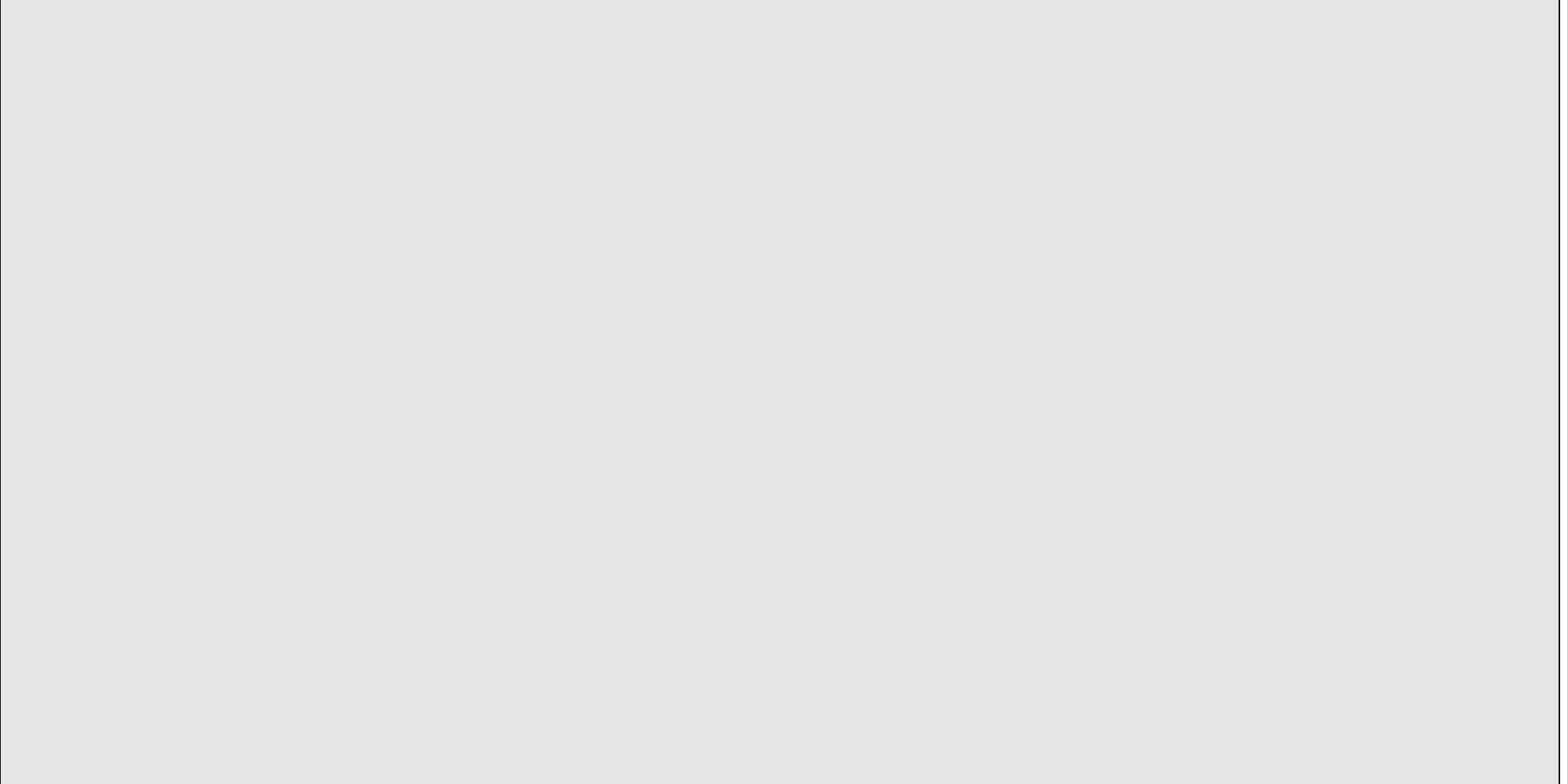
Question 24	<i>Please tick one on every line</i>				
	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly
The Fairground will be designated a Local Green Space.					
The Alfred Memorial Playing Field will be designated a Local Green Space.					

Question 25

Are there any other green spaces you would like to be designated for protection? Please read Appendix F carefully to ensure your proposal meets the requirements to be designated a Local Green Space.

Any Other Comments?

Question 26 Do you have any other comments relevant to the future of the village?



Question 27

Name		Address	
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If you wish to opt out of the raffle, please tick here	
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If you ticked the box in Question 9 regarding windfall, garden or infill land to be considered for a small development, please give the address/description of the land. Please ensure you have included your contact details above. A telephone number or email address would be appreciated as well.	
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Thank you for filling in this questionnaire.

<p>Please return it to one of the locked boxes by Friday 22nd May 2015</p> <p>Note that closing times on that day are:</p> <p>The Doctors' Surgery 6pm, The Library 6pm, Budgens 9pm and Parish Council Office 12:30 pm Thursday 21st May</p>
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What Happens Next?

See Appendix G for a description of the process that will follow this questionnaire.

Data Protection

The questionnaire will be processed on behalf of Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2003. Any personal information you provide will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be used for the purpose of producing the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Any comments you make and the results of any analysis will be completely anonymous. Your personal information will be retained in the Parish Council Office (paper responses) or on secure computing facilities until the NDP referendum has taken place. After that it may be retained on Parish Council computer facilities in case there is a requirement to review the data after the referendum.

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