



# Morton

## Neighbourhood Plan



***Referendum to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.***

### ***Examination Passed!***

The Plan was submitted in January and examined in February & March by an independent examiner, Andrew Ashcroft, appointed by West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) in consultation with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. He recommended some changes, which strengthened and improved the Plan but retained most policies from the Submission Draft.

You can see the Examiner's report and the final Plan on the WLDC website:

<https://tinyurl.com/ypf63ua8>

And on the Morton Parish website:

<https://morton.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/6/neighbourhood-plan-documents?downloadID=6>

### ***The Neighbourhood Plan will have real legal weight***

A final version of the Morton Neighbourhood Plan, if supported at the referendum, will become part of the "Development Plan" and it will have real influence over planning in the Parish because it will be a "Material Consideration" in planning decisions.

### ***What happens next?***

The Referendum will be held alongside other local elections. It is open to registered voters in Morton Parish and will be organised by the elections team at WLDC who will send out your polling card in the usual way. The question that you will be asked to vote on is.

**'Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Morton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'**

### ***The vision for Morton is...***

Morton will remain a village and will maintain a distinct separation from Gainsborough. Bordering as it does the River Trent and surrounded by attractive open countryside it will be a community that values its history and respects the natural environment that surrounds it whilst appreciating the good links to the employment, services, and facilities that the neighbouring town has to offer.

There will be opportunities for sustainable development including community facilities, local shops, and commercial premises but the criteria for new development which includes extensions and conversions will be that they must be in keeping with the local character, respect the keys views over the river and the surrounding countryside and protect designated heritage assets and open spaces.

The Plan also supports the community's aspirations on other matters and will encourage partnership with Local Authorities, Environmental and Historical Groups to promote and protect Morton's heritage, countryside management, traffic management and active travel through the use of footpaths and cycling routes.