

Morton Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement



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1 Introduction

1.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, in particular since re-forming in July 2018, has been committed in undertaking consistent, transparent, effective and inclusive periods of community consultation throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and associated evidence base.

1.2 The Neighbourhood Plan Regulations require that, when a Neighbourhood Development Plan is submitted for examination, a statement should also be submitted setting out details of those consulted, how they were consulted, the main issues and concerns raised and how these have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed Plan.

1.3 People from our community have contributed to producing the plan. Everyone who offered their opinions, ideas, arguments or hands on help contributed to the final Plan. At the time of writing the NDP, the Steering Group consisted of people who have volunteered to work together to complete the process. They usually met once a month, or more if needed, to report on progress and to review comments and ideas, as well as look at new ways to engage with the community. The group reported back to the wider Parish Council when appropriate and the Parish Council has approved the Submission Documents.

1.4 The Neighbourhood Plan group received direct support from officers at West Lindsey District Council and independent planning consultants. This support was aimed at both guiding and directing the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

1.5 The Steering Group engaged with the whole community in establishing our issues, opportunities, future vision and our objectives for the next 15-20 years. The benefits of involving a wide range of people within the process, included:

- More focus on priorities identified by our community;
- Influencing the provision and sustainability of local services and facilities;
- Enhanced sense of community empowerment;
- An improved local understanding of the planning process; and
- Increased support for our Neighbourhood Plan through the sense of community ownership.

1.6 The Neighbourhood Plan process had clear stages in which the steering group has directly consulted the community on aspects of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan, including events, surveys and presentations. Residents were updated on the process with newsletters, the website: <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Morton/index.asp> and District Council Website and Facebook. Regular updates were also given to the Parish Council on the progress of the Plan throughout the process.

2 Legal Basis:

2.1 Section 15(2) of part 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (as amended) 2012 sets out that, a consultation statement should be a document containing the following:

- Details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- Explanation of how they were consulted;
- Summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
- Description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed.

2.2 The NDP for Morton will cover the period 2019 until 2036. The NDP proposal does not deal with county matters (mineral extraction and waste development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61K of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

3 Our Consultation Statement

3.1 This Statement outlines the stages which have led to the production of the Morton NDP in terms of consultation with residents, businesses in the parish, stakeholders and statutory consultees. In addition, this statement will provide a summary and, in some cases, detailed descriptions of the numerous consultation events and other ways in which residents and stakeholders were able to influence the content of the Plan. The appendices detail certain procedures and events that were undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, including producing questionnaires and running consultation events. The consultation stages covered in this statement include:

- Neighbourhood Area Application consultation (by West Lindsey District Council – see Appendix 1).
- Post- Designation Community Survey on Issues (See Appendix 2)
- Initial external consultees consultation.
- Draft Purpose and Objectives consultation.
- Pre- Submission (Draft Plan) Consultation.

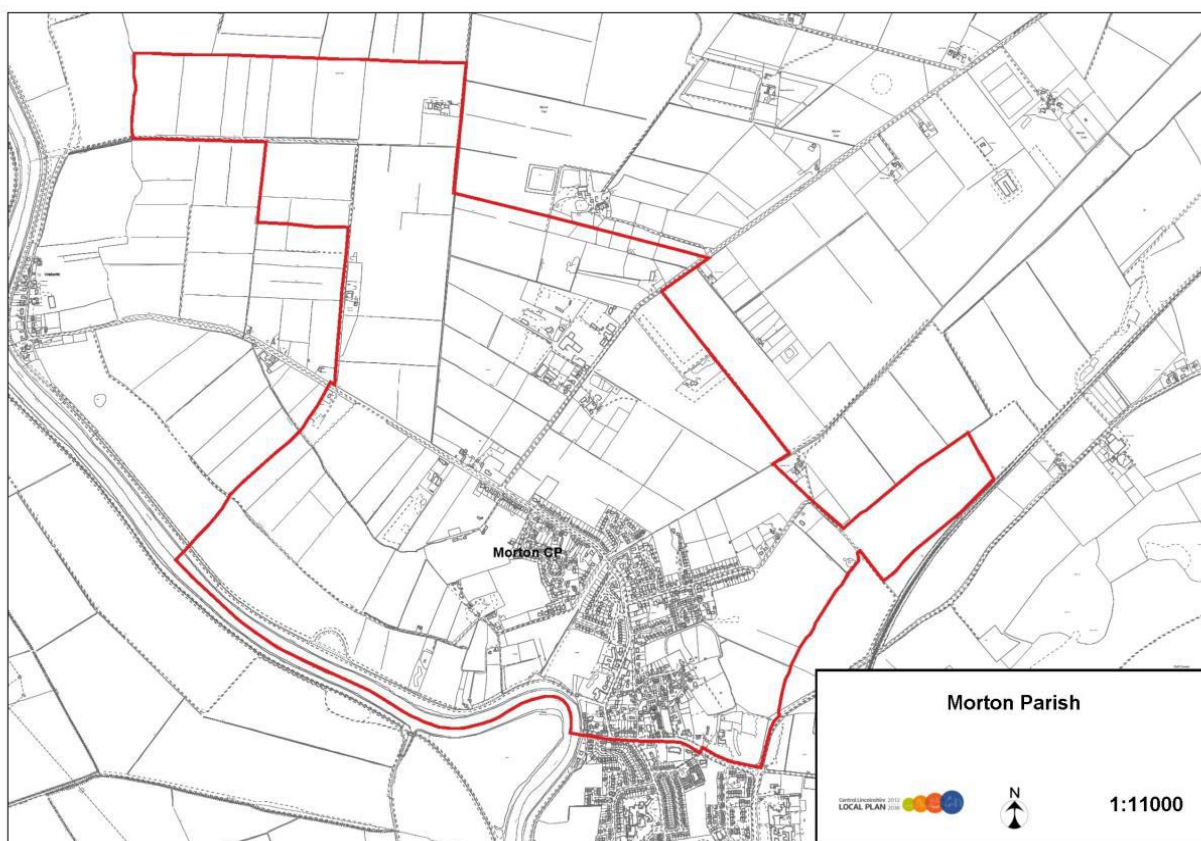
3.2 These activities are summarised in the Figure1 below.

| Timing | Event/stage | Attendance/Responses |
|--|---|---|
| July/August 2016 | West Lindsey DC consultation on the NP Area Designation application (See Appendix 1) | No specific comments (designation agreed on 3 rd September 2018) |
| September/October 2018 | Post- Designation Community Survey on Issues (See Appendix 2) and work with Morton Primary School. | 157 local residents 30+ schoolchildren |
| 12 th to 14 th July 2019 | NP Information Stand at the “Morton Feast” | Awareness raising only, no specific comments invited. |
| 22 nd July 2019 (to 12 th August) | Notification of NP preparation to External Consultees. (See Appendix 3) | 10 |
| 1 st to 15 th Nov. 2019 9 th Nov. 2019 | Newsletter/Questionnaire on NP (Draft) Purpose and Objectives questionnaire and drop in session. (See Appendix 4) | 23 questionnaires returned |
| 1 st to 15 th Nov. 2019 | External Consultees comment on NP (Draft) Purpose and Objectives (See Appendix 5) | 8 |
| 17 th January to 2 nd March 2020 | Draft Plan Consultation (Reg. 14) See Appendices 6, 7 & 8 | Newsletter/questionnaire/exhibitions 30 External/Statutory Consultees 67 Questionnaires returned 112 attended exhibitions. |
| July 2019 to present | Facebook page (See Appendix 9) | 221 Followers |

4 The Neighbourhood Area Designation

4.1 As part of the process, an NDP area needs to be designated to allow a scope of work to be produced. The NDP area covers the entire Parish of Morton which allowed the Parish Council to act as the qualifying body to lead and manage the NDP process. The consultation period ran from 29th July to 26th August 2016. No comments arose during the consultation and the application was approved by West Lindsey District Council on the 3rd September 2016. The approved NDP designated area is shown in Figure 2 (below) and information on the designation can be found in the Designation Statement on West Lindsey District Council's webpage: <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/planning-and-building/neighbourhood-planning/all-neighbourhood-plans-in-west-lindsey/morton-neighbourhood-plan/> Appendix 1 also refers.

Figure 2: Morton Neighbourhood Plan Area



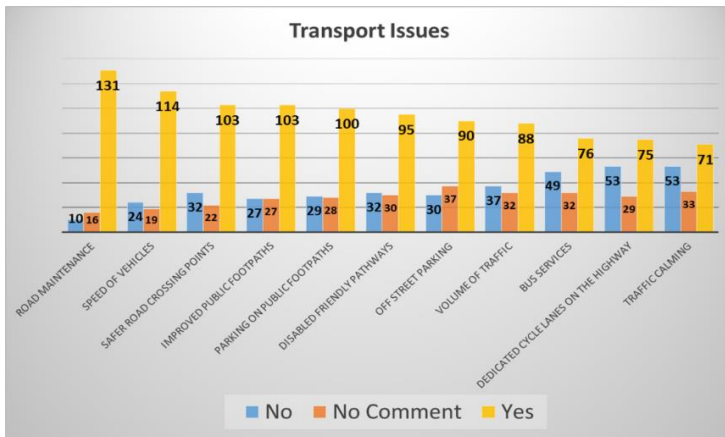
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(H) The greatest concerns regarding the impact that development may have on Morton increased traffic; that any new buildings would impact on the environment in terms of drainage and the subsequent threat of flooding; the change the atmosphere of the village away from the rural identity that it has and the potential loss of views and open spaces.



(I) Transport Issues. This issue attracted the most positive comments in terms of wanting change.

- Maintenance of the highway, followed by the speed of vehicles and safer crossing points;
- Need to upgrade footpaths for all access and more off-street parking in new development;
- The volume of traffic was highlighted as a concern;
- The frequency of bus services was highlighted, with the need to run later.



5.2 Also in September 2018, Morton Trentside Primary School turned an entire day into enabling all of the 209 pupils to come up with ideas for what they wanted to see or did not want to see develop in Morton. Some of their work (examples below) was showcased at the at the first presentation (of consultation outcomes) on 26th & 27th Oct. 2018.



6 Initial External Consultee Notification

6.1 The initial notification to external consultees was sent to organisations on July 22nd 2019 with three weeks for comment (with extensions where reference to committees etc. was needed). Ten comments were received of which four were substantive. Six offered no comment but wished to be consulted on the Draft Plan.

West Lindsey District Council - Development in Morton is severely restricted by flood risk; much of it is in a high flood risk zone. Although Morton has a high growth level, the CLLP recognises that this is dependent on the significant strategic flood risk constraint being overcome.

- Focus on planning matters and avoid duplication;
- Ensure that the NP is compliant with the existing CLLP and the emerging review document;
- Consider the relationship between Morton and Gainsborough;
- Use the Character Study as a basis for locally distinctive policies;
- Reflect the value of the Trent Valley, open countryside and the footpath network.

Lincolnshire County Council - Reflect but do not duplicate the County Minerals and Waste Local Plans. Identify heritage assets and use NP policies to protect and enhance them.

Environment Agency - Your plan includes areas which are located in flood zone 3. In accordance with the NPPF (Paras. 155-160), we remind you that the Sequential and Exception Tests should be undertaken if the plan is proposing development or promoting growth to ensure development is directed to the areas of lowest flood risk. The application of the Sequential Test should be informed by the West Lindsey Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). It is important that your Plan also considers if flood risk issues associated with any proposed development can be safely managed to ensure development can come forward. Without this understanding your Plan is unlikely to be compliant with the NPPF - Consider the other environmental constraints (water quality, aquifer protection, contamination and wastewater).

Historic England - The area covered includes a number of designated heritage assets. Take account of these and locally important features to identify what it is about your area which makes it distinctive and how you might ensure that the character of the area is retained.

7 Purpose & Objectives (Community: Questionnaire, with drop in session on Sat. 9th Nov. 2019)

7.1 This informal **public consultation** ran from November 1st to 15th. It resulted in 21 returns representing the views of 23 people. There was 100% agreement on the Draft Purpose, 87% agreement on Draft Objective 1 and 100% agreement on Draft Objectives 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. The following comments were submitted or summarised from conversations with people attending the drop in session.

Purpose & Objectives:

- Hard to disagree with such a generalised statement but the Neighbourhood Plan, it should be noted, will have a limited impact on the future of Morton as it must be in accord with the Local Plan.
- Important that Morton retains a separate identity.
- Ensuring that the right businesses start in the village that will enhance its attraction.

Objective 1:

- This constraint is not an absolute and should be examined in detail to determine where some development might be acceptable with clearly defined constraints.
- The whole of Morton is on a flood plain on the assumption that no breach of the River Trent flood defence earthworks occurs. It remains a fact that land behind Granary Close floods every winter.
- New housing is needed nationwide and we should do our share, within reason.
- Limited 2/3 dwellings maximum on infill sites - no large-scale development - as this would spoil the area.
- Ensure that all drainage ditches in the village are kept clear.
- This must be a sensible approach where any infill does not have planning restrictions to enforce flooding defences.
- Fresh water drains on Mill Lane and Bycroft Road cannot cope now with a downpour. Flood with large puddles always. The mains sewers on Mill Lane is also at maximum efficiency and cannot take many more new dwellings.
- Agree, provided little of our permeable surfaces are made impermeable. Remember that the recent upgrade to the flood defence to facilitate development in Gainsborough stopped at Morton.

Objective 2:

- All building work should avoid ultra-modern designs.

Objective 3:

- This is a major objective & is a matter which local initiatives could affect with a determined local commitment to it.
- Pathways & cycleways into the countryside down Walkerith Road would be beneficial.
- Would like to see play equipment on the field for children & maybe outdoor gym for adults.
- Keep footpaths clear. Encourage more villagers to get involved in litter picking.
- The playing field at the school should be part of the community and not for the school.
- The Trent path between Morton & Walkerith is not suitable for wheelchairs or elderly, particularly in wet weather.

Objective 4:

- Again, an objective which co-ordinated & committed local action could influence over the long term.
- Yes, and preserve the character of existing areas.
- Possibly try to highlight areas & buildings of interest in local media.

Objective 5:

- No comments.

Objective 6:

- The location of the new shop in the Old Crooked Billet Pub is totally inappropriate. The bend was already a traffic hazard and no parking spaces exist, the Co-op is nearby - it should be flats and parking spaces at the rear. It is ugly.

- Concerned about speed of traffic through the village - speed awareness required.
- Look at Traffic calming in the village.
- Encourage advertising and any displays to be in keeping with the area.

Objective 7:

- Another objective where local commitment could have an impact on decisions at higher levels of decision making.
- Limitation of size and speed of industrial/agricultural vehicles.
- We need a 30mph limit for traffic through the village. Some drivers exceed 40/50mph near the school/elsewhere.
- Agree, provided no Cul-de-sac is opened for walking and cycling without the informed consent of the residents who may be adversely affected.

7.2 The invitation to **external consultees** to comment on the Draft Purpose and Objectives resulted in 8 comments, these were largely a reiteration of previous advice or no further comments, but organisations confirmed that they look forward to consultation on the Draft Plan early next year.

- Trentside School supported the Purposes and Objectives but wish to talk to the PC about management and security, but this should not affect using an NP Policy to protect open space.
- Gainsborough Town Council Concern to maintain separation and protect local character.
- Highways England concluded that with limited growth in Morton and its distance from the Strategic Road Network (SRN), it does not expect that there will be significant strategic impacts. This was acknowledged but should not preclude discussion with the County Council and WLDC on the traffic impacts in Morton of the Gainsborough SUEs and the framing of a Neighbourhood Plan policy covering that.

8 (Regulation 14) Consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Public/Local community

8.1 In accordance with The Regulations a public consultation of just over 6 weeks ran from Friday 17th January to Monday 2nd March 2020. To promote the consultation, a newsletter was produced and distributed across the whole Parish and information was placed on the Parish Council website, both during the week commencing Mon. 13th Jan. The newsletter (See Appendix 7) included a questionnaire enabling responses on the Purpose & Objectives (as a group) and individual comments on the fourteen Planning Policies and the three Community Aspirations. The newsletter and website promoted two exhibitions (See Appendix 8) in the village hall on Sat. 1st Feb. (11.30am - 3.30pm) and Frid. Feb. 21st (3.30 to 7.00pm). Steering Group Members and the retained planning consultant were in attendance. The amendments to the Draft Plan to reflect the questionnaire returns and comments made at the exhibitions are summarised below. In addition, social media (Facebook) was used to promote the consultation (see Appendix 9). <https://www.facebook.com/morton.neighbourhoodplan> It has 221 friends and has been used extensive to promote the Neighbourhood Plan and the consultation events from July 2019 to the present.

Summary of Changes to the Draft Plan

8.2 There was no disagreement with the Overall Purpose & Objectives, albeit that over half of those responding had no opinion. There is, therefore, no basis for amendments to this part of the Draft Plan. The maximum level of disagreement to any of the Planning Policies was 4 respondents (6% - Policy MNP1 on Sustainable Development Principles). Otherwise the figures range from 0 to 3 (or nil to 4%). There is therefore no need for amendment to any of the Planning Policies based on these responses. The maximum level of disagreement to any of the Community Aspirations was 1 respondent (1.5%). There is therefore no need for amendment to any of the Planning Policies based on these responses.

8.3 As in many walks of life, face to face conversations provide the most valuable information on their opinions. The interaction with people who came along to the exhibitions, who in some cases followed up with written comments, both summarised in Section 4, provide a basis for amendments, albeit minor, to the Draft Plan. Some of these comments reflect those from external/statutory consultees which are cross referenced. The amendments considered necessary as a result of these comments and conversations are as follows, *shown in italics*.

1- Concerns that views from parts of the village are not sufficiently recognised have been addressed with a fuller description of the existing Key View 8 in Policy MNP6 *“8 - From Blyton Road, looking North West and from the village, looking South and South East.”*

2- Although playing field management is not a matter for the NP, a suggested amendment to Policy MNP9 (Justification) is acceptable. Delete *“as and when opportunities emerge”* and add *“Maximising the use of the playing field and recreation facilities will be a priority.”*

3 - Surface water drainage was picked up by the EA, Anglian Water and Severn Trent. Comments on the impact of taller buildings on neighbours are reasonable. Amendments can be made to Policies MNP2 (Flood Risk) & MNP3 (New Housing), by adding to the Justification: *“However, the protection of residential amenity, avoiding overlooking and over shadowing remains important,”* and the insertion of an additional clause *“(iv) residential amenity (avoiding overlooking & overshadowing) is maintained for neighbours.”*

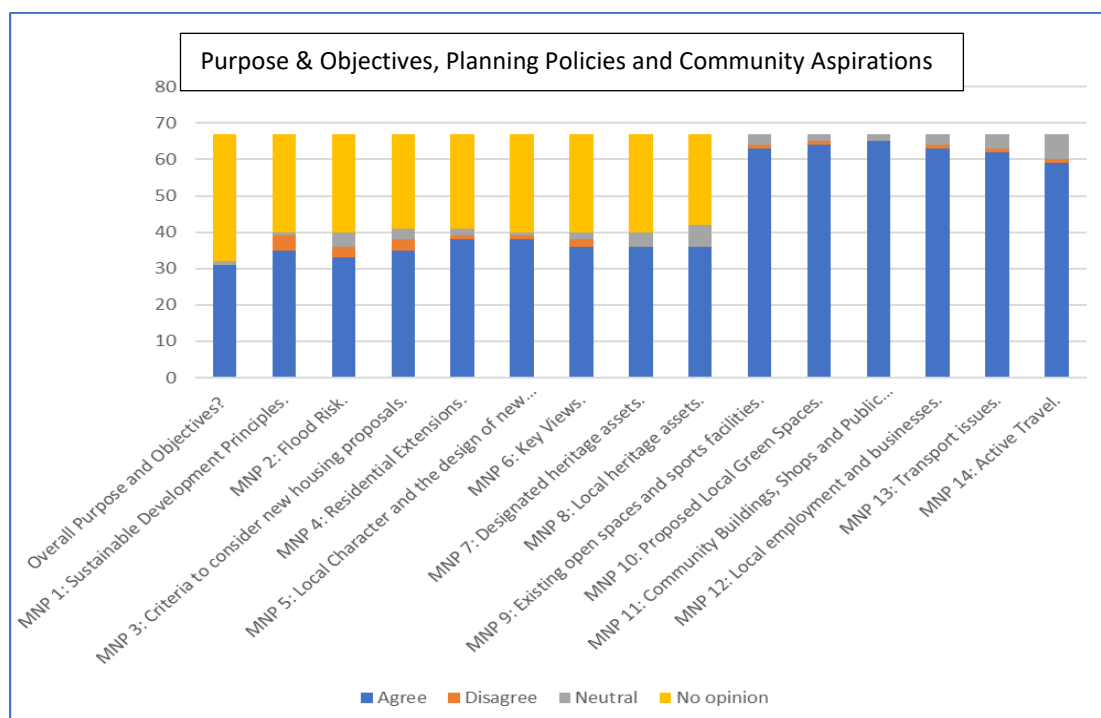
4 – It is agreed that the misuse of footpaths must be avoided. Wording can be added to the justification of Policy MNP 14 *“...at the same time as considering other aspect of public safety and residential amenity.”*

5 - The separate identities of Morton and Gainsborough need to be retained. This complements comments from WLDC and Gainsborough TC. A clause has been added to Policy MNP5... (C) *Existing open areas (gardens, incidental open spaces and landscape features) off Front Street, Trentside and Blyton Road which help to separate Morton from Gainsborough should be retained.*

Questionnaire Outcomes

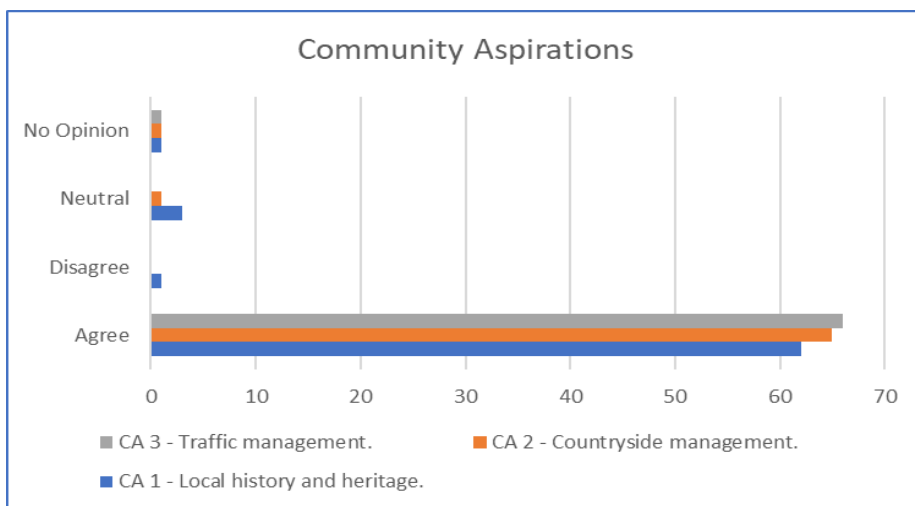
8.4 The number of questionnaires issued was 650 with 67 returned (10%). The questionnaire was also made available for download on the Parish Council Webpage and it was circulated on the Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page which has 222 followers. The overwhelming majority of comments were supportive of the Purpose & Objectives, Planning Policies and the Community Aspirations.

| | Agree | Disagree | Neutral | No opinion |
|--|-------|----------|---------|------------|
| Overall Purpose and Objectives? | 31 | 0 | 1 | 35 |
| MNP 1: Sustainable Development Principles. | 35 | 4 | 1 | 27 |
| MNP 2: Flood Risk. | 33 | 3 | 4 | 27 |
| MNP 3: Criteria to consider new housing proposals. | 35 | 3 | 3 | 26 |
| MNP 4: Residential Extensions. | 38 | 1 | 2 | 26 |
| MNP 5: Local Character and the design of new development. | 38 | 1 | 1 | 27 |
| MNP 6: Key Views. | 36 | 2 | 2 | 27 |
| MNP 7: Designated heritage assets. | 36 | 0 | 4 | 27 |
| MNP 8: Local heritage assets. | 36 | 0 | 6 | 25 |
| MNP 9: Existing open spaces and sports facilities. | 63 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| MNP 10: Proposed Local Green Spaces. | 64 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| MNP 11: Community Buildings, Shops and Public Houses. | 65 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| MNP 12: Local employment and businesses. | 63 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| MNP 13: Transport issues. | 62 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
| MNP 14: Active Travel. | 59 | 1 | 7 | 0 |



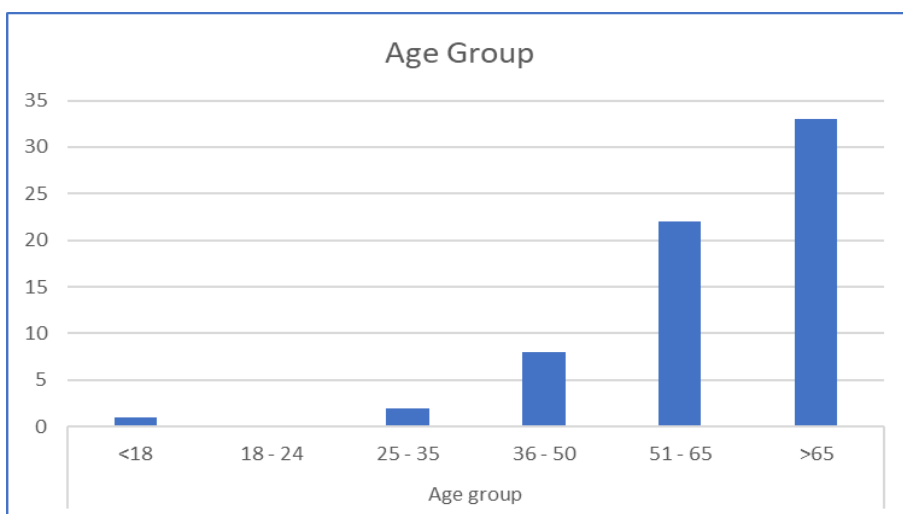
Community Aspirations

| | Agree | Disagree | Neutral | No Opinion |
|---|-------|----------|---------|------------|
| CA 1 - Local history and heritage. | 62 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| CA 2 - Countryside management. | 65 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| CA 3 - Traffic management. | 66 | 0 | 0 | 1 |



Age Group of persons completing the questionnaires

| Age group | <18 | 1 |
|-----------|---------|----|
| | 18 - 24 | 0 |
| | 25 - 35 | 2 |
| | 36 - 50 | 8 |
| | 51 - 65 | 22 |
| | >65 | 33 |



General Comments

8.5 Only two comments were submitted alongside the Questionnaire, they were:

- (80-year-old) I am neutral on all the points except parking and housing. I would dearly love to be in a bungalow. Too few single person & single storey houses accommodation.
- Very thorough documents. Congratulations and thanks to the small group responsible.

Exhibition Outcomes

8.6 The sessions were attended by around 112 people (49 on Sat. 1st & 63 on Friday 21st February). Almost all of attendees were supportive of the Draft Plan. Any comments made in writing or which were common themes in conversation are summarised below. The basis for amendments (or not) is summarised *in italics* and may be cross referenced to the summary of amendments in Section 2.

(i) Fields in Area 2 (of the Character Study) do not receive much prominence but are valuable open space with a vista across to the Castle Hill and golf course. There are views across these fields from the rear of houses on: North Street, Walkerith Road, Morton Close, Hickman Crescent, Bycroft Road and Mill Lane. Past consultation has shown the value that local people place on the local countryside and open spaces. *This may be addressed with a fuller description of the importance or the existing Key View 8.*

(ii) Concerns over Morton Recreation Ground and the impact of use by the primary school and the way in which recent improvements has not been sustained or maintained. There is a suggestion that the statement on Page 30 should be changed from “as and when opportunities emerge” to “Maximising the use of the playing field and recreation facilities will be a priority area for development.”

It may not be a good time to make alterations to the layout of the playing field but “.....reposition cricket and football pitches to allow the latter to be fitted into the school site.” *The use of the site by the public and the school is a matter of local interest, but it cannot be addressed by a specific policy. However, the suggested amendment to Policy MNP9 (Justification) is acceptable.*

(iii) Enhancements to public rights of way and new links must be well designed to avoid antisocial behaviour and adverse impact on adjacent properties. Care must be taken to prevent misuse of routes by motorbikes. *Wording can be added to the justification of Policy MNP 14 (Active Travel).*

(iv) There is a need to protect the area from flooding, but where infill is permitted, the impact on neighbouring properties of raising the finished (ground) floor level and creating “escape rooms” in the roof must be considered, with reference to increased ridge heights, overlooking and overshadowing. It is also necessary to require permeable surfaces when new development occurs. (There is only one written comment on this matter, but it was raised in conversation with several people at the exhibitions). *Surface water drainage was also picked up by the EA, Anglian Water and Severn Trent and the comments on the impact on neighbours is reasonable. Minor amendments may, therefore, be made to Policies MNP2 (Flood Risks) and MNP3 (New Housing).*

(v) No written follow-up comments were submitted on this, but a common theme in conversation was that people appreciate the proximity of Gainsborough for access to shops, employment, leisure facilities and services but they want the separate identities to be retained. *This complements comments from WLDC and Gainsborough TC.*

(vi) No written follow-up written comments were submitted but another theme to emerge in conversation was that people value and appreciate the way in which the NP has included the character study and the identification of what makes Morton a good place to live in terms of the built environment, culture and heritage. *This supports the central underpinning role that the Character Study fulfils, but no specific amendment is required.*

(vii) Finally, again although no written follow-up written comments were submitted, another theme in conversation was that people felt Morton suffers from HGV traffic and from the impact of large farm vehicles. *This supports the retention of Policies MNP12 (Local Employment) and MNP13 (Transport), but no specific amendment is required.*

External/Statutory Consultees

8.7 An email notification was sent to around 29 organisations and people on 17th January 2020, (see Appendix 1). In accordance with the Regulations, just over six weeks was allowed for comment with agreed extensions where organisations needed to refer comments to committees etc. Thirteen comments were received of which eight were substantive and five offered no further comment at this stage. Seventeen organisations and individuals did not respond. Amongst the non-respondents, Lincolnshire County Council and Historic England had offered substantive comment during earlier consultations which were reflected in the Draft Plan. Substantive comments were made by: West Lindsey DC, Gainsborough TC, Natural England, Environment Agency, Highways England, Anglian Water and Severn Trent Water.

8.8 The comments received are set out in Table 1, which also includes the agreed amendments to the Draft Plan. The full list of Consultees was:

Local Authorities. West Lindsey DC, Central Lincs. Local Plan Unit, Lincolnshire CC, Bassetlaw DC and Notts. CC.

Adjoining Town/Parish Councils. Gainsborough TC, Blyton PC , Scotton PC and East Stockwith.

Politicians. MP Sir Edward Leigh, County Councillor (Scotter Rural) and District Councillors (Scotter & Blyton).

Government Departments and Agencies The Coal Authority, The Homes and Communities Agency, Natural England, The Environment Agency, Historic England, Highways Agency, Marine Management Organisation and Sport England.

Services. Gas providers National Grid, Sewerage Anglian Water, Water Anglian Water, Police (Gainsborough Rural North) & Health Authority.

Others. Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Gtr. Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Morton Trentside Primary School and Mobile Operators.

Table 1 Analysis of Comments on the Draft Plan submitted by external consultees

| Organisation | Response | Recommend Action (<i>changes in italics</i>) |
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| <p>West Lindsey District Council (Nev Brown - Senior Neighbourhood Planning Policy Officer)</p> | <p>02/03</p> <p>MNP1 - Appreciate this is an introductory policy with good intentions setting the context for the NP in terms of sustainable development principles. But as a planning policy guiding planning application decisions it is too general and ambiguous in places. It needs to be more tightly worded as currently too general. For example, what is appropriate? What is.. where appropriate? What would be an adverse effect? In what ways would development demonstrate design and construction standards? Where such guidance is provided in later policies/CLLP/NPPF then how about providing cross references to them. It is also vital that this policy aligns with other policies to avoid any conflicts.</p> <p>As the plan explains in supporting text/evidence reports the overriding issue for Morton NP is flood risk. For developments, particularly housing, the first consideration is the need to meet the requirements of NPPF and CLLP policy on flood risk. Although NP policies shouldn't really repeat such guidance it is considered that Morton is an exception here. This policy needs from the outset to acknowledge flood risk before anything else and then it should introduce other requirements.</p> <p>Fourth bullet, add ...and map on page 27</p> <p>Seventh Bullet ... is "heritage" relevant to just natural or all asset items? Need more guidance or cross references on what these are.</p> <p>MNP2 - This policy seems to do a lot of what is perhaps required of policy 1 by mentioning the flood risk issue. Maybe consideration should be given to combining both policies.</p> | <p>Agreed, see revised wording to policy MNP1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Appropriately located (e.g. in relation to the built up area, open countryside & neighbours);</i> • <i>Appropriate in scale, with high design standards, reflecting location, land use & neighbours.</i> <p>Agreed, add to justification: <i>“Flood risk is a critical issue for most new development, especially housing. Even proposals meeting the sustainability criteria of this policy, including surface water management (PPG Para.80), may not be acceptable given the priority to avoid flood risk in the NPPF & Central Lincs. Local Plan. This is addressed specifically in Policy MNP2 (below).</i></p> <p>Agreed – <i>cross reference added</i></p> <p>Agreed, add <i>“the identified”</i> and <i>“natural”</i></p> <p>Disagree – the importance of recognising and explaining the Flood Risk in Morton is such that a separate policy is merited. This stance is supported by comments from the EA, Anglian Water and Severn Trent.</p> |

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| | <p>Given the flood risk issue this policy perhaps needs to be reordered to give it priority. How about it first mentioning the need to meet flood risk requirements (e.g. sequential and exceptional tests /refer to CLLP LP 14) and then go on say if these are met then NP would support infill developments. Are infill locations available? Opportunities could be limited by coalescence policy.</p> <p>Again, as with policy 1 what is appropriate development?</p> <p>Does the NP identify the need for particular uses area should flood risk be met, e.g. community facilities/speciality housing/affordable housing? What are Morton's needs? Are there uses less vulnerable to flood risk requirements that Morton would like to see?</p> <p>Second sentence add.. The Policy is MNP3 - On the basis of what has already been said it would be best if this became the lead paragraph and (B) and (C) supporting parts. So ..Proposals for new residential.....can be met first and then it will be necessary for proposed development to also meet these requirements (A) The site.....(B) The detailed design....</p> <p>Medium sized settlements like Morton are allowed by the CLLP policy LP2 to have limited developments of up to 9 dwellings. The policy requirement is at odds with CLLP policy. Amend to "only be supported" (Agreed)</p> <p>(B) (ii) Do you need to be more specific here e.g., the assessment and recommendations for the survey area in which the site lies.</p> <p>(B) (iii) How would this be determined? How about showing an area on proposals map to be protected e.g. separation gap?</p> | <p>Agreed, explanation to be added as below:</p> <p>Agreed add <i>"Appropriate development may include infill housing, community facilities, local services, education and employment."</i></p> <p>Agreed. Agreed and amended.</p> <p>Noted, but disagree. The District Council recognises that special circumstances apply in Morton, especially related to flood risk. It is acknowledged that CLLP Policy LP4 allows for infill development of up to 9 dwellings in Medium settlements (e.g. Morton). However, in practical terms, it is considered that the flood risk and local character/compact built form of the settlement mean that development opportunities will be very limited if not, non-existent. Therefore, it is proposed to simply refer to limited small scale development in the policy wording, without referring to 4, 9 or any other dwelling numbers.</p> <p>Agreed, add cross reference to Policy MNP5</p> <p>Not possible, would distort Proposals Map and make it unclear. See amendments to MNP5 and addition to justification to MNP3, as follows: <i>In addition, although the Neighbourhood Plan cannot include policies for land outside the Parish, the intention to maintain the separate character of Morton and Gainsborough, preventing further</i></p> |
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| | <p>(C) This section covers the design of housing proposals. Policy MNP 5 also covers design. Essential that there is no conflict/overlap between policies. How about policy MNP 3 just dealing with location of housing development and join (C) with policy MNP 5?</p> <p>(C) (vi) Could policy give some examples or cross references to guidance? Explanation, P25, para. 3 Policy LP55</p> <p>MNP4 – Bullet 4, standards of Lincolnshire CC (not District Council) Bullet 5 – Need e.g. of harm to amenity e.g. loss of light, noise etc See CLLP policy. Final para. - when would this be?? (renewable energy). Explanation - No explanation for conversions given mentioned.</p> <p>MNP5 – (A) As there is likely to be significant cross referencing between plan itself and character assessment how about showing character areas on proposals map. This would be really helpful. Currently the proposals map is a bit sparse and it is felt that there a good opportunity to add to it to aid awareness of locational references made in policies e.g., coalescence/separation/rural lanes/character areas etc. It is also considered that flood risk zones should be identified on proposals map. Perhaps best to depict by lines as shading could obscure other features of map. What about including the views on it too? Try and get everything on map inc. non-designated buildings listed buildings. It also needs to show the community facilities. (B) - Good if proposals map showed these roads e.g. rural lanes. Would make policy stronger.</p> | <p><i>coalescence, reflects local opinion and comment received on the Draft plan form Gainsborough Town Council, complementing the stance take in the emerging Gainsborough Neighbourhood Plan. The open setting of Morton Hall, The Church of St Paul with its graveyard and gardens and the riverside of floss Mill lane are particular important elements of this. This issue is also addressed in Policy MNP5 on Local Character (below).</i></p> <p>Noted, but disagree. It is felt important to keep separate policies, however, the wording has been amended to ensure that they complement rather than duplicate each other.</p> <p>Noted but, CLLP Policy 55 concerns development in the countryside. Policy LP 13 applies.</p> <p>Noted and amended</p> <p>Agreed, added</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed, added to policy title and explanation.</p> <p>Agreed, new Proposals Map to be produced.</p> |
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| <p>Conservation Officer</p> | <p>(C) - Would be more helpful if this area could be shown on proposals map e.g. separation area. Would make the policy stronger.</p> <p>MNP6 - Also cross references to photos of views in character assessment. What about Trent Valley looking NE over allotments and recreation ground and Morton itself and mill in distance? All views be taken from publicly accessible/permmissible spots. 1 & 2 NP has little control of protecting view as outside area.</p> <p>3 – North West (not North) 5 – Redefine as - Views of the Mill from Granary Close and Mill Lane. Map - How about putting these views on Proposals Map?</p> <p>MNP7 – Show on Proposals Map? Policy needs to align with CLLP policy LP25. Is this wording compliant with NPPF/Local Plan policy LP 25 and LB legislation?</p> <p>MNP8 - How about showing these on proposals map? Particularly 5,6,7 which are groups of properties, difficult to distinguish without the aid of a map. This policy needs to align with CLLP policy LP25.</p> <p>MNP 9 – These facilities should be individually shown on proposals map. Justification - Could there be recognition that some sites already identified by CLLP as done for MNP10.</p> <p>MNP10 - Should be identified on proposals map. 3 (Gymes) - Need a present-day photo in the character assessment. Is it in proximity to Morton, accessible by PROW/Riverside walkway?</p> <p>MNP11 (Community Buildings etc.) - These need to be shown and individually on proposals map. Their site areas need to be</p> | <p>(C) This is difficult; it involves parts of gardens and extends in principle to the Churchyard and open space in Gainsborough. In addition, shading would obscure other notations (Listed Buildings, Local Heritage Assets and Community Facilities). However, add clause to Policy. <i>(C) Existing open areas (gardens, incidental open spaces and landscape features) off Front Street, Trentside and Blyton Road which help to separate Morton from Gainsborough should be retained.</i> (Also see comments from Gainsborough TC).</p> <p>Agreed, additional view (2) added: <i>(2) - From Trent Valley, looking North East across allotments and playing field.</i></p> <p>Disagree, part of view is in NP area, but accept that policies cannot apply in other areas.</p> <p>Agreed to be amended. Agreed to be amended.</p> <p>Agreed, amend/check for consistency, (see WLDC Conservation Officer views, below).</p> <p>Agreed, new Proposals Map to be produced.</p> <p>Noted, check for consistency.</p> <p>Agreed, new Proposals Map to be produced. Agreed. <i>The protection of them is in accordance with Policy LP25 in the Central Lincs. Local Plan, which also covers Local Green Spaces.</i></p> <p>Agreed, new Proposals Map to be produced.</p> <p>Noted, but of the 4 photos, 2 are present day. The site is accessible, just off Field Lane and the Trent (flood bank) footpath.</p> <p>Agreed, new Proposals Map to be produced.</p> |
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| | <p>shown rather dots for locations. Some of these properties are recognised as non-designated heritage assets. This policy needs to align with respective policy to ensure intentions of each do not conflict e.g. protection as opposed to improvement/extension of facility.</p> <p>MNP12 - Does this policy relate to small scale employment development only? If so, does this need to be in title of policy? (ii) & (iii) Cross ref to map and policy required. (iv) How would this be determined? Also, would small scale employment generate such traffic generation. Seems that this part of policy out of sync with rest of policy intentions.</p> <p>(B) Needs to be reworded. Difficult to understand part (B) of policy.</p> <p>MNP13 - The intentions of this policy are understood but not sure about workability of this policy in terms of determining planning applications in Morton. Isn't CLLP LP13 sufficient?</p> <p>As a guide what would a significant amount of movement be? 2nd Para. This is not a planning policy. More like an aspiration. 3rd Para. What is the current highway safety situation to gauge if it would be worsened? Need to be more precise as to what would be an appropriate situation?</p> <p>Suggest overall, that first paragraph of policy be retained but paragraphs 2 and 3 be removed or relocated as aspirations.</p> <p>MNP14 - Useful if they were shown on proposals map especially if seeking to protect them. It would be good if these opportunities were identified as part of NP. NP provides ideal opportunity for achieving this aim and</p> | <p>Agreed, wording added to Justification. <i>"The Crooked Billet (former PH) and The Ship Inn are also local (non-designated) heritage assets and the provision of Policy MNP8 will also apply to development proposals that affect them. Policy MNP 5 on Local Character will also apply".</i></p> <p>Agreed, new Clause (A) <i>"Proposals for new small business units, the expansion or diversification of existing small units, farm based businesses."</i> Agreed, see Justification. <i>"Criteria (iv) will be based on targeted surveys/forecasts...traffic generation from small units is likely to be limited, but experience shows that farm based activities need regular servicing by larger vehicles".</i></p> <p>Agreed, reworded. <i>"In the case of home-based business and home-working, where there is a need for planning permission for buildings or activities, proposals will be supported there is no unacceptably adverse impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties or on the character of the local area".</i></p> <p>Noted, but disagree. The inclusion of this Policy reflects local knowledge of problems and comments from the public in each of the consultations to date.</p> <p>Agreed, clarification added.</p> <p>(See below)</p> <p>Noted, but reasonable to retain the requirement for surveys as a basis for good decision making. However, statement added to Justification: <i>"it is acknowledged that the need for surveys and the acceptability or not of proposals will depend on comments from the Highway Authority".</i></p> <p>Agreed in part, Clause 2 added to Justification.</p> <p>Noted, but disagree, the Proposals Map is becoming very crowded and potentially unclear. Therefore, refence will be made to the Rights of</p> |
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| | <p>protecting potential routes. Ideally, we would like to PROWs/permissive paths and extensions/improvements to active travel routes shown on proposals map.</p> <p>(02/04) Thank you for the consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan for Morton. I hope the following will assist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Firstly, I the document picks up on local character really well, and it is good to see that heritage matters to the residents of Morton. 2. The list of non-designated heritage assets contains a number of buildings. I think we may need a little more explanation on some of them, but I am pleased to note that some 20th C housing is included and is a category of heritage asset that is often overlooked. There are listed examples of local authority housing built between the two world wars, so including these is forward thinking. However, there are some more local authority type houses adjacent that should also be considered for inclusion – see image below. These are well-designed with distinctive pantiled roofs, sprocketed single storey hipped roofs to the end of each pair. The following may assist, demonstrating that Historic England are currently studying suburban domestic architecture including local authority buildings: https://historicengland.org.uk/research/current/discover-and-understand/urban-public-realm/suburbs/ 3. There are some other buildings that I consider to be non-designated heritage assets, and I would suggest are worthy of consideration. These are: (A) North Street – although this has lost its original windows and doors, this is still a nice 19th C building (the Old PO has lost its original windows and doors and is included). (B) Ship Inn. C19 origins, good mock Tudor makeover of early C20 Building at rear has Georgian/early Victorian origins. https://www.lincstothepast.com/Untitled/260052.record?ImageId=7389&pt=S 4. A minor amendment is required in relation to the list of listed buildings on p28 in relation to 16 Front St. The name of the building is missed off – and notes only the railings. The official listing states ‘NUMBER 16 FRONT | <p>Way Map and existing routes <i>“Existing footpaths, bridleways and other designated routes, as defined on the County Rights of Way Map, will be protected and in conjunction with the County and District Councils.....”</i></p> <p>Agreed, Proposals Map will show properties,</p> <p>Policy MNP8 will be explicit <i>“7 - Traditional interwar/post war houses (originally Council) on Walkerith Road (Nos. 34-54), and wording added to justification, “The majority of the buildings are in, or adjoin, the older part of Morton but the exception are the blocks of inter war and post war (existing and former) Local Authority houses on Walkerith Road. The identification of these properties is supported by comments made by the West Lindsey DC Conservation Officer. The view is taken that they comprise a category of heritage asset that is often overlooked. There are listed examples of local authority housing built between the two world wars, so including these properties in Morton is forward thinking.”</i></p> <p>Agreed, properties added to Policy MNP8, <i>8-The Ship Inn on Front Street 9 -Pair of Nineteenth Century houses on North St.</i></p> |
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| | <p>STREET AND RAILINGS AND GATE’. Leaving off the house itself may give the impression on the railings are listed and needs to be amended to properly reflect the official list.</p> <p>5. Policy NMP7 – Listed buildings. The policy is generally good but is worded in such a way as to potentially allow a developer to interpret that development is a given, provided the design is of high quality. I think this policy would benefit from a little rewording, so as to align with the LB&CA Act 1990 and the statutory duties on the LPA. There will be cases where development, no matter how high a design quality, may not be acceptable to a listed building or setting.</p> <p>6. I note the Parish Church of St. Paul is not on the list. However, it is the case that many parish churches seek to improve by adding extensions. When they do, they are exempt from LBC, applying instead for a Faculty from the Diocesan Advisory Committee, which runs a parallel regime (Ecclesiastical Exemption), but planning permission is still needed for external alterations and extensions. Also, the church railings and any alteration, demolition, rebuilding to them requires planning permission in addition to a faculty (GDPO – Part 2 Class A (d)). Given the importance of boundary frontages to Front Street, it is worth considering including on the list</p> <p>7. Policy LMN8 – very good. I am impressed with the heritage section and commend those who have undertaken the work.</p> | <p>Agreed, wording amended</p> <p>Agreed, add wording to Policy “Any development should preserve the building (or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it has),” and to the Justification “The requirement to preserve the building in question is based on the intent of Sections 16 and 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.”</p> <p>Noted, but policy coverage cannot extend to Gainsborough. However, the proposed amendment to MNP5 (C) above applies: (C) Existing open areas (gardens, incidental open spaces and landscape features) off Front Street, Trentside and Blyton Road which help to separate Morton from Gainsborough should be retained.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| Central Lincs. Local Plan Unit - | No Response | |
| Lincolnshire County Council Policy and Minerals & Waste Planning | No Response (at this stage, but detailed information earlier in the NP process). | |
| Bassetlaw District Council | No Response | |
| Nottinghamshire County Council - | 17/1Clive, Thank you for consulting Nottinghamshire county Council on the Draft Morton Neighbourhood Plan, we have no comments to make at this stage. Nina Wilson, Principal Planning Officer (Policy) | |

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| Gainsborough TC - Rachel Allbones (Tom Clay) | 05/03 The Draft Morton Neighbourhood Plan was discussed at a meeting of the Town Council last night. It was commented that: <i>It is recognised that St Paul's is outside the Morton Parish Council boundary. However, town councillors felt that the Draft Morton Neighbourhood Plan could have given the Parish Church greater prominence within the plan.</i> | Noted, but policy coverage cannot extend to Gainsborough. However, the proposed amendment to MNP5 (C) above applies: (C) Existing open areas (gardens, incidental open spaces and landscape features) off Front Street, Trentside and Blyton Road which help to separate Morton from Gainsborough should be retained. |
| Blyton PC – | No Response | |
| Scotton PC - | No Response | |
| East Stockwith - | 22/02 - East Stockwith Parish Council have no comments/observations to make | |
| MP – Sir Edward Leigh - | Thank you for your email to Sir Edward Leigh MP. This is an automatic response acknowledging receipt of your email. | |
| County Councillor (Scotter Rural) | No Response | |
| District Councillors (Scotter & Blyton) - | 24/02 Thank you for the hard work the steering group have put into producing the draft Neighbourhood plan. I was pleased to be able to come and to talk to some of you on Friday and see for myself how villagers were receiving it and asking lots of questions of you all. It is a great document which I feel reflects the feelings of the residents of Morton and the surrounding Area. This Plan also conforms with the strategic policies of the CLLP. I feel you have addressed all the objectives that support the purpose of the plan and taken into Account the aspirations of the community. I wish you success in the process of finalising the plan. Councillor Mandy Snee. | Noted, the supportive comments are welcomed. |
| The Coal Authority | No response | |
| The Homes and Communities Agency | No response | |
| Natural England Clare Foster | 22/01 Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made. Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan. However, we refer you to guidance on the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing an | Noted. It is considered that the background advice provided by NE (see below) has been taken into account in producing the Plan. |

NP, (Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment: information, issues and opportunities).

Natural environment information sources

The Magic1 website will provide you with much of the nationally held natural environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: Agricultural Land Classification, Ancient Woodland, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Nature Reserves, National Parks (England), National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on the Ordnance Survey base map) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones). Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of local record centres is available here. Priority habitats are those habitats of particular importance for nature conservation, and the list of them can be found here. Most of these will be mapped either as Sites of Special Scientific Interest, on the Magic website or as Local Wildlife Sites. The LPA should be able to supply you with the locations of Local Wildlife Sites. National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found here. There may also be a local landscape character assessment covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your LPA can you access these. If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).....General mapped information on soil types and Agricultural Land Classification is available (under 'landscape') on the Magic website and from the LandIS website which contains more information about obtaining soil data.

Natural environment issues to consider The NPPF sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. Planning Practice Guidance sets out supporting guidance. The LPA should be able to provide further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.

Landscape Plans or orders may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscapes. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds, woodland or dry stone walls and think about how any new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness. If you are proposing development within or close to a protected landscape (National Park or AONB) or other sensitive location, we recommend that you carry out a landscape assessment of the proposal. Landscape assessments can help you to choose the most appropriate sites for development and help to avoid or minimise impacts of development on the landscape through careful siting, design and landscaping.

Wildlife habitats Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed here⁹), such as SSSI or Ancient woodland¹⁰. If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.

Priority and protected species

You'll also want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed here¹¹) or protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice here¹² to help understand the impact of developments on protected species.

Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land

Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services for society. It is a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, a store for carbon and water, a reservoir of biodiversity and a buffer against pollution. If you are proposing development, you should seek to use areas of poorer quality agricultural land in preference to that of a higher quality in line with NPPF para 171. For more information, see: Agricultural Land

Classification: protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land¹³.

Improving your natural environment

Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment. If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you may wish to consider identifying what environmental features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development, for example:

- Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way.
- Restoring a neglected hedgerow.
- Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site.
- Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape.
- Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds.
- Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into new buildings.
- Consider if lighting can be managed to encourage wildlife.
- Adding a green roof to new buildings.

You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:

-Setting out how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green Infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community.

-Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision.

-Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through LGS designation existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wildflower strips in less used parts of parks, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency).

-Planting additional street trees.

-Identifying improvements to the existing right of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or installing kissing gates) or extend the network to create missing links.

-Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge in poor condition or clearing away an eyesore).

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| <p>The Environment Agency 020 847 48545 Sustainable Places – Planning Adviser, Lincs. & Northants., Environment Agency, Nene House, Pytchley Road Industrial Estate, Kettering, NN15 6JQ</p> | <p>28/02 Thank you for consulting us on the pre-submission plan for the Morton neighbourhood plan. We aim to reduce flood risk, while protecting and enhancing the water environment. We have had to focus our detailed engagement on those areas where the environmental risks are greatest. We support the inclusion of Policy MNP 2: Flood Risk in your Plan. Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> | <p>Noted, the support is welcomed and is pertinent to the retention of MNP 2 as a discrete policy notwithstanding the WLDC suggestion that it be incorporated into MNP1 (see above)</p> |
| <p>Historic England - Sofia Fazal for Clive Fletcher Principal Adviser, Historic Places.</p> | <p>22/01 - Thank you for your email of 17 January 2020 consulting Historic England on the draft Morton Neighbourhood Plan. We have no further comments to our letters of 23 Aug. and 13 Nov. 2019.</p> | <p>Noted, however the NP reflects earlier advice provided by Historic England</p> |
| <p>Highways England - Martin Seldon</p> | <p>25/02 Highways England welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Morton Neighbourhood Plan. The document provides a vision for the future of the area and sets out a number of key objectives and planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications. In relation to the Morton Neighbourhood Plan, Highways England’s principal interest is in safeguarding the M180 motorway and A46 Trunk Road about 28 km to the north and 30 km to the south of the Plan area respectively. We understand that a Neighbourhood Plan is required to be in conformity with relevant national and Borough planning policies. Accordingly, the Neighbourhood Plan for Morton is required to be in conformity with the existing Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (2012 to 2036) and this is acknowledged within the document. Highways England previously was consulted on the draft version of the Morton Neighbourhood plan questionnaire and provided a response in December 2019 advising that due to the limited growth we did not expect there to be any impacts on the SRN. No housing or employment sites have been allocated. Policy 3 will support small-scale developments of up to 4 dwellings. Policy 12 encourages the development of new small business units and the expansion of existing units use of existing agricultural buildings being used for employment. Considering the limited level of growth proposed across the Neighbourhood</p> | |

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| | <p>Plan area we do not expect that there will be any impacts on the operation of the SRN.</p> <p>As a minor comment, we note that the draft Neighbourhood Plan does not state what the end period of the plan would be. Although we assume this to be in line with the end year of the CLLP (2036) It should be stated in the submission version of the Plan.</p> | <p>Noted, this has been amended on the cover which now included 2019- 2036 and wording has been added to Paragraph 1.1; <i>“In accordance with the existing (adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan it will cover the period 2019 to 2036.”</i></p> |
| Marine Management Organisation | No response | |
| Mobile Operators. | No responses | |
| Gas providers National Grid. | No response | |
| Anglian Water | <p>05/02CC to STW. The views of Severn Trent Water who are responsible for wastewater services within the Parish should also be sought on the content of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>MNP1: Sustainable Development Principles We note that the policy MNP1 states that new development will be expected to take every possible effort to meet or preferably exceed design and construction standards for sustainable development.</p> <p>Policy LP14 of the adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan states that residential developments will be expected to meet the optional higher standard of 110 litres/per person/per day. Anglian Water is keen to encourage residential developers to improve on this standard by providing for increased water efficiency/re-use to achieve reduced water consumption.</p> <p>Anglian Water is supportive of Policy MNP1 in that it encourages developers to improve upon existing standards including water use prior to any future changes to existing building regulations. For clarity it is suggested it is made clear which standards are being referred to in this context. I would be grateful if you could confirm that you have received this response.</p> | <p>Noted the support is welcomed but given that there is unlikely to be larger scale development in Morton (because of the Flood Risk Zone 3 constraint), further specific requirements or technical specifications are not needed. However, wording has been added to the Justification of Policy MNP3. <i>“The detailed provisions of policy LP14, including water uses, will also apply.”</i></p> |
| <p>Wastewater – Severn Trent</p> <p>Chris Bramley, Strategic Catchment Planner</p> | <p>14/2 (CC Anglian Water) Severn Trent are generally supportive of the general principles outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan. We would note that whilst Severn Trent are the Sewerage undertaker for the parish area, we do not have any water supply responsibilities. Anglian Water Ltd are the water provider for your parish, we would recommend that you</p> | |

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| | <p>consult them. There are a few areas in the plan that would benefit from some minor amendments and additions providing greater support for the objectives of the plan and helping to ensure development is sustainable from a sewerage aspect.</p> <p>Policy MNP 1. Sustainable Development Principles</p> <p>Severn Trent do not object to the content of the policy, but noting the flood risk within the settlement we feel that it is important that a consideration of the management of surface water is undertaken early to ensure that development can be carried out sustainably without increasing the risk of flooding from any source. We would therefore recommend that Policy MNP1 also highlight the drainage Hierarchy, use of SuDS and the protection of watercourses and drainage features. This could be done through the inclusion of wording the effect of: <i>“All applications for new development shall demonstrate that all surface water discharges have been carried out in accordance with the principles laid out within the drainage hierarchy, in such that a discharge to the public sewerage systems are avoided, where possible”</i>. Reasons for including this wording within your policy 4 include: PPG Para.80 (Ref. ID: 7-080-20150323) states: <i>“Generally the aim should be to discharge surface water run off as high up the following hierarchy of drainage options as reasonably practicable: 1. into the ground (infiltration); 2. to a surface water body; 3. to a surface water sewer, highway drain, or another drainage system; 4. to a combined sewer.”</i> Watercourses are a vital part of the ecosystem and the natural water cycle, the removal or culverting of watercourses has adverse impacts wildlife, and flood risk. It also prevents surface water from being sustainably manage and the utilisation of the Drainage Hierarchy. Severn Trent would recommend that Policy 4 includes a statement to the effect of: <i>No development shall prevent the continuation of existing natural or manmade drainage features, where watercourses or dry ditches are present within a development site, these should be retained and where possible enhanced. Access to drainage features for maintenance should be retained and ownership of land clearly defined as part of the overall site maintenance plan.</i></p> | <p>Agreed. An edited version of the suggested clause has been added to the Policy <i>“Ensure that surface water discharge is managed using the principles of the drainage hierarchy.”</i> However, there is not the scope to include the detail set out in the comment in the NP, especially given the unlikelihood of large scale housing development.</p> |
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| | <p>Prior to the alteration of any alignment an assessment will be required to ensure that all connections into the watercourse are retained and that exceedance flows are not then directed away from the watercourse channel towards properties. With additional supporting text for the policy including: <i>Removal of watercourses and ditches from development sites, presents a risk for future growth and development in such that links to the natural water cycle can be removed resulting in a potential increase of on site and off site flood risk. The removal of these features would result in an increased need to connect surface water to the sewerage network, as identified above this is against the drainage hierarchy outline in the PPG.</i></p> <p>Reasons for including this wording within your policies include: Ditches and watercourses are the natural routes for water to flow through and the removal of these features or the ability to undertake required maintenance is likely to result in an increase in flood risk, loss of biodiversity and loss of habitats.</p> <p>Severn Trent are supportive of the inclusion of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) to help manage surface water flows, a good SuDS scheme will provide multiple benefits from attenuation of surface water flows to minimise flood risk impacts, treatment / capture of pollutants to improve water quality and the development of spaces for enhanced biodiversity and amenity. ST would therefore advise that policy include a statement to promote the use of SuDS system.</p> <p>All major developments shall ensure that Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) for the management of surface water run-off are put in place unless demonstrated to be inappropriate.</p> <p>All schemes for the inclusions of SuDS should demonstrate they have considered all four aspects of good SuDS design, Quantity, Quality, Amenity and Biodiversity, and the SuDS and development will fit into the existing landscape. The completed SuDS schemes should be accompanied by a maintenance schedule detailing maintenance boundaries, responsible parties and arrangements to ensure that the SuDS are maintained in perpetuity. Where possible, all non-major development should incorporate these SuDS</p> | <p>Agreed. SuDS reference added to Policy MNP 3 <i>“(B) (vi) Domestic scale renewable energy, sustainable urban drainage.”</i></p> |
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principles into their designs. The supporting text for the policy should also include: Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) should be designed in accordance with current industry best practice, The SuDS Manual, CIRIA (C753), to ensure that the systems deliver both the surface water quantity and the wider benefits, without significantly increasing costs. Good SuDS design can be key for creating a strong sense of place and pride in the community for where they live, work and visit, making the surface water management features as much a part of the development as the buildings and roads. The Lead Local Flood Authority are the primary body for advising of surface water drainage design within the Planning process, we would recommend that further guidance on SuDS should be sort from the LLFA. Reasons for including this wording within your policies include: NPPF(2018) paragraph 163: “When determining any planning applications, Local Planning Authorities should ensure that flood risk is not increased elsewhere... b) the development is appropriately flood resistant and resilient; c) it incorporates sustainable drainage systems, unless there is clear evidence that this would be inappropriate; & Para 165: “Major developments should incorporate sustainable drainage systems unless there is clear evidence that this would be inappropriate. The systems used should: a) take account of advice from the lead local flood authority; b) have appropriate proposed minimum operational standards; c) have maintenance arrangements in place to ensure an acceptable standard of operation for the lifetime of the development; and d) where possible, provide multifunctional benefits.” This is further supported by the House of Commons Written Ministerial Statement for Sustainable Drainage (HCWS 161) which also clearly sets out the need for Sustainable Drainage Systems to be incorporated into all major developments. It is therefore clear from national policy that the inclusion of well-designed SuDS which incorporate multiple benefits are the most appropriate form of managing surface water. Whilst is it understood that the LLFA will be the main consultee as part of the surface water approval, where connections to the public sewerage or surface water network are

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| | <p>proposed It is advised that consultation is undertaken with ST to ensure that connectivity between the sewerage network and SuDS features are appropriate, and does not result in delays at a later stage.</p> <p>Policy MNP 2. Flood Risk Severn Trent as detailed above are aware that Morton is highlighted to be at risk of flooding, as detailed in our response regarding Policy MNP 1 the appropriate management of surface water is key to facilitate sustainable development, but also to protect the existing sewerage system. The Sewerage system within Morton is made up of Foul only sewers as such they will not be designed to accept or accommodate surface water flows, the connection of surface water flows to the foul sewer network should therefore be avoided (see Drainage Hierarchy). It is important that new development does not create low points that could enable flood water from the river or surface water entering the sewers.</p> <p>Policy MNP 3. Criteria to consider new housing proposals ST support of the inclusion of bullet point (C(i)) “Take advantage of local topography, landscape and water features, trees and plants, wildlife habitats, existing buildings, site orientation and microclimate;” (C(vi)) “Domestic scale renewable energy, sustainable drainage and carbon minimisation features, where this does not result in a design which is inappropriate to the location.” We have highlighted the need to protect watercourses and drainage systems within policy MNP 1 regarding site design, but the same consideration should be taken in assessing if a site is appropriate.</p> <p>Policy MNP 4: Residential Extensions ST support policy 4’s requirement for extensions to consider sustainable drainage and permeable surfacing of driveways, it is also important to utilise sustainable outfalls for surface water discharge: Drainage Hierarchy.</p> <p>Policy MNP 5: Local Character and the design of new development ST would recommend that an additional bullet point is included within policy 5 regarding retention of open watercourses, which are as important to habitats/local character as hedges and trees.</p> <p>Policy MNP 10: Proposed Local Green Spaces Severn Trent recognise and understand the importance and value of local green spaces, we are therefore generally supportive of the</p> | <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Agreed. Add reference to “<i>water management</i>” to the justification.</p> <p>Agreed. Add new clause to Policy: “<i>A(vi) Existing drainage features (ditches and watercourses) should be retained and incorporated.</i>”</p> <p>Agreed. Add new clause to Policy: “<i>Noting the flood risk present in the Parish, the development of flood alleviation schemes within or close to Local Green Spaces will generally be supported,</i></p> |
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| | <p>approach to protect these assets. We would however note that the development of appropriate schemes local green spaces can also sometimes provide opportunity that benefit both the green space, and the wider settlement, it is important therefore that planning policy is not restrictive. One such example is where a flood alleviation scheme is proposed within an area of local green space. We recommend that a sentence is included in MNP10 to the effect of: <i>The development of flood alleviation schemes within areas of Local Green Space will generally be supported, provided that the primary function of the Local Green Space is not adversely affected.</i></p> <p>Please keep us informed when your plans are developed when we will be able to offer more detailed comments and advice. We have set out some general guidelines that may be useful to you.</p> <p>Position Statement As a water company we have an obligation to provide water supplies and sewage treatment capacity for future development. It is important for us to work collaboratively with LPA to provide relevant assessments of the impacts of future developments. For outline proposals we provide general comments. Once detailed developments and site specific locations are confirmed, we are able to provide more specific comments and modelling of the network if required. Where we consider there may be an issue we would discuss in further detail with the LPA. We will complete improvements to provide additional capacity once we have confidence that development will go ahead, to avoid spend on speculative developments, minimising customer bills.</p> <p>Sewage Strategy Once detailed plans are available and we have modelled the additional capacity, in areas where sufficient capacity is not currently available and we have sufficient confidence that developments will be built, we will complete necessary improvements to provide the capacity. We will ensure that our assets have no adverse effect on the environment and that we provide appropriate levels of treatment at sewage treatment works.</p> <p>Surface Water and Sewer Flooding We expect surface water to be managed in line with the Government’s Water Strategy, Future Water. For new developments we would not expect</p> | <p><i>provided that the primary function of the Local Green Space in question is not adversely affected.”</i></p> <p>All noted.</p> |
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| | <p>surface water to be conveyed to our foul or combined sewage system and, where practicable, we support the removal of surface water already connected to foul or combined sewer.</p> <p>We believe that greater emphasis needs to be paid to consequences of extreme rainfall. In the past, even outside of the flood plain, some properties have been built in natural drainage paths. We request that developers providing sewers on new developments should safely accommodate floods exceeding design capacity of the sewers.</p> <p>To encourage developers to consider sustainable drainage, Severn Trent currently offer a 100% discount on the sewerage infrastructure charge if there is no surface water connection and a 75% discount if there is a surface water connection via a sustainable drainage system. More details can be found on our website https://www.stwater.co.uk/building-and-developing/regulations-and-forms/application-forms-andguidance/infrastructure-charges/</p> <p>Water Quality Good quality river water and groundwater is vital for provision of good quality drinking water. We work closely with the Environment Agency and local farmers to ensure that water quality of supplies are not impacted by our or others operations. The Environment Agency's Source Protection Zone (SPZ) and Safe Guarding Zone policy should provide guidance on development. Any proposals should take into account the principles of the Water Framework Directive and River Basin Management Plan for the Severn River basin unit as prepared by the Environment Agency.</p> | |
| Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust - | No response | |
| Gtr. Lincs. Local Enterprise Partnership | No response | |
| Sport England - | No response | |
| Police (Gainsborough Rural North) | 05/02 Thank you for contacting...We are keen to hear from you and will be in touch with you in the next 24 hours. No further comment. | No amendment needed. |
| Health Authority - | No response | |
| Morton Trentside Primary School - | No response | |

Appendix 1 – Designation Statement (WLDC September 2016)

Introduction (The purpose of this document)

1. This document provides a record of the publication that took place regarding the Morton Neighbourhood Development Plan Area and related Neighbourhood Planning Body. The main methods used to promote the publication process are also documented, along with the main findings from the publication. As this was only a publication process and not a more open consultation, the response rate is not expected to be high.

2. This formal publication period provided members of the public and other key stakeholders an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed neighbourhood plan area and proposed neighbourhood planning body for Morton. The proposed neighbourhood planning body is Morton Parish Council and the proposed neighbourhood planning area is shown in appendix 1 along with the rest of the parish council's application.

Regulations and government guidance

3. The regulations associated with this first stage of neighbourhood planning provide guidance on the criteria to be included for this phase. Within this publication, we as the local planning authority must publicise on our website:

- a copy of the area application
- details of how to make representations; and
- the date by which those representations must be received, being:
 - (i) In the case of an application to which paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 6A applies, not less than four weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised;
 - (ii) in all other cases, not less than six weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised.

Publication timescales

4. The publication period for this stage of the neighbourhood development plan process must cover a minimum period of four weeks¹. The proposed publication period is from the 29 July to the 26 August 2016. The timescales break down as follows: Publication period 29.07.16 – 26.08.16 Cabinet meeting date or delegation 03.09.16

Previous consultation.

5. This matter has not been the subject of previous consultation. The parish council are at the earliest stages of their neighbourhood plan development process.

Publication responses

6. We received 0 response to the publication. This is generally in keeping with the low response rate that we receive with neighbourhood plan area consultations. The breakdown of responses received are; Email 0 Web consultation system 0 Letter 0 Total 0

Outcomes

7. The results of this publication will be used by the council to decide whether or not to approve the Neighbourhood Planning Area and body for the neighbourhood planning process to be undertaken by Morton Parish Council.

8. West Lindsey District Council has approved the application by Morton Parish Council to have the parish of Morton designated as a neighbourhood area, for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan (see appendix 2).

Annex 1 (Application letter text).

Dear Luke,

Morton Parish Council have formally agreed to undertake and prepare a Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2012. As the responsible body, Morton Parish Council are now seeking permission from WLDC to formally prepare a Neighbourhood plan on behalf of its residents. I have attached a map of the NP area (the parish area plan, as supplied by yourself), Kind regards Anne Cater, Clerk to Morton Parish Council.

Annex 2 (Designation approval letter from WLDC on 03/09/2016)

Dear Anne

MORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DESIGNATION APPROVAL

Morton Neighbourhood Plan area was formally approved by West Lindsey District Council on the 3rd September 2016. There were no objections made to the proposed area. You can now proceed with preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for your Parish. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above details.

Yours Sincerely, Luke Brown Neighbourhood Planning Officer.

Appendix 2 – Post designation consultation questionnaire (September/October 2018)

1 What do you enjoy about living in Morton?

- Easy access to the countryside
- Village hall
- Heritage and history
- Post office/ shop
- Green open spaces
- Village activities / community groups
- Public house
- Rural Atmosphere
- Walks

2 The proposed Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CLLP) outlines 15% housing growth for Morton over the next 20 years, this equates to approximately 95 dwellings. However, the CLLP appreciates that Morton is heavily constrained by Flood Risk and therefore “assumes a zero per cent increase, to take account of the uncertainty that much, if any, growth can take place in Morton.” UNLESS flood risk can be mitigated. In light of this, how much housing development would you like to see in Morton?

- 0-30 Dwellings
- 31-60 Dwellings
- 61-90 Dwellings
- 90+ Dwellings

3 What type(s) of housing do you feel are needed within the parish?

| | Need More | About Right | Need Less |
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| Flats Bungalows | | | |
| Low cost / affordable / starter homes | | | |
| Family housing | | | |
| Luxury housing | | | |
| Rented accommodation | | | |
| Sheltered housing | | | |
| Retirement housing/apartments | | | |
| Eco friendly housing | | | |
| Two storey houses | | | |
| Three storey houses Social housing | | | |

4 Where would you prefer to see future development within the Parish?

- A number of smaller developments
- Brownfield (land previously developed)
- Infill developments Greenfield (land previously undeveloped)
- Conversion of existing buildings
- Larger developments

5 Do you think new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the Parish?

Yes No

5a Please list the local features important to you

6 Please answer the following?

| | Yes | No | Don't Know |
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| Should areas be developed for renewable energy? | | | |
| Do you support the growth and expansion of existing local businesses within the Parish such as existing farms, the public house? | | | |
| Should we protect our natural environment such as important trees, hedgerows, verges, local habitats and wildlife? | | | |
| Should we protect our existing community facilities and green spaces like the village Hall, the public house and our recreational grounds? | | | |

6 What would be your greatest concern(s) should further development take place in Morton?

- Change to village atmosphere
- Effect on road junctions
- Potential loss of heritage features
- Impact on drainage and flooding
- Effect on parking Loss of views / green spaces
- Effect on traffic Impact on the natural environment

7 Which of the following services, and amenities would you like to see more of in the village?

- Allotments
- Shop
- Improved bus services
- Family housing
- Public footpaths
- Rented accommodation
- Cycle paths
- Recreational space
- Improved Broadband
- Sports facilities
- Children's Play area
- Reduced traffic

8 Do you think there are changes needed to the following transport issues?

- Less parking on public footpaths
- More Public Footpaths
- More Off road Parking
- Speed of vehicles through Morton
- Less HGV Traffic
- Improved Road
- Maintenance
- Traffic Calming

Please make any other comments you have in the space below. Remember you will have ample opportunity to share your views at future consultation exercises or by asking to help create the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
Please comment...

Appendix 3 – List of External Consultees and copy of email sent on Mon. 22nd July 2019.

Listing

Local Authorities West Lindsey District Council, Central Lincs. Local Plan Unit, Lincolnshire County Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council

Adjoining Town/Parish Councils Gainsborough TC, Blyton PC, Scotton PC and East Stockwith

Politicians MP Sir Edward Leigh, County Councillor (Scotter Rural) and District Councillors (Scotter & Blyton)

Government Departments and Agencies The Coal Authority, The Homes and Communities Agency, Natural England, The Environment Agency, Historic England, The Highways Agency, The Marine Management Organisation and Sport England.

Services Gas providers National Grid, Sewerage Anglian Water, Water Anglian Water, Police (Gainsborough Rural North) & Health Authority.

Others Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Gtr. Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Morton Trentside Primary School and Mobile Operators.

Email to External Consultees

Good morning,

Morton Parish Council is preparing the Morton Neighbourhood Plan, covering all of the Parish Area (see attached plan). The work is being managed by a Steering Group comprising Parish Councillors and members of the community. As a Neighbourhood Plan expert, I have been appointed to provide professional planning support for this process.

The Steering Group has undertaken initial consultation with the local community and is now in the process of evidence gathering. However, in addition to finding out the opinions and aspirations of local people, the Steering Group wants to obtain the views of statutory bodies and other interested organisations at each stage of plan making. I am, therefore, contacting you to make you/your organisation aware of the process and to invite any input you wish to make.

It is intended to move to a full Draft Plan, which will include a formal 6-week consultation, later in 2019. In the meantime, the SG would welcome any comments that you wish to make on any matters which you think should be included in the plan. If do not wish to comment at this stage, but you want to be included in formal consultation on the Draft Plan later in 2019, please let me know. Alternatively, if you do not wish to be contacted again concerning the Morton Neighbourhood Plan, a short letter, email or telephone call to that effect would be appreciated.

If you wish to discuss technical aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan, please contact me on 07815 950482 or by email at clive.keble@btopenworld.com

I look forward to hearing from you, if possible, within 3 weeks, but if you need to consult colleagues or take comments through committees/boards, the end of August will be acceptable.

Kind Regards,

Clive Keble (MRTPI): Clive Keble Consulting, for the Morton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Appendix 4 – Overall Purpose and Objectives Newsletter/Questionnaire

This newsletter and questionnaire were published in the November 2019 edition of Morton Community News, a monthly community newspaper distributed across the Parish.

See https://www.mortonparishcouncil-lincs.co.uk/mcn/mcn_november_2019.pdf

Morton Neighbourhood Plan

Several key stages of Neighbourhood Plan (NP) preparation have now been completed. These include:

1. Initial consultation with the local community.
2. Evidence gathering (e.g. census, planning records, heritage, flooding/drainage, roads/traffic).
3. A (community based) local character study.
4. A review of the strategic policy context (existing and emerging Central Lincs Local Plan).
5. The identification of and notification to statutory consultees and other interested parties.

It is now possible to define the purpose and objectives of the NP which will link directly to the planning policies. It will also provide the opportunity, in accordance with the strategy adopted by the NP Steering Group, for local people and consultees to comment on the direction of the NP before policies become fixed.

Included in this month's copy of the Morton Community News are the '**Purpose and Objectives**' that the Community needs to be consulted on and we are asking you if you agree; or disagree with them.

The final date for submission for your answer will be on November 15th and you can do this by completing the form on the next page and posting it into one of the collections boxes that are situated at The Co-Op or Morton Village Hall, alternatively you could respond by email to mortonndp@gmail.com or via Facebook by sending a message to the [Morton Neighbourhood Plan](#) page.

Or you could bring it along to our drop-in session that we are holding in the Village Hall on Saturday 9th November 2019 between 1pm and 3pm, where you can discuss any questions you may have with members of the Steering Group and see how the plan has developed.

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| Purpose and Objectives | |
| Purpose Our influence on local planning decisions will increase to ensure that Morton remains an attractive place to live in, for employment and to visit. Morton will retain a separate identity to Gainsborough, but we will work with others to ensure good access to the employment and facilities provided in the town. Our best assets and what we value about the Parish will be protected and enhanced and, as far as possible in a Neighbourhood Plan, problems will be addressed. Please tick one of the following boxes. | |
| Do you Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Or Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments | |
| Objective 1 Acknowledging the considerable constraint of Environment Agency flood risk requirements, limited new development will help to meet local needs and aspirations. | |
| Do you Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Or Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments | |
| Objective 2 The design and appearance of buildings will respect local character, including building styles and the relationship between the village, the countryside and the Trent Valley. | |
| Do you Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Or Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments | |

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| Objective 3 Open spaces and rights of way will be protected and where possible, enhanced. | |
| Do you Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Or Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments | |
| Objective 4 Heritage assets, including links to cultural and historic events will be protected and where possible, enhanced. | |
| Do you Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Or Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Objective 5 Social, community and educational facilities will be protected and where possible, enhanced to support community cohesion and sustainable living. | |
| Do you Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Or Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments | |
| Objective 6 Local business and employment will be supported where concerns on environmental impact, local character and traffic can be addressed. | |
| Do you Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Or Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments | |
| Objective 7 As far as is possible, in a Neighbourhood Plan, traffic/movement issues will be addressed. Public transport and active travel (walking and cycling) will be supported in terms of provision, safety and convenience. | |
| Do you Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Or Disagree <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Comments | |

Could you also provide us with the following information it would be really appreciated?

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| Post code | | Gender | |
| Age | up to 18 <input type="checkbox"/> | 19 – 59 <input type="checkbox"/> | 60 or over <input type="checkbox"/> |

Thank you for your time and showing an interest in the future of our community.

Appendix 5 – List of consultees and copy of email of 1/11/2019 (Overall Purpose & Objectives consultation)

Listing

Local Authorities West Lindsey District Council, Central Lincs. Local Plan Unit, Lincolnshire County Council, Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council

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Others Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Gtr. Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Morton Trentside Primary School and Mobile Operators.

Email to External Consultees

Good Morning, On or around 22nd July 2019, on behalf of the Morton Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) Steering Group (SG), I issued an e-mail notification to external consultees outlining the approach to the preparation of the MNP and inviting any general comments. Thank you to those organizations who responded, the information that you provided has been recorded as part of the evidence base and will be included in the Consultation Statement at Submission. However, as I explained at the time, a non-response did not mean that you would not be included in future consultations, unless you specifically requested so.

Initial consultation and evidence gathering has now been completed and it is intended to prepare and issue a full Draft Version of the MNP early in 2020 for a formal 6-week (Regulation 14) Consultation. In the meantime, the SG, which has agreed a Draft Purpose and Objectives to underpin the approach to policies in the MNP, wished to provide a further short informal opportunity for comment prior to work on the complete Draft MNP. For the local community, a newsletter and questionnaire is being issued today and there is to be a drop-in session at Morton Village Hall on Saturday 9th November (1pm to 3pm), with a deadline for responses of 5pm on the 15th November.

The SG wishes to offer the same opportunity to external consultees, hence my e-mailing you this morning. A copy of the questionnaire outlining the Draft Purpose and associated Objectives (7No.), is attached along with a map of the area covered by the MNP. The SG would be pleased to receive any comments that you have at this stage, preferably within the stated deadline, but there may be scope for an extended period if you need to consult colleagues or go through a Committees or Board. However, I would be grateful if you could notify me of this. You may use the questionnaire in order to respond or a simple e-mail will suffice but, as before, a non-response will not mean that you cannot be included in future consultations, unless you specifically request so.

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss any technical aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan, do contact me on 07815 950482 or by email (at clive.keble@btopenworld.com).

Please note that this invitation has been sent to around 35 organisation and individuals but, in accordance with the GDPR, email addresses are not being disclosed.

Clive Keble (MRTPI): Clive Keble Consulting, for the Morton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Newsletter January 2020



MORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We Have a Draft Plan - What do you think of it?

The Morton Neighbourhood Plan

A **Neighbourhood Plan** is a new type of policy document for a local area (i.e. a Parish). Once adopted it forms part of a **Local Development Plan** and will be used to consider all planning applications in that area, with policies such as:

- Location design and type of new houses.
- Protecting important buildings & landscape.
- Protecting open spaces and playing fields.

The Plan must reflect the views of local people. The more of you who participate, the greater the influence you will have on the outcome. We are also inviting businesses, landowners and local organisations to get involved.

Comment on the full Draft Plan?

In November, we asked for views, including local organisations and the District Council, on the Purpose and Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan and your response was valuable. We have also completed other evidence gathering and here is a summary of it overleaf.

We will begin a 6-week consultation from **Friday 17th January to Monday 2nd March.**

This newsletter (as required by Reg. 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012), gives details of where & when the Draft Plan may be inspected and how to make representations and have your say!

We have arranged two exhibitions for you to find out more about the Draft Plan and to discuss your comments with the Steering Group and our Planning adviser, Clive Keble.



The completed Full Draft Plan can be seen, for the first time, the "Big Picture" on

**February 1st 11.30am to 3.30pm and on
February 21st 3.30pm to 7.00pm**

At

Morton Village Hall



Please get involved

Complete the questionnaire

On the reverse of this newsletter

& drop it off at the Co-op/Morton Village Hall/Morton Primary School

or bring it along to the exhibition above

The deadline for returning questionnaires is 5:00pm on Monday 2nd March 2020

Further copies can be obtained via the website below or Morton Village Hall

Please remember

Neighbourhood Plans have to be land use and planning related, e.g.; litter, anti-social behaviour, open space management and housing management cannot be included.

In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan must conform with other strategic policies of the adopted Central Lincolnshire Local Plan.

To read the plan & see the supporting evidence documents or for further information see:

www.mortonparishcouncil-lincs.co.uk

Morton Neighbourhood Development Plan Questionnaire January 2020

To assist you to complete the sections below and express your opinion with regard to the draft plan proposed please refer to the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and its supporting documents which can be found on www.mortonparishcouncil-lincs.co.uk web page under the Neighbourhood Plan section.

The Purpose - Our influence on local planning decisions will increase to ensure that Morton remains an attractive place to live in, for employment and to visit. Morton will retain a separate identity to Gainsborough, but we will work with others to ensure good access to employment and facilities provided in the town. Our best assets and what we value about the Parish will be protected and enhanced and, as far as possible in a Neighbourhood Plan, problems will be addressed.

Objectives that Support the Purpose

Objective 1 - Acknowledging the flood risk requirements, limited new development will help to meet local needs and aspirations.

Objective 2 - The design and appearance of buildings will respect local character,

Objective 3 - Open spaces and rights of way will be protected and if possible, enhanced.

Objective 4 - Heritage assets, including links to cultural and historic events will be protected and if possible enhanced.

Objective 5 - Social, community and educational facilities will be protected and where possible, enhanced to support community cohesion and sustainable living.

Objective 6 - Local business and employment will be supported where concerns on environmental impact, local character and traffic can be addressed.

Objective 7 - As far as is possible, in a Neighbourhood Plan, traffic/movement issues will be addressed. Public transport and active travel (walking and cycling) will be supported in terms of provision, safety and convenience.

| What do you think about the above Purpose and Objectives? (please tick one) | Agree | Disagree | Neutral |
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| Formal Planning Policies contained in Section 7 of the Morton Neighbourhood Plan | Agree | Disagree | Neutral |
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| MNP 1: Sustainable Development Principles. (Supported by all Objectives) | | | |
| MNP 2: Flood Risk. (Supported by Objective 1) | | | |
| MNP 3: Criteria to consider new housing proposals. (Supported by Objective 2) | | | |
| MNP 4: Residential Extensions. (Supported by Objective 2) | | | |
| MNP 5: Local Character and the design of new development. (Supported by Objective 2) | | | |
| MNP 6: Key Views. (Supported by Objective 2) | | | |
| MNP 7: Designated heritage assets. (Supported by Objective 4) | | | |
| MNP 8: Local heritage assets. (Supported by Objective 4) | | | |
| MNP 9: Existing open spaces and sports facilities. (Supported by Objective 3) | | | |
| MNP 10: Proposed Local Green Spaces. (Supported by Objective 3) | | | |
| MNP 11: Community Buildings, Shops and Public Houses (Supported by Objective 5) | | | |
| MNP 12: Local employment and businesses. (Supported by Objective 6) | | | |
| MNP 13: Transport issues. (Supported by Objective 7) | | | |
| MNP 14: Active Travel. (Supported by Objective 7) | | | |

| Community Aspirations contained in Section 15 of the Morton Neighbourhood Plan | Agree | Disagree | Neutral |
|--|-------|----------|---------|
| CA 1 - Local history and heritage. (Supported by Objective 4) | | | |
| CA 2 - Countryside management. (Supported by Objective 3) | | | |
| CA 3 - Traffic management. (Supported by Objective 7) | | | |

Please complete for our internal monitoring:

| Postcode: DN21 | Age group (please tick one) | <18 | 18 - 24 | 25 - 35 | 36 - 50 | 51 - 65 | >65 |
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If you wish to make further comment, please attach a separate sheet to this questionnaire.

Thank you for taking the time to comment and to complete this questionnaire

Appendix 7 – Draft Plan External Consultees email and listing

An email notification was sent to 29 organisations and people on 17th January 2020, (see Appendix 1). In accordance with the Regulations, just over six weeks was allowed for comment with agreed extensions where organisations needed to refer comments to committees etc. Seven comments were received of which eight were substantive and four offered no further comment at this stage. Seventeen organisations and individuals did not respond. Amongst the non-respondents, Lincolnshire County Council and Historic England had offered substantive comment during earlier consultations which were reflected in the Draft Plan. Substantive comments were made by: West Lindsey DC, Gainsborough TC, Natural England, Environment Agency, Highways England, Anglian Water and Severn Trent Water.

List of Consultees:

Local Authorities. West Lindsey DC, Central Lincs. Local Plan Unit, Lincolnshire CC, Bassetlaw DC and Nottinghamshire CC.

Adjoining Town/Parish Councils. Gainsborough TC, Blyton PC, Scotton PC and East Stockwith.

Politicians. MP Sir Edward Leigh, County Councillor (Scotter Rural) and District Councillors (Scotter & Blyton).

Government Departments and Agencies The Coal Authority, The Homes and Communities Agency, Natural England, The Environment Agency, Historic England, The Highways Agency, The Marine Management Organisation and Sport England.

Services. Gas providers National Grid, Sewerage Anglian Water, Water Anglian Water, Police (Gainsborough Rural North) & Health Authority.

Others. Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Gtr. Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Morton Trentside Primary School and Mobile Operators.

Text of email sent to External Consultees (17th January 2020).

Good morning, I am writing to you on behalf of the Morton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to invite your comments on the Draft Morton Neighbourhood Plan. This is a formal consultation in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 14) and it will run for just over six weeks from today (Friday 17th January 2020) until Monday 2nd March 2020. The plan area is shown in the Plan document on the policy summary sheet.

*The completion of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan follows two previous informal consultations with statutory bodies and other interested parties in July 2019 (a general notification) and November 2019 (on the Draft Purpose and Objectives). If you commented at either of these stages your views will have been considered and reflected in the Draft Plan. However, if you did not comment then, it **does not** affect your rights to comment at this formal stage.*

I attach a PDF version of the Draft Plan, including a simple Proposals Map, it can also be viewed at or downloaded from the Parish Council website, along with a series of background/evidence documents - <https://www.mortonparishcouncil-lincs.co.uk/sample-page/morton-neighbourhood-plan/> - see the blue tab (8 - bottom right) for the Plan Document and blue tabs (1 to 7) for the related documents. In addition, I attach a policy summary sheet for easy cross reference.

*The external consultation is running in parallel with a local community consultation, including a newsletter/questionnaire and two exhibitions, (see attachments, for information). You would be welcome to attend these sessions if you wish. You may use the questionnaire **but a written email response (addressed to me) is preferred.** clive.keble@btopenworld.com Please do not hesitate to contact me with any general questions or technical queries either by email or phone on 07815 950482. I look forward to hearing from you.*

Kind Regards,

Clive Keble (MRTPI): Clive Keble Consulting, for the Morton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.



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Your opinions are needed!

What is a Neighbourhood Plan (NP)?

Neighbourhood Plans are part of Localism. They are a new way of influencing future development by choosing where new homes, shops and offices are to be built. They can also influence what those new buildings should look like and include policies to protect local landscape and heritage.

However, they must comply with national policy (National Planning Policy Framework) and complement the Local Plan (in this case the 2017 Central Lincolnshire Local Plan). They must plan positively and they cannot:

Have fewer houses than are in the Local Plan or try to stop all development;

Be one person or group's opinion;

Change services - i.e. housing management, gardening & rubbish collection;

Set social or policing programmes

The intention is to help local communities, landowners & developers, enabling more predictable planning decisions. A Local Plan & Neighbourhood Plan are a "Development Plan." It is a basic principle that planning applications have to be determined in accordance with a Development Plan, unless material considerations dictate otherwise.

In summary, the Morton Neighbourhood Plan will be able to:

Influence the location, type and design of new housing and business development;

Help to maintain the separate identity and character of Morton;

Protect community building, local shops and other facilities;

Protect open spaces and recreation areas;

Protect and enhance the countryside and landscape of the Parish;

Identify and protect buildings/structures which create the character of the Parish;

Seek to ensure that the impact on Morton is considered as part of large scale developments in nearby areas (e.g. Gainsborough).



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Work completed to date and how you have helped.

In March 2018 we undertook a Community Survey. This showed how much you appreciate the distinct character and identity of Morton and its sense of community and it is these principles that the Neighbourhood Plan is based on.



In the Autumn, we undertook a short consultation on the Purpose and Objectives of the NP and following your support, these are included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

In addition, we have completed the gathering of other important evidence, including:

- 1 Census and housing
- 2 Planning records
- 3 Heritage
- 4 Landscape Character
- 5 Floods and drainage
- 6 Roads and Traffic
- 7 Policy Background



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This is what we would like you to do today

“We” refers to the Morton Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Steering Group (SG). It includes Parish Councillors & local people and was set up by the Parish Council (PC).

The exhibition is about the Draft Neighbourhood Plan - it is the first opportunity for you to see the whole thing – Purpose, Objectives and Policies all together. You can now see, for the first time, the “Big Picture” and, in particular, it is really important that we get your views on the Policies in the Plan

Remember: *Neighbourhood Plans must be land use/planning related. Matters such as litter, anti-social behaviour, open space and housing management **cannot** be included.*

In addition, *the Neighbourhood Plan must conform with strategic policies in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (2017)*

We would like you to look through the exhibition, in the order that it is set out. You can then complete your questionnaire or think about things and do it later.

You can ask any questions or make any comments, but the key piece of information that we need from you is:

- Whether you agree (or not) with the Policies in the Draft Plan?

These opinions will be considered alongside the comments that we get from all the other consultees, including the District and County Councils, and from landowners, developers and other interested partners.

This will be the last opportunity for local people to comment on the Draft Morton Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted to the District Council later in March.



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Your opinions are needed!

Here are the Neighbourhood Plan Purpose and Objectives

Purpose: Our influence on local planning decisions will increase to ensure that Morton remains an attractive place to live in, for employment and to visit. Morton will retain a separate identity to Gainsborough, but we will work with others to ensure good access to the employment and facilities in the town. Our best assets and what we value about the Parish will be protected and enhanced and, as far as possible in a Neighbourhood Plan, problems will be addressed.

Objective 1: Acknowledging the considerable constraint of Environment Agency flood risk requirements, limited new development will help to meet local needs and aspirations.

Objective 2: The design and appearance of buildings will respect local character, including building styles and the relationship between the village, the countryside and the Trent Valley.

Objective 3: Open spaces and rights of way will be protected and where possible, enhanced.

Objective 4: Heritage assets, including links to cultural and historic events will be protected and where possible, enhanced.

Objective 5: Social, community and educational facilities will be protected and where possible, enhanced to support community cohesion and sustainable living.

Objective 6: Local business and employment will be supported where concerns on environmental impact, local character and traffic can be addressed.

Objective 7: As far as is possible, in a Neighbourhood Plan, traffic/movement issues will be addressed. Public transport and active travel (walking and cycling) will be supported in terms of provision, safety and convenience.

Do you agree with these? Please complete & return a questionnaire by:

Deadline – Midday on Monday 2nd March 2020



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Here are the Neighbourhood Plan policies (Part 1)

General Principles

MNP 1: Sustainable Development Principles: location, scale, design, character, sustainability of development.

MNP 2: Flood Risk: a local policy recognizing the genuine need to avoid development that increase flood risk.

Housing

MNP 3: Criteria for new housing: criteria to enable limited small scale/infill development, subject to flood risk.

MNP 4: Residential Extensions: criteria on materials, scale, layout, parking, character & sustainability.

Character and design

MNP 5: Local Character and Design: development to recognise & complement local character of local areas.

MNP 6: Key Views: criteria to protect seven locally important key views.

Heritage

MNP 7: Designated heritage assets: the need for high quality design and to take account of character & setting.

MNP 8: Local heritage assets: development to take account of the character & setting of local heritage assets.

Do you agree with these Policies? Please complete & return your questionnaire



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Here are the Neighbourhood Plan policies (Part 2)

Open Space

MNP 9: Existing open spaces & sports facilities: criteria to protect open spaces, playing fields & sports grounds.

MNP 10: Local Green Spaces: proposed at Mill Wood, Field Lane and The Gymes/Trent riverbank.

Community & Business

MNP 11: Community facilities, shops & commercial premises: criteria to protect these valued local facilities.

MNP 12: Local employment & businesses: criteria for businesses on location, scale, use and farm diversification.

Transport & active Travel

MNP 13: Transport issues: to ensure that issues in Morton are considered in development proposals.

MNP 14: Active Travel: improving pedestrian and cycle accessibility across the Parish.

Do you agree with these Policies? Please complete & return your questionnaire

In addition, there are three informal community aspirations to reflect your views where they could not be covered by formal planning policies. Do let us know what you think of them?

CA 1 Local history and heritage: partnership work to interpret and enhance local heritage features.

CA 2 Countryside management: partnership work on landscape enhancement and the countryside.

CA 3 Traffic management: partnership working on improved traffic management and speed limits.



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Your Steering Group & our other supporters

The Morton Neighbourhood Plan was commissioned by the Parish Council in September 2016 but a Steering Group, made up of local residents and Parish Councillors was set up to organise all of the work.

This included: Bruce Allison, Penny Lightfoot, Judith Butroid, Keith Panter, Jeff Jackson, Christine Allison, Lucille Middleton and Les Devine) and further support on the Character Surveys was given by Elaine and John Youngman.

Our Planning Advisor is...

Clive Keble (MRTPI) of Clive Keble Consulting of Derby.

Clive has worked on over 20 Neighbourhood Plans across the Midlands.

You can talk to him at the exhibition today.

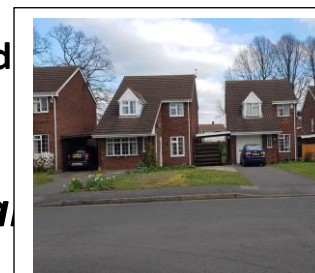
Our thanks must also go to...

The Department for Communities & Local Government and Locality for providing funding through the Neighbourhood Planning Grant.

Seasey District Council for providing advice and



**But especially to you;
*in your interest in the Neighbourhood Plan
of Morton Parish***



The Character Study, carried out by local people, identified the distinctive features of Morton which needed to be taken account of in the Neighbourhood Plan, including:

- (A) The physical links between, but separate identities of, Morton and Gainsborough and the need to retain the differing character of the two settlements.*
- (B) The physical, historical and cultural importance of the River Trent.*
- (C) The relationship between landscape, environment, culture and natural phenomena.*
- (D) Long views across a flat landscape and big skies.*
- (E) The concentration of Listed Buildings and local heritage assets on Front Street and Floss Mill Lane, approaching the heritage character typified in Conservation Areas.*
- (F) The intimate quality of the older village core with a predominance of brick and slate in modest Victorian buildings, including several potential local heritage assets.*
- (G) The visual and historical importance of the (Listed) former windmill on Mill Lane.*
- (H) The distinct character of interwar Council Houses on Walkerith Rd. & Hickman Crescent.*
- (I) The distinct layout and design of late C20 developments, including Southlands.*
- (J) The importance of natural features including small woodland, hedgerows, trees in the built-up area, grass verges and wetland/meadow areas in the floodplain.*
- (K) The importance of public footpaths (e.g. Trent flood bank & rural routes like Field Lane).*
- (L) The character of rural roads, (e.g. Walkerith Road and Laughton Lane), including narrow carriageways (without footways) and wide grass verges, but noting the impact that heavy traffic has on landscape and pedestrian/cyclist safety.*

A series of key views within and, especially, out from Morton are identified where the impact of new development will need to be carefully considered.

- 1 - Trentside looking South and West.*
- 2 - Trent Valley flood bank looking West.*
- 3 - Trent Valley flood bank looking North.*
- 4 - From Front Street looking West.*
- 5 - From Granary Close/Mill Lane, looking West.*
- 6 - Walkerith Road (on outskirts of village) looking North West.*
- 7 - From Blyton Road, looking South-West.*

Important Open Spaces (not already designated)

Consideration is given to the potential to designate locally important land as Local Green Spaces (where criteria in paras. 99-101 of the NPPF are met. These include:

- Mill Wood,*
- Field Lane, and*
- The Gymes/Morton Breach*

Other existing spaces are protected by existing policies, including: the school playing field, Parish recreation ground, allotments off North Street/Cross Street and Field Lane, land at the village hall and

Local (Non-Designated) Heritage Assets

There are nine Listed Buildings in the Parish which are formally protected, but the study identified seven other buildings and structures which are not formally designated but are of local interest.

1 - Holly House & outbuildings (14 Mill Lane).

2 - The Crooked Billet (Crooked Billet Street/Floss Mill Lane).

3 - Old post office and forge (3-5 Dog & Duck Lane).

4 - St Oggs (Front Street).

5- C18/19 boundary walls/railings (exc. Listed Buildings) on Front St. & Floss Mill Lane.

6 – Early C20 houses in large plots on Walkerith Road (Opp. Village Hall).

7 – Traditional interwar houses (originally local authority) on Walkerith Rd (34-54).

They are covered by a policy in the Plan aimed at protecting and enhancing local heritage assets which have been identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions but are not formally designated.

Finally, the Character Study also showed how the human and cultural aspects of heritage are important in Morton. These include literary connections to George Eliot; The Aegir; the Trent trade (and smuggling) and the wartime “Gymes disaster”.



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And finally, thank you

Please complete the questionnaire in the newsletter here today or, take it home to complete and drop it off at The Co-op, or post it to the Parish Clerk.

The deadline for returning questionnaires is 5:00pm on Monday 2nd March. In addition to considering the questions, please let us have any other comments that you wish to make and do take the opportunity to talk to the Steering Group members and our Planning Adviser here today.

Looking ahead.....

Please stay engaged as we move through the Neighbourhood Plan process:

March 2020. Review the Draft Plan, based on consultation responses, write the Consultation & Basic Conditions Statements and “Submit” the documents to West Lindsey District Council final consultation and examination.

April to July 2020. Examination consider Examiners report & agree final plan.

September 2020. West Lindsey District Council organise the Referendum.

October/November 2020. (Subject to a “Yes” vote) the Plan is “Made”



Thank You: for taking an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan & getting involved in planning the future of Morton Parish – Let’s keep working together.

The Facebook page has 221 friends and has been used extensively to promote the Neighbourhood Plan and the consultation events from July 2019 to the present.

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To see what they share with friends, send them a friend request. [Add Friend](#)

Intro
This page is committed to giving Morton's residents a say in future planning in their area.

Morton Neighbourhood Plan
17 March at 10:54

During February we held a consultation on the draft Morton Neighbourhood Plan.

The total number of questionnaires issued to households was 650 (one per home, including extras to the care homes and businesses in the village) with 67 returned - a 10% return.

The questionnaire was also made available for download on the Parish Council Webpage. The newsletter and questionnaire was also circulated on the Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page which has to date has 222 followers... [See more](#)

| Question | Agree | Disagree |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Objectives? | 31 | 0 |
| Development Principles: | 35 | 4 |
| Use new housing proposals: | 33 | 3 |
| retains: | 35 | 3 |
| and the design of new developments: | 38 | 1 |
| Use assets: | 36 | 2 |
| paths: | 36 | 0 |
| and sports facilities: | 43 | 1 |
| if Green Spaces: | 64 | 1 |
| paths, shops and public houses: | 63 | 0 |
| ment and businesses: | 63 | 1 |
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Community Aspirations

Age Group

Purpose & Objectives

Community Aspirations

Agree
62
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