



MORETON-IN-MARSH

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Consultation Executive Summary

Your chance to comment between 1st September and 12th October

July 2025

Welcome to our Neighbourhood Plan

This plan has been produced on behalf of our community by a team of local residents. We have consulted widely with the community in a number of different settings in order to ensure that the plan meets our needs. We have spoken with older people, younger people, families, and people from surrounding areas in order to gain as many different views as possible about how our town should develop. We hope that you will take the time to read this summary and also the full document, but most

importantly that you will let us know what you think. **This plan belongs to the town and your feedback is important.** The Neighbourhood Plan extends to over 60 pages and over 18,000 words. This summary can serve only to give a taster of what is included. We want it to show you the areas covered by the plan but also for it to encourage you to read the full document, to ask any questions you may have about its content, and to give feedback as you feel appropriate.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

In September 2018, Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council was granted approval to start the process of preparing a neighbourhood plan. The purpose of the neighbourhood plan is to sit alongside the Cotswolds Local Plan to guide development within the parish and provide direction to any interested parties wishing to submit planning applications for development within the parish. The process of producing a plan has sought to involve the community as widely as possible and the different topic areas are reflective of matters that are of considerable importance to Moreton-in-Marsh (MIM), its

residents, businesses and community groups.

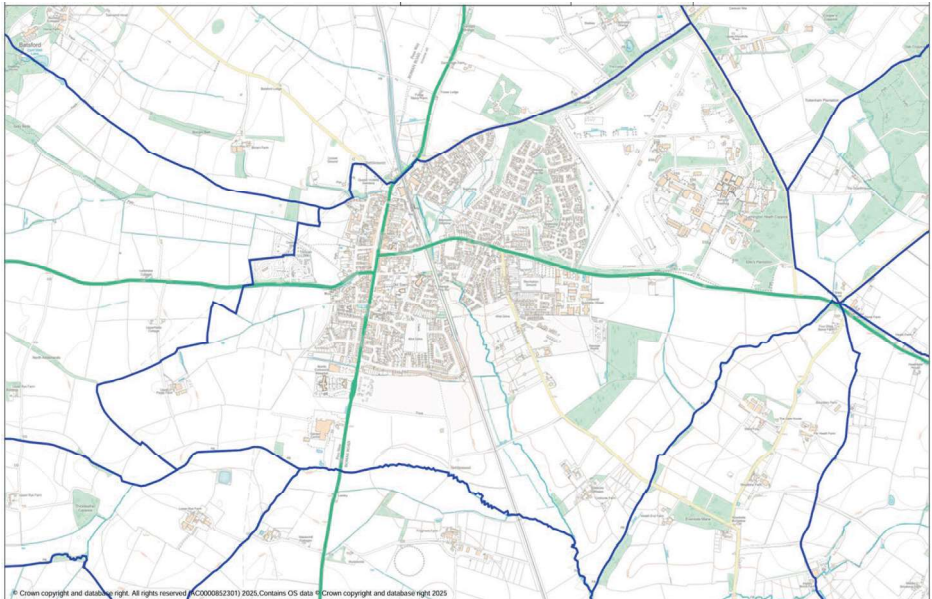
The MIM Neighbourhood Plan has been developed by volunteers from the parish to: influence any development as allocated by CDC Local Plan, according to the wishes of the community; ensure that development is sustainable, sympathetic to, and improves the look and feel of the parish; protect the area's environment and biodiversity, thus maintaining the essential character of MIM and provide the parish with the opportunity to access 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy to improve local facilities.

Scope of the Plan

Our policies have to be written in the context of the planning system and therefore have to either propose changes to land-use (i.e. be proactive) or provide a set of policies against which any planning applications which are submitted can be determined by Cotswold District Council (CDC) as the local planning authority (i.e. reactive). In order to add something to what the policies set out in national guidance and the Cotswold Local Plan already say, or the protections they provide, our policies also need to provide local detail. Therefore, the policies of our neighbourhood plan will be used

alongside these other planning policies and guidance by those proposing development and those making decisions on planning applications.

From consultation and other evidence we have developed 16 objectives under 5 themes which provide the “direction of travel” for the plan and the basis for our objectives, which suggest how we will meet those aims between now and 2031. These objectives are set out in the full document and provide the basis for the planning policies we have developed.



Challenges

The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to address, as far as possible the challenges that face the community of Moreton-in-Marsh. In summary these challenges are:

♦ **Heavy Goods Traffic and Congestion**

Address the traffic, parking and movement situation in the centre of the town to ensure it remains a thriving key service centre for the North Cotswold.

Recognising alternatives to the private car as a means of travel need to be provided for and their use encouraged, particularly in relation to cycling and walking.

♦ **Excessive Population Growth**

Ensuring strategic developments identified in the Cotswold Local Plan are integrated into the existing community of Moreton-in-Marsh so that they do not function as separate from the existing communities.

♦ **Loss of Green Space to Development**

Protecting the significant green spaces, views and biodiversity assets in the parish, increase habitat for wildlife and biodiversity and provide new accessible green space for the growing population.

Some of the walking / cycling routes in and around the town are in need of major improvements.

♦ **Flooding and Water Management**

Ensuring the growth in population arising from new development does not put an unacceptable strain on existing infrastructure; including (but not limited to) sewage and water infrastructure overload.

♦ **Economic Challenges**

Ensuring additional footfall generated from new economic activity uses Moreton-in-Marsh town centre.

Currently, residents “commute out” of Moreton-in-Marsh for employment meaning opportunities need to be sought to create more local employment in light of the new development which will take place.

Vision for Moreton-in-Marsh

In 2031 Moreton-in-Marsh is an attractive, vibrant and prosperous market town with a wide range of housing options. Moreton benefits from excellent transport links, a network of safe walking and cycling routes. The town successfully blends its role as a key retail and service centre for businesses, residents and visitors in a green, bio-diverse, low carbon environment.

Objectives

1. New developments to be energy efficient and climate adaptive.
2. New developments to provide a range of housing to meet the needs of local people.
3. New developments on brownfield sites to take priority over greenfield sites.
4. To ensure new homes are of high-quality design and built to Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) standards.
5. Ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to support new development prior to completion of the project.
6. To support the provision of principal residence housing for those wishing to live in Moreton-in-Marsh.
7. New developments to facilitate and support the growth of the business base within Moreton-in-Marsh, creating more jobs across a diverse range of sectors.
8. Support development of small business units/shared space.
9. New developments to support and sustain a vibrant attractive and successful town centre that meets the needs of the local community and visitors.
10. Improve the public realm and traffic management within and through the town to provide easier, safer and more pleasant access for residents and visitors, using developer contributions.
11. Protect and maintain existing public open green spaces.
12. Protect and maintain archaeological and built heritage assets deemed to be of value to the community.
13. Preserve and increase opportunities for biodiversity net-gain.
14. Preserve important views within the parish.
15. Protect the sensitive natural environment and exceptional rural assets surrounding Moreton-in-Marsh.
16. Create a more connected parish for residents and visitors alike, limiting the need for vehicular travel within the town and offering a genuine choice of transport options to help reduce congestion and emissions, to improve air quality and public health.

THE POLICIES

Policy 1. Climate Adaption and Energy Efficiency in Developments

- a. Land allocations and management which enhance carbon capture and ecological biodiversity whilst reducing flood risk are welcomed.
- b. The fitting of renewable energy systems to domestic property is supported where appropriate in terms of architecture and location.
- c. Proposals for the development of new housing, extensions to dwellings or business premises, will be particularly supported where they are designed to generate as much of their energy as reasonably feasible from renewable sources.
- d. New development should be conditional on an energy assessment which minimises carbon footprint and energy requirements.
- e. The impact of the growth of electric vehicle use e.g. the need for charging points, should be fully taken into account in assessing domestic, commercial or industrial planning applications.
- f. Developments which show innovation and imagination to achieve zero carbon will be welcomed.

Policy 2: Managing Flood Risk

- a. When proposals for development are being considered, all sources of flood risks must be considered at the appropriate stages and the sequential and exception tests used to divert development to areas with lower probability of flooding, in accordance with NPPF guidance.
- b. Proposals for development on land identified by the Environment Agency as lying within either Flood Zone 2 or 3, or in Flood Zone 1 in the circumstances outlined in footnote 63 of paragraph 181 of the December 2024 NPPF, will require a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA), using appropriate calculations based on the highest expected groundwater levels for the area (200 year maximum). Proposals will only be supported where it can be demonstrated in the FRA that:
 - 1. they include appropriate site-specific measures to address effectively all the identified surface and ground water issues; and
 - 2. any residual flood risk can be safely managed.
- c. Where it is appropriate to do so new developments should incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).



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Policy 3: Housing Mix

- a. Proposals for more than six dwellings should demonstrate how the applicant has sought to meet local needs in line with the Moreton-in-Marsh Housing Needs Analysis.
- b. Proposals should provide for a mix of housing sizes and the delivery of smaller dwellings. At least 25% of dwellings should meet Lifetime Home Standards or its equivalent.
- c. All proposals for new housing development must demonstrate how the types of dwellings provided will help ensure a balanced mix of housing for Moreton-in-Marsh, particularly through the provision of:
 - 1. dwellings for smaller households.
 - 2. purpose-designed, accessible accommodation for older persons or those with mobility needs.
 - 3. one or two-bedroom accommodation for those wishing to downsize whilst retaining reception space.
 - 4. starter homes for those wishing to enter the housing market.
 - 5. land for self-build opportunities.
- d. The precise housing mix of new development will be determined on a site-by-site basis, having regard to viability and other relevant factors.

Policy 4: Affordable Housing

- a. Development proposals which make provision for affordable homes should reflect local need and contribute to the objective of creating a mixed and balanced community. All affordable homes should be:
 - I. provided within the development, distributed throughout the development and fully integrated within the market housing,
 - II. built using the same materials and in the same style as any market housing on the site,
 - III. such that residents of affordable homes have the same access to all communal facilities as the residents of market housing
 - IV. of a type, size and tenure that meets local needs including provision of homes for rent,
- b. In all new housing developments providing affordable housing, the first occupancy of all affordable homes will be prioritised for households with a strong local connection with the parish of Moreton-in-Marsh, as defined in figure P4(a) below and any relevant planning policy guidance.
- c. Proposals should be accompanied by a statement demonstrating how the development addresses local affordable housing needs as set out in the Cotswold Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2015 (or subsequent updates).
- d. Development proposals which safeguard a proportion of the affordable homes from future sale and maintain affordability of the homes in perpetuity will be supported.



Policy 5: Well Designed Housing and Places

- a. Proposals for new development should demonstrate high quality design, reflect local distinctiveness, and seek to incorporate local design features evident in buildings in the surrounding area.
- b. For residential development, local architectural features will be encouraged where appropriate to a development.
- c. New development proposals should demonstrate how they are consistent with the requirements of the Botley Design Guide (Appendix A) unless protections for the historic environment, set out in other policies of the Local Plan, would be compromised.
- d. Development, whether residential or commercial, that seeks to meet the highest possible standards of construction Code for Sustainable Homes and BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) standards or equivalent will be strongly supported.
- e. Layouts must retain important trees and hedgerows. The planting of new trees and shrubs of similar species to those already evident in the immediate surroundings is required.
- f. New developments are required to provide adequate on-site refuse and recycling storage while minimising its visual impact.
- g. Wherever possible, developments should be screened from the road using earthworks, native species green hedging and/or trees for highway boundaries wherever possible and where these are in keeping with the existing streetscape.
- h. Where appropriate, developments should demonstrate how they are designed to ANGSt (Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards).
- i. Proposals which provide for adaptable spaces suitable for home working will be strongly supported.
- j. Sufficient space should be identified to provide allotments for a minimum of 10% of the new dwellings unless credible evidence shows this not possible.
- k. The provision of high-quality open space with the opportunity for recreation and physical activity is expected to be included in any Design and Access statement related to new development.

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Policy 6: Parking in Residential Developments

Designated off-street parking.

- a. New residential development within the Plan area will provide an adequate level of off-street parking for residents. The following minimum standards will apply:
 - 1-bed dwelling: 1 off-road car parking space
 - 2-bed dwelling: 2 off-road car parking spaces
 - 3-bed dwelling: 2 off-road car parking spaces
 - 4-bed dwelling: 3 off-road car parking spaces
 - 5+ bed dwelling: 4 off-road car parking spaces.
- b. Where communal, unallocated off-street parking is provided for eight or more dwellings, the minimum standard for 2-bedroom dwellings and above may be reduced by one space per four dwellings.

Garages as off-street parking

- c. Where garages are to be counted as an off-street parking space the following minimum internal dimensions should apply:
 - Single garage: 3.0 metres wide x 6.0 metres deep
 - Double garage: 5.7 metres wide x 6.0 metres deep
- d. Accessible roof storage space should be provided where feasibly possible, to encourage use of garage space for vehicle parking.

Visitor parking

- e. New residential development within Moreton-in-Marsh will provide adequate designated additional parking for visitors, at a minimum of one space per two dwellings. This can either be off-street or on-street, subject to the wider guidance set out within this policy. Visitor parking should be marked as such.
- f. Parking spaces will be required to be constructed of permeable surfaces to minimise surface water run-off.
- g. During the planning process for developments in reasonable proximity to the town centre (easy walking distance of approximately fifteen minutes), the provision of public car parking must be explored as well as opportunities for “active travel”.

Policy 7: Brownfield First

- a. The reuse of formerly developed land (brownfield land) will be strongly supported.
- b. Development on these sites and any other brownfield sites will be supported.

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Policy 8: Hard Infrastructure

- a. New development should not compromise the ability of the local infrastructure to support the existing settlement, and the proposed development concerned.
- b. Proposals for new development will be required to demonstrate how the infrastructure plans are adequate for the number of proposed dwellings. This is required in instances where new dwellings or new non-residential buildings are proposed for major development (i.e., 10 or more dwellings / at least 1,000m² of floorspace):
 - the relevant water supply, wastewater treatment to be considered in line with policy 2 of this plan.
 - electricity distribution and transmission network providers to be consulted.
 - traffic and transport assessments, identifying and quantifying the effects of the traffic generated by the scheme on its own, and in combination with other consented and allocated schemes, on the Moreton-in-Marsh Conservation Area and on other heritage assets in the Town Centre.
- c. Where the potential for adverse effects has been identified, then the proposals must make provision for the necessary mitigation measures to avoid contributing to the adverse effects caused to those assets.
- d. It is expected that this infrastructure will be in place no later than the completion of development.
- e. Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) and Utility plans that impact on the Parish and its surrounding area that are approved or updated are to be disclosed as soon as possible to ensure that plans within the Parish boundary are suitably adapted.

Policy 9: Soft Infrastructure

- a. New development should not compromise the ability of the local infrastructure to support the existing settlement and the proposed development concerned.
- b. New housing will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that there is the necessary capacity in the community and physical infrastructure and services are available to support the increase in population.
- c. Proposals for development of 30 or more dwellings or planned large multi-phased development must ensure infrastructure and services are sufficient to address the impacts arising from the growth in population, and in place prior to completion of the development.



Policy 10: Principal Residence Housing

- a. Due to the impact on the local housing market due to the growth of dwellings used for holiday accommodation and second homes, new open market housing will only be supported where there is a restriction to ensure its occupancy as a principal residence.
- b. This occupancy restriction will be guaranteed through the imposition of a planning condition or legal agreement.
- c. A principal residence is defined as one occupied as the resident's sole, or main residence where they spend the majority of their time when not working away from home.
- d. This obligation on new market homes will require that they are occupied only as the primary residence of those persons entitled to occupy them. Proof of entitlement will be verifiable via evidence such as inclusion on the electoral register or registration for local services.

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Policy 11: Employment Land

- a. There will be a general presumption against the loss of locations that provide employment within the Parish, either as a result of proposals for a change of use or for the redevelopment of existing premises or sites of employment for non-employment use.
- b. Proposals for change of use or redevelopment, which would result in the loss of employment use, will only be acceptable if they demonstrate the following:
 1. The premises or site is no longer required for employment use in terms of need or demand, by the premises or site having been marketed for a period of not less than one year for employment use and no occupier has been found. Full details relating to the marketing must accompany any proposal,
 2. That the alternative use proposed will be a positive contribution to the sustainability of Moreton-in-Marsh.
- c. Proposals put forward which increase the availability of employment land will be strongly supported.
- d. Schemes which include proposals for the inclusion of environmentally friendly measures will be strongly supported. This may include (but not restricted to) the following measures:
 1. Solar energy
 2. Harvesting rainwater for use
 3. Pollution and waste reduction
 4. Lower carbon emissions
 5. High standards of insulation
- e. Where surplus energy is produced through self-generation, a scheme for reuse of this energy locally will be supported.

Policy 12: Small Business Units

- a. Proposals which provide for work hubs to accommodate small business units will be strongly supported.
- b. Development proposals will be supported that will enable the expansion and retention of small, local businesses. Support will also be given to development proposals for the establishment of new businesses that diversify and strengthen the local economy without significantly adversely affecting the distinctive character of the community or creating significant additional traffic.
- c. Applications will be particularly encouraged if they offer employment opportunities to local people. In particular, strong support will be given to development proposals that provide space for small start-up businesses.

Community Aspiration

Introduce residential parking permits to prevent overnight parking in the town centre.

Policy 13: Retail Provision

- a. Within the Core Retail Area, Fig P13 the loss of Class E uses as a result of proposals for change of use or for redevelopment for non-retail use (C3), where prior approval is not given, will generally not be supported.
- b. Proposals for change of use or redevelopment which would result in the loss of Class E retail use will only be acceptable if they demonstrate the following:
 - 1. The premises or site is shown to be no longer required for retail use in terms of need or demand, by the premises or site having been marketed for a period of not less than one year for retail use and no occupier having been found. Full details relating to the marketing must accompany any proposal.
 - 2. That the alternative use proposed will be deliverable and make a positive contribution to the sustainability, vitality and viability of Moreton-in-Marsh.

Community Aspiration

Create a local business network whereby local businesses can have a voice which is heard, understood and acted on.



Policy 14: Infrastructure Investment Priorities

Subject to viability and to compliance with S106 Infrastructure Regulations and CIL regulations, all housing developments of 10 or more homes will be expected to contribute to the following local priorities:

- a. Refurbishment, including Public Realm improvements around the Redesdale Hall
- b. Moreton-in-Marsh High Street Refurbishment improvements
- c. Remove long-stay parking from the town to a location close to the train and bus stations
- d. Improve Accessibility around Moreton-in-Marsh
- e. Invest in planting around the town such as a community orchard, additional woodland or a herb garden
- f. Additional retail on the East side of Moreton-in-Marsh

More detailed information can be found in Appendix B

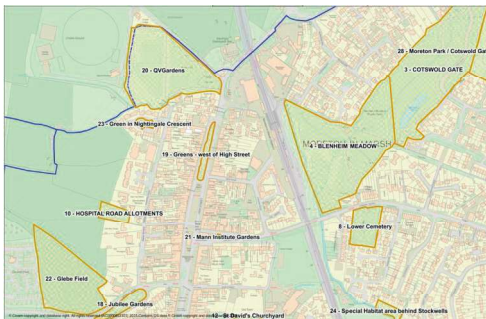
Policy 15: Local Green Spaces

The following areas, as shown on the proposals maps in Appendix C are designated as Local Green Spaces:

1. Moreton Rangers FC, London Road
2. Outdoor Gym, Skate Park and practice football pitch
3. Cotswold Gate Public Open Space
4. Blenheim Meadow
5. Buffer between The Avenue and Moreton Park and Fire Service College
6. Entrance to Fire Service College, London Road
7. Upper Cemetery, London Road
8. Lower Cemetery, London Road
9. University Allotments, Old Town
10. Hospital Road Allotments
11. Croft Allotments, Evenlode Road
12. St David's Churchyard
13. Tinkers Close Playground, Old Town
14. Redesdale Place MUGA
15. Redesdale Place Croquet Club
16. Redesdale Place Bowls Club
17. Grassed strip for Monarchs Way (Pathway at the back of Redesdale Place)
18. Jubilee Gardens (A44/Swan Close)
19. Greens on west side of north section of High Street
20. Queen Victoria Gardens, High Street
21. Mann Institute Gardens, A44/Oxford Street
22. Glebe Field
23. Green in Nightingale Crescent (Gardens)
24. Special Habitat area behind Stockwells
25. Buffer between Moreton Park & A44
26. Moreton Park - 1
27. Moreton Park - 2
28. Moreton Park/Cotswold Gate



- a. Proposals for development on these Local Green Spaces will not be permitted unless it can be clearly demonstrated with compelling evidence that it is required to enhance the role and function of an identified Local Green Space.
- b. Where permission for development can be demonstrated to be required with compelling evidence, developers will be expected to demonstrate how the existing flora and fauna will be protected or be subject to mitigation measures.
- c. Where loss of Green Space is considered essential, mitigation measures will be required to provide equivalent facilities.



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Policy 16: Conserving non-designated heritage assets

- a) The Neighbourhood Plan identifies the buildings and structures, as listed in Appendix D: Non-Designated Heritage Assets by way of their local architectural or historic interest.
- b) Proposals that will result in harm to, or unnecessary loss of, a Non-Designated Heritage Asset (both above and below ground) will be considered having regard to the balance between the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the asset.
- c) Non-householder development on previously undeveloped land must allow for the evaluation of archaeological remains and the protection or investigation of other non-designated heritage assets of archaeological importance that may not be listed in Appendix D (List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets).



Policy 17: Enhance Biodiversity

- a. Moreton-in-Marsh's Ecological Network shall be maintained, protected, consolidated, extended and enhanced as appropriate to their existing designations and biodiversity status. Development that negatively affects these sites or fragments the network will not be supported unless appropriate mitigation is incorporated within the proposal.
- b. New development proposals should demonstrate how the location and type of green space, landscaping and water features provided within a scheme have been arranged such that they enhance and link into the existing Ecological Network and contribute to its consolidation.
- c. Such features should be designed to maximise the opportunities for enhancing the Ecological Network. All new development should maximise opportunities to create new ecological assets and links into areas where opportunities are as yet unidentified on maps within the Neighbourhood Plan.
- d. Development proposals should result in a net gain for biodiversity within the parish.
- e. Development will also:
 - 1. Protect and enhance features of biodiversity interest of value on and adjacent to the development site, incorporating and integrating them into development proposals, maintaining appropriate buffer zones between new development and the green network,
 - 2. Provide new tree planting, Priority Habitats, wildlife friendly landscaping and ecological enhancements (such as mixed native hedgerows, wildlife ponds, bird nesting and bat roosting features) wherever practicable.
- f. In exceptional circumstances where the need for development clearly outweighs the loss of biodiversity units within the development site then off-site biodiversity offsetting to ensure that a net gain for biodiversity is achieved will be supported. Priority will be given to offsetting schemes within Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOAs).
- g. Spatial plans for development within the Special Landscape Area (SLA) will need to demonstrate that mitigation measures in respect of biodiversity and land use ensure the viability of the surrounding Cotswold National Landscape.
- h. Any development of agricultural land graded 1, 2 or 3 will need to demonstrate that consideration has been given to food production, climate change, flooding, wildlife and habitat considerations.
- i. Where SuDS are being created, these should be multi-functional to maximise opportunities to enhance biodiversity.

Policy 18: Protected Views

- a. The Plan identifies as Protected Views as shown in Appendix E & E(a) Important Views Maps.
- b. Development proposals should be located and designed to take account of the identified Protected Views and, where practicable, to enhance or provide greater accessibility to the views concerned.
- c. Development proposals which would have an unacceptable impact on a Protected View will not be supported. The objective of this policy is to ensure that the town maintains its links to the surrounding countryside which is important to its residents.

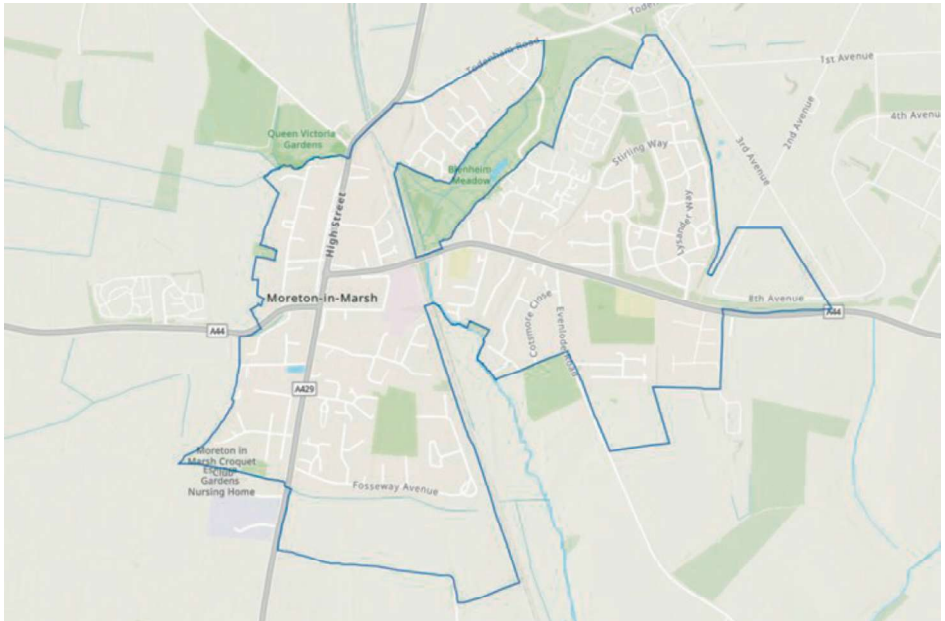


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Policy 19: Development Boundary

- a. New development in Moreton-in-Marsh shall be focused within the development boundary.
- b. Additional development which would result in Moreton-in-Marsh growing by significantly more than the minimum number of dwellings required by the Cotswold District Local Plan over this period, will not be supported.



Policy 20: Transport & Active Travel

- a. The provision of accessibility through ‘active travel’ (non-car) should be the primary focus for development through provision of sustainable travel such as new / improved cycleways, new / improved footpaths and interconnecting small transport hubs and bus corridors.
- b. Larger residential schemes should promote non-car use and have appropriate internal layouts and connections to footpaths and key services.
- c. Support will be given to proposals which increase or improve the network of cycle ways, footways and footpaths. New footpaths, where created and officially designated, will be supported.
- d. Proposals which harm the following characteristics of public rights of way will be resisted:
 - 1. Safety.
 - 2. Directness.
 - 3. Access and Connections.
 - 4. Attractiveness.
 - 5. Convenience.
 - 6. Features such as trees and hedgerows.
- e. Proposals should seek, where possible, to create cycle paths so as to provide safe and effective routes across the Neighbourhood Area, and where possible join up with National Cycle Ways.
- f. Developer or CIL contributions will be sought from all new developments to fund improvements to the existing cycle and footpath networks as well as supporting the provision of new connections, where these have been identified and can be delivered.

Community Aspiration

Work with providers to improve public transport to and from Moreton-in-Marsh and create a transport hub to deliver these transport objectives.

How To Comment

Local feedback on the plan is essential and you can feedback in a variety of ways shown below. Please note that online feedback is preferred.

- www.surveymonkey.com/r/Moreton2031
- Scanning the QR code below
- Email: clerk@moretoninmarshtowncouncil.gov.uk
- Complete a contact form on our website: moreton2031.com
- paper feedback form - available at the Town Council Offices, Area Centre and Library.

Note this summary gives brief details of the Neighbourhood Plan and includes the Policies in detail. We encourage you to read the full document which is available online, along with all supporting documents at the following websites:

- <https://www.moreton2031.com>
- <https://moretoninmarshtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Reference copies of the full Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed at 3 locations; (1) The Town Council Offices, (2) The Area Centre and (3) The Library.



What Happens Next?

There is a strict process which dictates the production of a Neighbourhood Plan and ensures that the final result represents the true wishes of the community. The Formal Consultation Period for the Plan will run from **Monday 1st September 2025 to Sunday 12th October 2025**.

After this period we collate all your comments and make any necessary changes. The Plan is then submitted to Cotswold District Council who will conduct their own consultation and appoint an independent examiner. This ensures there are no areas of the plan which contravene other local or national policies that would prevent its implementation.

Following examination Cotswold District Council conduct a local referendum allowing the community a final opportunity to either accept or reject the plan.

If the plan is accepted it remains in force until 2031 and will be regularly monitored and reviewed to ensure it remains current and up-to-date.