

## **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

### **Report for Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council**

**Oct 2022**

#### **Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2026 revision**

Allocation of 1ha of land for additional social amenity within the 2017-2026 plan is being reviewed with the intention of replacing the policy to extend the timeframe for implementation. The working group have established that there is still future need for social amenity, including additional land for school and medical provision.

Upon advice from West Berkshire Council, a business case with options for extending the policy timeframe will be presented for consultation within the Mortimer community across autumn / winter 2022.

Depending on the results of the community consultation, a revision to the 2017-2026 plan could be submitted to West Berkshire Council once the consultation is complete.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan 2027-2036**

A new version of the Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan is being developed to align with the next West Berkshire Council Local Plan. Early community engagement has established that the community are supportive of a refreshed plan.

Consultants Bluestone have been contracted to lead consultation with the Mortimer community, including community engagement activity and data analysis. Initial consultation to establish key themes of an updated plan was undertaken across the summer 2022. The next stage of community engagement is planned for autumn / winter 2022, building further on these key themes.

#### **Governance**

A Steering Group and governance regime is in place to oversee progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, reporting to Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council.

Engagement continues with the neighbourhood planning team at West Berkshire Council to keep updated on relevant policy and process and to share best practice.

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