

New Neighbourhood Plan

Draft Vision

- At the heart of the new Neighbourhood Plan, ensure that the parish becomes more sustainable, environmentally aware and responsive to climate change.
 - Provide housing for local people.
 - Enhance services and facilities appropriate for a modern rural parish, in line with its existing strong community spirit.
 - Support improved and safer pedestrian and cycle connections throughout the village including to the schools and station.
 - Support initiatives to deliver better parking facilities.
 - Retain the rural character and setting of the parish, with minimal extension of the settlement boundary and intrusion on the existing surrounding green and agricultural space.
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| • Climate Change and Energy | • Homes and Housing |
| • Community Services and Facilities | • Land and Street Scapes |
| • Employment | • Natural Environment |
| • Highways and Transport | |

Next Steps

- Please meet us on the dates shown overleaf and/or complete our online survey as soon as possible:

<https://neighbourhoodplan.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk/public-consultation>



HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE

MORTIMER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group seek your views on how the village should develop over the next 15 years, to meet your and your family's needs. Members of the group will be at the school halls to capture your views on 1) plans for land set aside in 2016 for a new school and doctors surgery and 2) draft topics for a new Neighbourhood Plan.

We'll be at:

- * St Mary's school hall on Tuesday 31 January from 14.45 to 15.45
- * St John's school hall on Friday 3 February from 8.30 to 9.15

Land Reserved Behind Tower Gardens

Background:

- Whilst there is no foreseeable need for a new larger (two-form entry) school, there is a need for and benefit from outdoor school sports and play facilities and natural habitat. This should ideally be located directly next to the school, for ease of access. Additional parking for school staff is still needed.
- Whilst there is a desire to offer additional medical services, that would warrant a larger premises, there is no foreseeable plan/funding to build a new surgery on the reserved land.
- Oaktree Dental Practice needs a larger premises and ideally wants to stay in Mortimer to continue to serve, in particular, its elderly and under-18 patients.

- Owners and prospective buyers of homes in Tower Gardens would like to know what that land will be used for.

Proposed NDP Reserved Land policy update:

This text is proposed as an update the 2017 Neighbourhood Plan (section 10) to define the intended use of the land reserved behind Tower Gardens.

1. To set aside up to 40% of the 1 Hectare for school sports and play facilities, natural habitat and parking for school staff vehicles. This plan will be achieved in one of two ways:

Preferred Option

The new facilities will be located directly behind (south of) the school, by demolishing the adjacent property. Under this proposal, approximately 20 age-restricted retirement homes would be built on part of the land, to fund the acquisition of the adjacent property. The creation of these properties would align with the NDP's requirement to support downsizing and be located close to the village centre. (see *Preferred Option* plan).

Alternative Option

The new outdoor school facilities will be located behind (to the south of) the existing property, in the event that the property is no longer available when the updated NDP is agreed. (see *Alternative Option* plan)

2. To set aside land for a 300-500m² dental facility and associated parking.

