

It's Time To Register Your Objection

Join us in protecting Mortimer

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350 Houses Proposed

Impact of Development

Take action today! Object against the development and help preserve our local landscape for future generations.

Objection Window:

Opens: Friday 28 November 2025

Closes: Friday 23 January 2026 5pm

Our Village, Our Voice!

We need Basingstoke and Deane to understand the true strength of feeling in our village. Handwritten objections are powerful — but a **large, united crowd standing together in person** sends a message that cannot be ignored.

We are inviting the press and television channels so the **scale of village concern** is visible to everyone. Banners and materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own to make our message even louder.

This is a peaceful but firm demonstration of **community opposition** to the proposed development. **Your presence matters.**

Please show your support by attending the Basingstoke and Deane Public Consultation on **7 January at 7pm at St Johns Hall (RG7 3TF)** and standing with us to protect our village.



Why Your Objection Matters

Proposed 350-home development + Traveller Site at Mortimer West End

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council is consulting on its new Local Plan.

A major site—Land at West End Farm—has been proposed to extend Mortimer by approximately 350 houses and a Traveller site, despite being outside West Berkshire and outside Stratfield Mortimer Parish.

This development would **significantly affect** our roads, services, environment, community character and emergency planning, while providing **no council tax or infrastructure funding to West Berkshire or Stratfield Mortimer.**

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Where & how to object

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Online:

- The official Local Plan consultation page is here: <https://consult.basingstoke.gov.uk/consultation/local-plan-draft-spatial-strategy-regulation-18-consultation-november-2025>
- (alternatively type Basingstoke and Deane consultation Registration into your search engine)
- From that page, you need to click make a representation
- You then Register your account and make your representation (objection)

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Email

- Go to www.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk/objection OR Email the.clerk@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk for a blank representation form
- Complete the Form
- Email it to local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk

Post

- Go to www.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk/objection OR Email the.clerk@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk for a blank representation form
- OR visit the Mortimer Library to collect a blank form
- Complete the form
- Post it to: Planning Policy Team, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH

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What to include in your email / online form / Post Form

- Your name and address/postcode (so the council knows you are a local resident)
- Clear reference to the Local Plan consultation – ideally mention “SPS5.15 Land at West End Farm, Mortimer” to identify which site you object to.
- One or more of the valid objection topics, using your own words (but referring to infrastructure, environment, local character, planning “soundness”, etc.).
- A short, clear statement of why you object (see our template phrasing).
- Optionally, mention parish-specific issues (e.g. parish boundaries, service load, emergency planning concerns).

Watch this handy video to help you understand HOW to make your objection

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Why You Should Object- What to Include TEMPLATES

View the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan evidence base here:
www.basingstoke.gov.uk/draft-local-plan-evidence.

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The following templates have been based on the draft Local Plan.



1. It threatens local infrastructure & essential services

The Local Plan does not properly assess whether local infrastructure can cope:

- Transport & roads – No realistic assessment of traffic impact or upgrades.
- Education – No plan for school place provision or expansion.
- Healthcare – No evidence of how GPs or hospitals will meet extra demand.
- Utilities – No assessment of electricity, gas, water or wastewater capacity.
- Community & digital services – No plan for banking, post office or digital infrastructure.
- Delivery mechanisms – No triggers, milestones or funding routes for infrastructure



2. It damages local environment, wildlife & climate resilience

- Biodiversity impacts not assessed; no plan for required 10% Biodiversity Net Gain.
- Habitats & nutrient impacts ignored entirely.
- Flooding & drainage risks not analysed.
- Impact on local streams and watercourses not considered.
- No plan for reducing travel demand or emissions.

3. It undermines local character & rural identity

- Harm to Mortimer's character, density and design style.
- Impact on dark skies (low-light area).
- No assessment of heritage assets nearby.
- Inclusion of a Traveller site without justification or local need assessment

4. The plan may not meet national "soundness" tests

- Not clearly well-prepared, justified, effective or policy-consistent.
- Possible errors in housing numbers:
 - Mortimer's evidence shows only a 44-home shortfall to 2041, expected to be met through infill.

5. The selection process may be flawed

- Site assessment methods may be unclear or inconsistent.
- Reasonable alternatives not properly explored.
- Parish Council evidence and drop-in findings may have been ignored



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6. The site is not suitable for development

- The land lies in Mortimer West End Parish, classified nationally as “not suitable for growth”.
- Basingstoke & Deane are incorrectly treating it as an extension of Mortimer to include it in their plan.
- It is greenfield land—no brownfield priority considered.
- Conflicts with the Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan and its evidence base.

8. Parish boundary & funding problems

- The site is outside West Berkshire and outside Stratfield Mortimer Parish, but relies entirely on our services (schools, doctors, roads).
- No council tax or infrastructure contributions would come to West Berkshire or Stratfield Mortimer Parish.

7. Consultation & evidence concerns

- Required consultation bodies may not have been properly engaged.
- Publicity and community involvement may be insufficient.
- Evidence such as census data, infrastructure studies, and cross-border cooperation may be outdated or incomplete.

9. Emergency planning concerns (AWE zones)

- Though outside the DEPZ, the scale of development may affect:
 - Emergency evacuation routes
 - Emergency service response times
 - Off-Site Emergency Plan capacity
- Potentially making the site unsafe and costly to support.

Need More Help?- No Problem

- The Parish Council are taking bookings for one-to-one workshops to help you with YOUR objection letter!
- Book now by emailing the.clerk@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk or call 07436807543 for the following dates:
 - The 14th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd December

Stay Informed

- Sign Up for Local Updates- this is the most reliable way to stay updated
- Stay informed with key dates, guidance, and developments affecting Stratfield Mortimer.
- Follow this link <https://mailchi.mp/stratfield-mortimer/signup-v2> or scan the QR to subscribe

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