

**Morval Neighbourhood Plan**  
**Consultation Statement**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 A Parish or Town Council must produce a consultation statement to accompany the draft plan proposal when formally submitting the document to the Local Planning Authority as set out in the neighbourhood planning regulations 2015 (2).
- 1.2 The consultation statement must set out how the following legal requirements as set out in regulation 15 (2):
  - Details of the people and organisations that were consulted
  - An explanation of how they were consulted
  - Summarise the main issues and concerns raised
  - A description of how these points have been considered in the draft NDP
- 1.3 A list of consultation bodies is contained within Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.
- 1.4 The consultation statement explains how the community has been consulted and their views taken into account during the development of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The statement explains how the Parish Council carried out the pre-submission consultation under regulation 14 and summarises any consultation that has been carried out during the development of the plan, a summary of the results of that consultation, the issues or concerns that were raised and how the community's views have been taken into consideration when forming the plan.

## 2. Aims of the Consultation

- 2.1 At the beginning of the Neighbourhood Plan process, we stated that our objectives were as follows:

### **Environment and Heritage Objective.**

To sustain the high quality of our natural and man-made environment, including respecting the Area of Great Landscape Value which covers much of the parish and incorporating renewable energy solutions and ecological considerations into any new development.

### **Economy and Employment Objective.**

To support job creation through encouragement of appropriate development, whilst maintaining the characteristics of the area through appropriate building

design and scale. The use of high quality locally sourced materials will be supported.

**Housing Objective.**

To promote provision of housing suited to the needs of our community whilst maintaining the characteristics of the area through appropriate building design and scale. The use of high quality locally sourced materials will be supported.

**Transport and Accessibility Objective.**

To promote new pathways and traffic calming within the Parish.

2.2 The aims of the Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan (MNDP) consultation process from the beginning have been to engage with the local community to:

- Ensure that the consultation would be informed by the views of local people and other stakeholders
- Ensure that consultation events and reports distributed at meetings, enabled people to ‘have their say’ and get feedback on the emerging plan at key points in the process when decisions were required
- Engage with as wide a range of people as possible, using a variety of events and communication techniques

2.3 A full summary of consultation events is set out in Appendix 1

### **3. Background Information to the development and consultation on the MNDP.**

**Plan Designation: November 2014**

3.1 Morval Parish Council applied for designation as a Neighbourhood Plan area on 13th August 2014.

3.2 This followed a Cornwall Council led consultation with residents and other interested stakeholders on the designation. The consultation ran between 29th August and the 10th October 2014 and was advertised in the Cornish Times between the 29th August and the 10th October 2014

3.3 Copies of the application letter and statement were made available to view during the six-week consultation period. The statement explains how the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Area met the conditions of Section 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 3.4 Documents were available from the Clerk. The application was given the number PA14/00016/NDP and associated documentation with the designation can be found by visiting Cornwall Council’s Planning Register:

<https://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=NALN1QFGOCW00>

### **Steering Group**

- 3.5 The preparation of the NDP has been led by the NDP Steering Group. This group comprises of 12 members of the public working closely with Parish Councillors. Due to coronavirus restrictions, Neighbourhood Plan meetings since July 2020 have been held virtually, usually weekly on Monday evenings, with monthly reports to Parish Council and more frequent work with individual Councillors

### **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Members**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Mike Willmott	Chair and Resident
Lou Phillips	Vice Chair and Resident
Maggie Willmott	Resident
Dawn James	Resident
Deb Kirkland	Resident
Jack James	Resident
James Lynch	Resident
Jenny Phillips	Resident
Aurea Wilks	Resident
Debra Harvey	Resident
Jasmine Fullalove	Resident
Brian Fullalove	Resident
John Collings	Morval Parish Council Liaison and Resident
Sam Pengelly	Previous Chair and Resident
Steve Roffey	Previous Vice Chair and Resident

### **Website**

- 3.6 A dedicated section of the Morval Parish website has been set up to update the residents on the current stage of the document and to house documents and consultation evidence. This site can be viewed by visiting:

<https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/morval-ndp.html>

## **Facebook**

- 3.7 In addition a separate Facebook was also set up to keep residents up to date on progress and consultations. The page can be viewed by visiting:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Morval-Parish-Neighbourhood-Development-Plan-127495565883255/>

## **Community Consultation initial survey – August 2019**

- 3.8 An explanation of the NDP and three open questions asking what residents liked and disliked about living in Morval and what they would do to make the Parish better were delivered to every household in August 2019 as part of 'Outlook' community magazine. The responses to these questions informed the details of the full Questionnaire.
- 3.9 Outlook (August 2019) can be viewed by visiting:  
[https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/outlook\\_article\\_1\\_1908.pdf](https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/outlook_article_1_1908.pdf)

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning – 28th September 2019**

- 3.10 Opinions were gathered on 28th September 2019 at a MacMillan Coffee Morning using simple question format on the number, style and types of homes alongside what people would like to see in the Parish. This was gathered through conversations with NDP steering committee representatives Mike Willmott, Jack James and Steve Roffey.
- 3.11 The analysis of the responses can be found by visiting:  
[https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/28th\\_sept\\_response\\_analysis.pdf](https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/28th_sept_response_analysis.pdf)

## **Feedback on initial survey - October 2019**

- 3.12 Feed back was given as in the 'Outlook' community magazine which was delivered to every household highlighting the main points raised which were:
- Huge value placed on the quiet rural nature of the area, and the need to protect it
  - Anxiety about the size, style and number of new homes being built, particularly in Widegates
  - Concerns over increased traffic, speed, pollution, parking, dangerous junctions with poor visibility
  - The need for more central meeting points, including pub, post office, play areas for children etc.

- The necessity for more footpaths and safe walking routes, specifically to Tredinnick Farm Shop

3.13 Outlook (October 2019) can be viewed by visiting:  
[https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/outlook\\_article\\_2\\_1910.pdf](https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/outlook_article_2_1910.pdf)

#### **Update in Outlook community magazine - November 2019**

3.14 An update was given in Outlook informing residents of the work done to date and highlighting that the next stage would involve a detailed questionnaire.

3.15 Outlook (November 2019) can be viewed by visiting:  
[https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/outlook\\_article\\_3\\_1911.pdf](https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/outlook_article_3_1911.pdf)

#### **Topic Based Questionnaire – January – February 2020**

3.16 Morval Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire January/February 2020, asking the importance of topics to the community delivered to every household within the parish. Additionally questionnaires could be filled in online. The questionnaire was delivered to households in January 2020, with an initial closing date of 31st January extended to 10th February.

3.17 The questionnaire can be viewed by visiting:  
[https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/questionnaire\\_2.pdf](https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/uploads/1/4/2/5/14256123/questionnaire_2.pdf)

3.18 Altogether, questionnaires were delivered to 350 addresses, and 204 completed questionnaires were returned. Among these, it was clear that 8 households returned more than one questionnaire, suggesting that 196 households responded. From the demographic information, over 100 of the responses might have represented the views of a couple or family, though this was only clearly stated in a few cases.

3.19 Therefore 56% of households took the opportunity to respond.

3.20 The purpose of the questionnaire was to identify areas of importance and what should be addressed, or not, through the NDP



## ***Community consultation initial survey results***

### **Community, Heritage and Environment**

- 3.21 The majority of the community think the parish is a good place to live and work and value the rural nature of the area.
- 3.22 There was concern about the overdevelopment of Widegates and support for the protection of its village green.
- 3.23 The natural environment should be protected and enhanced where possible.
- 3.24 There was a mixed response to the current community facilities both in terms of their current use and what improvements could be made.

### **Transport and Getting Around**

- 3.25 There was considerable concern about the speed of traffic in the Parish particularly along the A387 at Widegates.
- 3.26 The lack of pedestrian pathways was also a concern.

### **Employment & Enterprise**

- 3.27 Faster broadband and improvements to mobile reception were seen as important infrastructure requirements.
- 3.28 There was support for new small start up units or work hubs.
- 3.29 Over half of respondents felt the Parish should be encouraging more shops within the Parish; there was also support for food and drink establishments, artisan crafts industry and post office facilities particularly in Widegates.

### **Housing and Development**

- 3.30 There was support for small scale housing development particularly individual or up to 5 units.
- 3.31 Providing new homes for local young people was seen as very important, and support was given to both affordable and open market homes.
- 3.32 A lack of accessing suitable housing wasn't seen as an issue although given that over 78% of respondents had lived in the Parish for over 6 years this might still

be an issue. Of those that responded that it was an issue affordability was the key issue.

- 3.33 The community felt that the most important new homes should be small family homes, bungalows or small starter homes. They were supportive of off street parking, gardens and that they fit in with existing styles and materials.
- 3.34 Respondents felt that it was very important to accommodate new housing on brownfield sites although this will be limited to what sites exist within the Parish. Otherwise development should be adjacent to or within the existing settlements would be most appropriate.

### **Tourism**

- 3.35 There was no majority to promote tourism within Parish any further.

### **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

- 3.36 Overall the community was supportive of small-scale renewable forms of renewable energy particularly solar panels.
- 3.37 There was not support for large-scale energy generation such as wind or solar farms.
- 3.38 There was support for energy saving measures that could be included within new builds such as solar energy capture, ground or air source heat pumps, recycling facilities and grey water recycling.
- 3.39 *The full summary of comments can be viewed by visiting <https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/morval-ndp.html>*

### **Strategic Environmental Assessment/Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Opinion**

- 3.40 The Morval Steering Group requested that Cornwall Council screen the Neighbourhood Plan for a Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment on 13th July 2021.
- 3.41 Natural England, The Environment Agency and Historic England were consulted as part of the screening process. The screening opinion concluded that an SEA and HRA are not required for Morval Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3.42 A copy of the Screening Decision from Cornwall Council dated 11th October 2021 is available to view by visiting: <https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/morval-ndp.html>

- 3.43 *Once the NDP team at Cornwall Council agreed that the formal public consultation could be undertaken, notices publicising the public consultation were displayed around the parish, in the parish shops, on the Morval Parish website (<https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com>), on the Morval Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Morval-Parish-Neighbourhood-Development-Plan-127495565883255/>), and using Outlook (the Morval Community magazine).*
- 3.44 *The Outlook community magazine (a free community magazine, set up in July 1991, which is produced 10 times each year and distributed by a team of volunteers to every parish household) was used extensively to keep parishioners informed about NDP developments. The only variation to this has been during the time of Covid restrictions, when it was still produced, but as a downloadable edition from the home page of the Morval Parish website. The website also holds an archive of previous Outlook editions from 2012.*

*The Steering Group has used Outlook to good effect since its proposed formation in the Outlook July 2019 edition. In all Outlook editions since then (barring 3: June, July & November 2020), parishioners have been kept up to date on all matters about the NDP< including Questionnaires (and how to respond), progress in developing policies, how the Steering Group would continue work within the restrictions imposed by Covid19 and encouraging parishioners to engage with the public consultation events (once they were able to happen). Key announcements about the Morval NDP have appeared on the cover of Outlook on ten occasions. The Outlook archive can be accessed at <https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/outlook-magazine.html>.*

### **Pre-submission consultation (Regulation 14) Statutory Consultee and community engagement.**

- 3.45 A copy of the draft plan and an email requesting comments were sent to all formal consultees in advance of the pre-submission consultation, which ran from 27th September to 8th November 2021 and an announcement about this appeared in the Community News section of 1st October 2021 edition and a more in-depth article 'Chance to have your say on future of parish' appeared in the following edition: <https://www.cornish-times.co.uk/article.cfm?id=130455&headline=Chance%20to%20have%20your%20say%20on%20future%20of%20parish&sectionIs=news&searchyear=2021>
- 3.46 The consultation was also publicised on Facebook, Parish Website and extensive poster placement.

*The draft NDP has now been approved by Cornwall Council for a six week consultation period. This will run until 8th November. Please look out for a letter from the Steering Group, check the documents on the parish website at [www.morvalwidegates.weebly.com](http://www.morvalwidegates.weebly.com), and come along to outreach events, which will be publicised here.*



3.47 Of the 7 adjoining councils consulted, one responded. Relevant consultees were approached by Cornwall Council, with no objections raised by the 8th September 2021 deadline. A list of formal consultees and their responses are set out below.

#### 3.48 List of Consultees

The Steering Group consulted adjoining parish and town councils by email on 18th July 2021:

Looe Town Council
Deviocck Parish Council
Duloe Parish Council
St Keyne and Trewidland Parish Council
St Martin's Parish Council
St Germans Parish Council
Menheniot Parish Council

The Cornwall Council NDP Team consulted all the relevant bodies from the following:

Homes England
Regulator of Social Housing
Natural England
Environment Agency
Historic England
Network Rail
Highways Agency
Marine Management
Three (Mobile)
O2 and Vodafone (Mobile)
EE (Mobile)
OFCOM
Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust
Kernow Clinical
Healthwatch Cornwall
National Grid
Western Power
EDF Energy
Wales and West Utilities Limited
South West Water
Forestry Commission
Cornwall AONB Unit
Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
National Trust South West Region
Duchy of Cornwall (Land Steward Western District)
Duchy of Cornwall Deputy Estate Surveyor)
Cornwall Wildlife Trust
National Farmers Union in the SW
Cornwall Maritime Strategy Group
Devon and Cornwall Housing Association
Coastline Housing
Cornwall Housing
First Devon and Cornwall (First Group PLC Buses)
First Great Western
Civil Aviation Authority
Cornwall Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership
Community Energy Plus
Cornwall Buildings Preservation Trust
Devon and Cornwall Police
Cornwall Fire, Rescue and Community Safety Service
Kaolin and Ball Clay
Imerys Minerals Ltd
Persimmon Homes South West

3.49 An exhibition was set up at the following locations:

**Widegates Reading Room:**

Saturday 9th October (10am-12),  
Wednesday 20th October (10am-12)  
Saturday 23rd October (2-4pm),  
Saturday 30th October (10am-12)

**St Wenna's Church:**

Saturday 30th October (2-4pm)  
Wednesday 3rd November (2-4pm)

3.50 In addition a question and answer session was held at Widegates Reading Room on Saturday 30th October between 7pm – 8pm.

3.51 No comments were received by the deadline of 8th November 2021 that resulted in a change to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

3.52 The full list of statutory and other organisations consulted and responses can be viewed by visiting: <https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com/morval-ndp.html>

### **Final Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

3.53 The Morval NDP Steering Group has not had to amend the draft Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan from comments received during the Pre-Submission Consultation from statutory organisations, businesses and members of the community.

3.54 Morval Parish Council approved the draft Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan proposal at their Council Meeting on 9th July 2021.

## **4. Conclusions**

4.1 The Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan has reached its current version as a result of detailed and long-standing community engagement and so ensures that this Neighbourhood Development Plan honestly reflects the views of the residents of Morval Parish

## **Appendix 1: Terms of reference for the Steering Group**

Morval Parish Council decided to engage with parishioners about the possibility of a Neighbourhood Development Plan being undertaken again (one had started, but had been abandoned, in 2014). The following was submitted to the editorial team of the Outlook community magazine and appeared in the June 2019 edition.

# **An Opportunity or a Threat?**

**Another new development is coming your way in the very near future**

## **Public Meeting**

**Please Attend**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm**

**Widegates Village Hall**

**Future development is inevitable, but you can help influence the direction it takes to suit you, the community.**

**As a Parish we need to know what is important to you and it needs to be now!**

**If you are unable to attend please get in touch and let us know your thoughts.**

**Robert Larter (Parish Clerk)**

**01872 500995 / [clerk@morvalparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@morvalparishcouncil.org.uk)**

In the next Outlook (July 2019), the following report from Morval Parish Council appeared:

**Proposed Formation of a Neighbourhood Planning Team.**

*Following the meeting held on 6th June regarding proposed new housing developments in Widegates, a large number of people expressed an interest in producing a Neighbourhood Plan.*

*It is hoped that, by the time the next Parish Meeting is held in July 2019, a Neighbourhood Planning Team will have been formed. This should enable us, as residents of Morval Parish, to have more of an input as to what goes on regarding the growth and development of our community.*

*Any future news and information regarding the Neighbourhood Planning Team will be posted in the Outlook and on the Morval Parish Website (<https://morvalwidegates.weebly.com>) to keep all concerned updated.*

Initially 16 parishioners volunteered to help form the Morval NDP Steering Group, although this number was reduced when the amount of required time needed was further considered.

The terms of reference for how the Morval NDP Steering Group should operate were developed and can be summarised as follow:

- Formation of an effective Steering Group that will collect evidence from parishioners, analyse responses and recommend NDP policies that reflect this.
- Ensure that these are based on parishioner views, as required by the NDP regulations, and that the views of members of specific parishioner groups (such as the Morval Parish Council or the Morval NDP Steering Group) should not be considered as anything other than those other parishioners.
- There would be no requirement for a specific number of parish councillors to be part of the Morval NDP Steering Group, although any who wished to apply as parishioners could do so.
- The Morval ND Steering Group would be expected to keep Morval Parish Council apprised of progress.
- It would be for the Morval NDP Steering Group to decide how information for inclusion within NDP policies should be collected and formulated, rather than any structure be imposed on it by Morval Parish Council.
- It was the responsibility of the Morval NDP Steering Group to ensure that a Neighbourhood Development Plan was produced that reflected, as far as the regulations permitted, the views of Morval parishioners.
- It was the responsibility of the Morval NDP Steering Group to ensure that all appropriate required stages and regulations for creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan would be followed
- Applications for appropriate grants could be made from relevant bodies by the Morval NDP Steering Group. The grants would be applied for by the Morval NDP Steering Group, who would use the grant money as permitted by the awarding body, including the use of external consultants, where appropriate.