

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

On behalf of the Morval Steering Group, we would like to thank you for sharing your thoughts, views and vision for what you and your family would hope for our Parish to become in the future through your response to the Morval NDP questionnaire.

The Steering Group have been working hard, in spite of the problems thrown up by Covid-19 and, with the help of a professional consultant, have produced a Consultation Document which has all your views and comments documented in text and in tables or bar charts.

The Consultation Document is quite a size and so we have decided, instead of sending each household a copy, to provide a summary of key findings and also make the full document available for you to view on-line. Some hard copies of the full document can be made available to those without internet access.

The process that we are going through with you now would normally be done as a Public Consultation.

This means, we would have had some coffee mornings, bbq's and various other meetings so that you, the Parishioners, could come along, look at what we had produced/achieved to date and you could comment on that.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 has made this impossible but we don't want to waste time, we want to forge ahead so that everyone's views are made known.

The sooner our Neighbourhood Development Plan gets approved, the sooner our voices get heard.

Please send any feedback by email to ndp@morvalparishcouncil.org.uk, by phoning the contacts listed below, or on paper to collection points at Tredinnick Farm Shop, the box outside 32 Morview Road, Widegates, and AHT Design, The Old Chapel, Widegates by Friday 16th October

The full Consultation Document can be seen at:-

www.morvalwidegates.weebly.com/morval-ndp

If, however, you are unable to access this site and would like a hard copy then please contact:-

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and they will organise a hard copy to be sent to you as soon as possible.

The final Neighbourhood Development Plan will include a Vision, Objectives, and a series of Policies which reflect the views expressed by responses to the questionnaire and subsequent consultation.

What follows here is a draft introduction and a summary of the key findings so far.

Introduction

The Parish of Morval occupies a quiet, rural area between the market town of Liskeard and the historic fishing port of Looe in South East Cornwall. Much of the land between the residential areas is farmland, agriculture being the main occupation in the parish alongside a number of small owner-run businesses. Details of the characteristics of the parish which are important to the community can be found in the 'Heritage', 'Green spaces' and 'Nature and Characteristics' sections of this document.

Our vision is to safeguard the present nature of the Parish whilst allowing for the limited growth necessary to keep local young families and the elderly within the community.

Objectives

1. To faithfully represent the views of parishioners as expressed through responses to detailed questionnaires and outreach opportunities. All other objectives stem from this.
2. To respect the Area of Great Landscape Value designation which covers much of the parish.
3. To seek to maintain the general characteristics of the area in terms of building design, size, materials and distribution.
4. Whilst being mindful of Objective 3, to seek to incorporate renewable energy solutions and ecological considerations into any new development.

Summary of key findings (detailed in the full Consultation Document)

Section1: Community, Heritage and Environment

- There was very positive feedback as to how the respondents see the parish with over 90% rating their experience as good, very good or excellent.
- Most respondents valued very highly the rural setting of the parish combined with the peacefulness that brings. Many expressed the need to protect the natural environment and green spaces.
- Concern was expressed by a large number of residents over the overdevelopment of Widegates.
- There was a feeling that the parish needs more amenities, such as a larger community hall and a play area for children

Section 2: Transport and getting around

- The main means of transport is by private cars
- There was some concern regarding the volume and speed of traffic, mainly through Widegates, and the number of cars parked on the roadside
- Lack of safe pedestrian access around the parish was highlighted, and more footpaths and cycle paths would be welcome
- More public transport would also be welcome

Section 3: Employment and Enterprise

- Relatively few respondents work within the parish; some of those who do might need minor expansion in the next few years, and many would benefit from faster broadband and better mobile phone reception
- 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.
- Most felt that any new businesses should make use of existing sites rather than expanding into new green space

Section 4: Housing and Development

- There was general support for small new housing developments if needed, and strong opposition to developments of more than 20 houses. Some respondents opposed any new development
- Affordable homes for local young families was the main priority for any new development, with small family homes, starter homes and bungalows the most popular types
- Most responses stated that new houses should be of traditional build in keeping with the existing character of the parish, and that parking spaces should be provided
- There was a strong feeling that any new housing should be on brownfield sites i.e. those that have been previously built on, or within existing settlements. There was also concern about inadequate infrastructure and facilities.

Section 5: Tourism

- Given the proximity of many tourist attractions, there was no strong support for tourism to be promoted further within the parish. Some respondents felt that second home ownership should be discouraged.

Section 6: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

- There was strong support for solar panels on private homes and community buildings, but not for large scale developments such as wind or solar farms
- 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

In order to move to the next stage of this project, the NDP Steering Group needs input from the community. If you wish to comment on anything that you have read in this letter or in the full Consultation Document, please get in touch by emailing ndp@morvalparishcouncil.org.uk, by phone to the contacts listed, or on paper to collection points at Tredinnick Farm Shop, the box outside 32 Morview Road, Widegates, and AHT Design, The Old Chapel, Widegates
Responses please by Friday 16th October ~ Thank you