

Morton Neighbourhood Plan Basic Conditions Statement



- 1. Must have appropriate regard for national policies and guidance; issued by Secretary of State*
- 2. The policies must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development*
- 3. Must be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the Local Plan for the area*
- 4. Does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with EU Obligations*
- 5. The prescribed conditions are met and have been complied with in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan Proposal*

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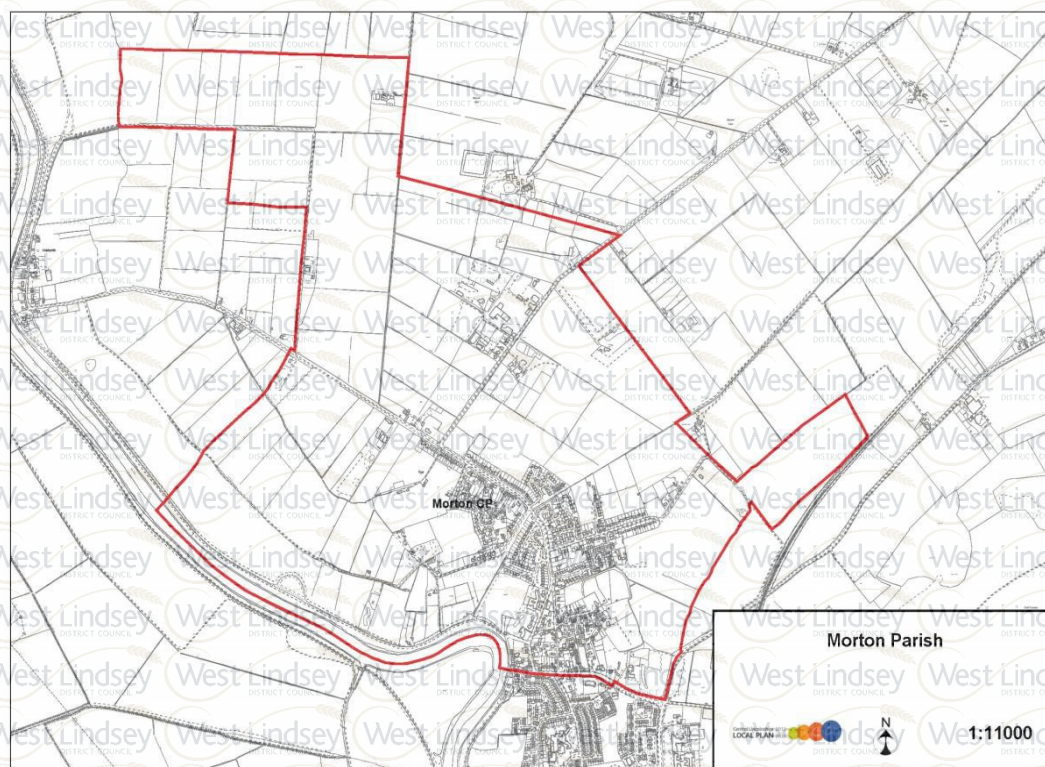
1 About the Morton Neighbourhood Plan

1.1 This Basic Conditions Statement has been prepared to accompany the Morton Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requires that Neighbourhood (Development) Plans must meet the following basic conditions:

- the Draft NP must have appropriate regard to national policies and advice contained in the National Planning Policy Framework July 2019 (NPPF);
- the Draft NP must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
- the Draft NP must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the area of the local planning authority, in this case the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CLLP) 2017;
- the Draft NP must meet the relevant EU obligations; and
- prescribed conditions are met and prescribed matters have been complied.

1.2 The Morton Neighbourhood Plan is being submitted by Morton Parish Council for the Parish area of Morton. The map below shows the extent of the Neighbourhood Area and Plan boundary. The proposed NP does not relate to more than one neighbourhood area and there are no other Neighbourhood Developments in place within the Neighbourhood Area.

Figure 1: Morton Neighbourhood Plan Area



1.4 In accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (as amended) 2012, an application for designation was submitted to West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) in July 2016. This was published and advertised for four weeks, until 26th August, to allow comments to be made.

1.5 The application was approved by WLDC on 3rd Sept. 2016. The approved NP designated area is shown in figure 1 and information on the designation can be found in the Designation Statement on West Lindsey District Council's webpage: <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/planning-and-building/neighbourhoodplanning/all-neighbourhood-plans-in-west-lindsey/Morton-neighbourhood-plan/>

1.6 The Draft Morton NP was made available for consultation for just over six weeks (in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations) from the 17th January 2020 to the 2nd March 2020. Some amendments have been made to the Neighbourhood Plan based on the comments received and these are summarised in the document entitled Consultation Statement.

What is being proposed is a Neighbourhood (Development) Plan?

1.7 The plan proposal relates to planning matters (the use and development of land) and has been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements and processes set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (as amended) 2012.

1.8 The Morton NP will cover the period 2019 until 2036. It does not deal with County Matters (mineral extraction and waste development), nationally significant infrastructure or any other matters set out in Section 61(k) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The Basic Conditions

2 Have Appropriate Regard to National Policy

2.1 A revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published in February 2019. The NPPF provides a framework within which local communities can produce Neighbourhood Development Plans for their area and sets out how planning should help achieve sustainable development.

2.2 Sections 12-37 of the NPPF refer to Local and Neighbourhood Plans and requires them to have regard to the policies in the NPPF and to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. The Localism Act explains that this is the ‘adopted Development Plan’.

2.3 This section demonstrates that the Morton NP has regard to the relevant sections of the NPPF.

2.4 The Morton NP sets out; an Overall Purpose, seven Objectives and fourteen Planning Policies and three Community Aspirations (these are, however, informal elements of the NP and are not considered in this Basic Conditions Statement). The Overall Purpose and Objectives are summarised in Table 1 (below) alongside the NPPF goals they seek to address.

Table 1: Neighbourhood Plan Overall Purpose and Objectives - conformity with the NPPF

Purposes and Objectives	National Planning Policy Framework (Para. Nos.)
Overall Purpose	All, but in particular 29 and 30 on Neighbourhood Plans
Objective 1 – Limited New Development (taking account of flood risk).	148 to 150 & 158 to 165 - Climate Change and Planning & Flood Risk
Objective 2 – Design, Local Character and Rural Setting	124 to 127 & 170 & 171 Achieve Well-Designed Places Conserve/Enhance Natural Places
Objective 3 – Protecting Open Spaces and Rights of Way	96 to 98 - Promote healthy/safe communities Open Space and Recreation
Objective 4 – Protecting Heritage Assets	186 to 202 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
Objective 5 – Protect Social, Community and Educational Facilities	91 & 92 - Promote healthy/safe communities
Objective 6 – Local Business and Employment	80 to 84 - A Strong and Competitive Economy & a Prosperous Rural Economy
Objective 7 – Traffic and Movement Issues and Active Travel	96 to 98 and 102 to 104 - Promote healthy/safe communities and Sustainable transport

2.5 Each of the Planning Policies (MNP1 to MNP14) has been considered in relation to the relevant sections of the NPPF. Table 2 below provides a summary of how the Planning Policies of the Neighbourhood Plan conform specifically to the NPPF.

Table 2: Planning Policies - conformity with the NPPF

Neighbourhood Planning Policy	NPPF Paragraphs	Commentary on Conformity
MNP 1: Sustainable development principles.	7 to 13	Achieving sustainable development NPs and strategic policies
MNP 2: Flood risk.	148 to 150 and 158 to 165	Climate change and planning & flood risk
MNP 3: Criteria for new housing proposals.	124 to 127 and 158 to 165	Achieving well-designed places planning & flood risk
MNP 4: Residential extensions & conversions	124 to 131	Importance of design to the built environment.
MNP 5: Local character/design/development	124 to 127 170 & 171	Achieving well-designed places conserve/enhance natural places
MNP 6: Key views.	124 to 127 170 & 171	Well-designed places. Conserve and enhance natural environment
MNP 7: Designated heritage assets	184 to 196 and 198 to 202	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
MNP 8: Local heritage assets	197	Conserving and enhancing the historic environment
MNP 9: Existing open spaces & sports facilities	96 to 98	Promote healthy/safe communities open space and recreation
MNP 10: Proposed Local Green Spaces	99 to 101	Criteria for LGS designation
MNP 11 Community buildings, shops & public houses	91 & 92	Promote healthy/safe communities
MNP 12: Local employment and businesses	80 to 84	A strong and competitive economy & a prosperous rural economy
MNP 13: Transport issues	102 to 104	Promoting sustainable transport
MNP 14: Active travel	96 to 98 & 104	Promote healthy/safe communities and sustainable transport

3 Contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Development

3.1 The NPPF has a presumption in favour of sustainable development. According to the NPPF, sustainable means ensuring that better life for residents and making the quality of life better for future generations. The Morton NDP supports the NPPF and encourages positive sustainable growth in the village which will ensure economic, environmental and social progression for future generations.

3.2 The plan has been prepared with a central understanding that the key areas it addresses namely, the environment, economy and the community, are all closely linked. The policies therefore aim to facilitate change within the community whilst protecting what is highly valued.

4 General Conformity with Strategic Local Policy

4.1 The Morton NP has been prepared with advice from planning officers from the West Lindsey District Council as part of the neighbourhood planning and the Central Lincolnshire planning team. This has ensured that the process of developing the policies for the plan has been scrutinised in terms of conformity with strategic policies contained within the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017.

4.2 Table 3 shows how the Morton NP is in general conformity with the (relevant) strategic policies of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017.

Table 3: Planning Policies - conformity with the Central Lincs. Local Plan (2017)

Neighbourhood Planning Policy	CLLP Policy	Commentary on Conformity
MNP 1: Sustainable development principles.	LP1, LP9, LP17, LP26	Supports new development, good design & local, distinctive development principles
MNP 2: Flood risk.	LP14	Achieves a balance between development needs and flood risk, based on the NPPF
MNP 3: Criteria for new housing proposals.	LP1, LP2, LP3, LP4	Enabling new housing, balanced against constraints, including flood risk
MNP 4: Residential extensions & conversions	LP26	Requires high quality sustainable design contributing to local character & amenity
MNP 5: Local character/design/development	LP9, LP17, LP26	Support new development, good design & locally distinctive development principles
MNP 6: Key views.	LP9, LP17, LP26	Support new development, good design & locally distinctive development principles
MNP 7: Designated heritage assets	LP25	Preserve the important historic landscape and buildings within the area
MNP 8: Local heritage assets	LP25	Preserve the important historic landscape and buildings within the area
MNP 9: Existing open spaces & sports facilities	LP9, LP15 & LP23	Safeguarding existing spaces and facilities
MNP 10: Proposed Local Green Spaces	LP9, LP20, LP23	Important community open spaces, with landowner agreement & fit with NPPF
MNP 11 Community buildings, shops & public houses	LP9 & LP15	Preserve existing community facilities: encourage improved or new ones
MNP 12: Local employment and businesses	LP55	To ensure that any rural development is sustainable and respects its setting
MNP 13: Transport issues	LP13	Minimising travel, focus on sustainable transport and safety for all users
MNP 14: Active travel	LP13	Focus on sustainable transport encourage walking and cycling

4.3 The current review of the CLLP is acknowledged, but it has been indicated by the District Council, that given the extent of the flooding constraints and the low/zero expectation on dwelling requirements, the context for Morton is unlikely to change materially in the new Local Plan.

5 Compatibility with EU Obligations and other Prescribed Conditions

5.1 West Lindsey District Council considered that a Strategic Environmental Assessment was not required because the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have a significant impact on the environment (See Morton SEA HRA Screening Report: <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/myserVICES/planning-and-building/neighbourhood-planning/all-neighbourhood-plans-in-westlindsey/Morton-neighbourhood-plan/>). This document was submitted to Historic England, Natural England and the Environment Agency who also agreed with this outcome.

5.2 The NDP has regard to the fundamental rights and a freedom guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights and complies with the Human Rights Act.

5.3 The NDP is not in close enough proximity to any European designated nature sites to warrant an Appropriate Assessment under the EU Habitats Regulations so this has not been required by West Lindsey District Council.

6 Conclusion

6.1 It is the view of Morton Parish Council that the Neighbourhood Development Plan has shown that it meets the Basic Conditions as set out in Schedule 4B to the TCPA 1990 Act.

6.2 The Plan has given appropriate regard to the NPPF, will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, is in general conformity with strategic policies contained in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 2017 and meets the relevant EU obligations.