



Morton Publication of
Neighbourhood Planning Area
Consultation Statement
September 2016

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Introduction

The purpose of this document

1. This document provides a record of the publication that took place regarding the Morton Neighbourhood Development Plan Area and related Neighbourhood Planning Body. The main methods used to promote the publication process are also documented, along with the main findings from the publication. As this was only a publication process and not a more open consultation, the response rate is not expected to be high.
2. This formal publication period provided members of the public and other key stakeholders an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed neighbourhood plan area and proposed neighbourhood planning body for Morton. The proposed neighbourhood planning body is Morton Parish Council and the proposed neighbourhood planning area is shown in appendix 1 along with the rest of the parish council's application.

Regulations and government guidance

3. The regulations associated with this first stage of neighbourhood planning provide guidance on the criteria to be included for this phase. Within this publication, we as the local planning authority must publicise on our website:
 - a copy of the area application
 - details of how to make representations; and
 - the date by which those representations must be received, being:
 - (i) In the case of an application to which paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 6A applies, not less than four weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised;
 - (i) in all other cases, not less than six weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised¹.

Publication timescales

4. The publication period for this stage of the neighbourhood development plan process must cover a minimum period of four weeks¹. The proposed publication period is from the 29 July to the 26 August 2016.

Timescales break down as follows:

Publication period	29.07.16 – 26.08.16
Cabinet meeting date or delegation	03.09.16

¹ Regulation 6, Town and Country Planning, England – The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations, April 2012 (Amended)

Previous consultation

5. This matter has not been the subject of previous consultation. The parish council are at the earliest stages of their neighbourhood plan development process.

Publication responses

6. We received 0 response to the publication. This is generally in keeping with the low response rate that we receive with neighbourhood plan area consultations. The breakdown of responses received are;

Email	0
Web consultation system	0
Letter	0
Total	0

Outcomes

7. The results of this publication will be used by the council to decide whether or not to approve the Morton Neighbourhood Planning Area and body for the neighbourhood planning process to be undertaken by Morton Parish Council.
8. West Lindsey District Council has approved the application by **Morton Parish Council** to have the parish of Morton designated as a neighbourhood area, for the purposes of producing a neighbourhood plan (see appendix 2).

APPENDIX 1

Dear Luke

Morton Parish Council have formally agreed to undertake and prepare a Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations 2012.

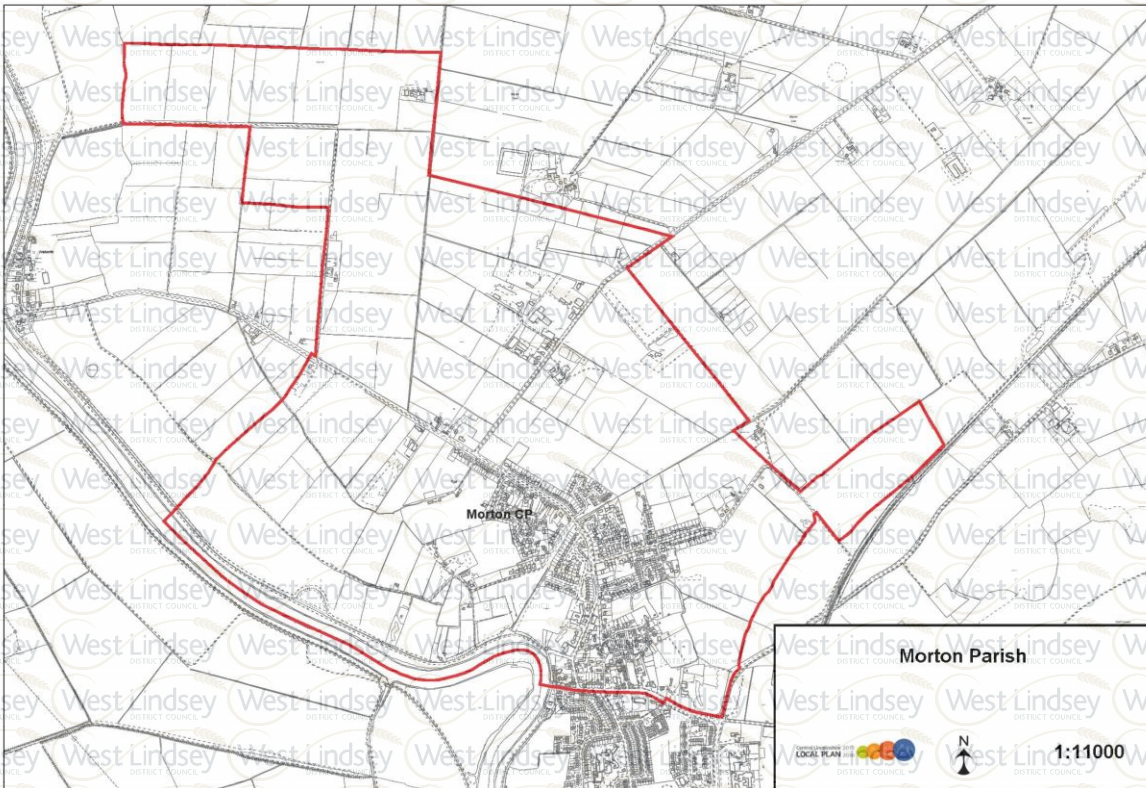
As the responsible body, Morton Parish Council are now seeking permission from WLDC to formally prepare a Neighbourhood plan on behalf of its residents.

I have attached a map of the NP area (the parish area plan, as supplied by yourself)

Kind regards

Anne Cater

Clerk to Morton Parish Council



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03/09/2016

Dear Anne

MORTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DESIGNATION APPROVAL

Morton Neighbourhood Plan area was formally approved by West Lindsey District Council on the 3rd September 2016. There were no objections made to the proposed area.

You can now proceed with preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for your Parish.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above details.

Yours Sincerely

Luke Brown
Neighbourhood Planning Officer