

A Neighbourhood Plan for Morcott?

This leaflet is distributed by Morcott Parish Council to every household in the village.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Under the **Localism Act**, communities which develop their own Neighbourhood Plans have more say in decisions that affect them, especially – but not only – on planning matters.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a formal, evidence-based document, which must be ‘tested’ by an independent Inspector before it can be adopted by the local authority.

A Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the council’s **Statutory Development Plan**, underpinning the Local Plan and a basis for determining planning applications.

What could a Neighbourhood Plan mean for Morcott?

Instead of having things imposed on us, we could influence:

- Where new houses can be built
- What sort of houses can be built
- The services we need to access
- The facilities we want to see created
- The environment we want to live in

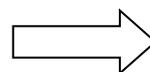
By this you can see that a Neighbourhood Plan is not about preserving Morcott in aspic. It is not as easy as saying ‘we don’t want any new houses’. A Neighbourhood Plan would set out a vision for Morcott’s environment, facilities and housing.

If Morcott had a Neighbourhood Plan, we could also win a bigger share of the Community Infrastructure Levy on qualifying planning applications.

How do we create a Neighbourhood Plan?

Many people say “Morcott needs a Neighbourhood Plan” and the Parish Council agrees!

But a Neighbourhood Plan cannot be ‘delivered’ for us by Rutland County Council or by the Parish Council. A Neighbourhood Plan has to be developed by ... EVERYONE!



So please come to the Neighbourhood Plan Briefing

- WHEN? Tuesday 18 April 2017
- WHAT TIME? 8pm
- WHERE? Morcott Village Hall

What will we hear?

The Briefing is organised by Morcott Parish Council. It will be a short and informative public meeting.

- Colin Dunigan, RCC's Planning Officer who is appointed to assist communities to prepare their Neighbourhood Plans, will outline the benefits, tell us what is involved, and how he can help us through the process.
- The good news is that In 2012/13 a team co-ordinated by the Parish Council consulted with the community to define what we value about Morcott, and our aspirations for the future.

The result was the Village Plan. Although it has less legal 'clout' than a Neighbourhood Plan it is still a valuable document and is a good foundation for the work ahead.

You can download a copy from <https://morcott.wordpress.com/the-village-plan>

- Additionally, the Conservation Area appraisal was carried out in Autumn 2014, and a Questionnaire has already been drafted. Both of these will be useful.
- Some volunteers have already come forward, but more are needed if we are to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Morcott.
- No volunteers = No Neighbourhood Plan

Please come and find out more!

If you cannot come to the meeting, but want to be involved, please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@morcottparishcouncil.org or 747 360 beforehand.