

The Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan

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REFERENDUM Thursday 25th February

Have your say - use your vote!

To find out what the referendum is about and why it is important, see information overleaf. The website below includes the full plan.

www.themorpethneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

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What is a referendum?

It is an election; the last step in the process we have been working on for over three years. You will be asked to vote YES or NO as to whether you think the County Council should use the policies in the Plan as part of decision making for future applications. A majority of one of those who vote will decide the referendum.

If you are on the electoral register you will receive a polling card. If you are not registered, please contact the County Council. You can apply for a postal or proxy vote if you need to.

Why a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Plan is the community's opportunity to influence planning decisions. It is based on discussion and consultation and allows for appropriate housing growth including affordable homes, within settlement boundaries whilst protecting the character of our area, the separateness of settlements, the environment, economy, heritage, businesses, and the town centre. It also promotes appropriate development of leisure, education and transport facilities.

What happens without a Neighbourhood Plan?

If the result of the referendum is a "No" vote, none of the policies the community has told us they wish to be in place could be used in reaching planning decisions. We would have lost our voice in decision making.

**EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS -
VOTE ON 25th FEBRUARY**
IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR AREA