

Proposed Content of Martley Neighbourhood Plan

The proposed neighbourhood plan for Martley should aim to answer the following questions:

1. *How many houses are needed in Martley Parish?* It should identify the additional housing needed to meet the needs of Martley's people, and also take into account the housing targets for the Parish set by Malvern Hills District and included in the South Worcestershire Development Plan.
2. *What size of houses are needed?* The results of the survey completed last year showed that priority should be given to building affordable housing and smaller housing for elderly people.
3. *What design of house is preferred?* The long-term rise in the cost of oil (and the lack of a gas supply in the Parish) means that all new housing should have excellent insulation and alternative sources for heating such as wood-burning stoves. This can be summarised in a 'design statement' attached to the neighbourhood plan, and this could also specify features such as small estates, vernacular materials, and landscaping.
4. *Where should houses be built?* The Plan should specify which sites in the Parish are preferred for housing and other development (if any), taking into account the views of people living in the Parish.
5. *When should houses be built?* The Parish Plan proposed that any new housing should be phased over 15-20 years to more effectively meet locally-generated need.
6. *What are the implications of new houses for other local services?* Any new housing will have implications for education, transport, and other public services.
7. *What key parish features and facilities should be designated and protected as 'assets'.* The Localism Act allows neighbourhood plans to identify local assets deserving of protection from development.

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