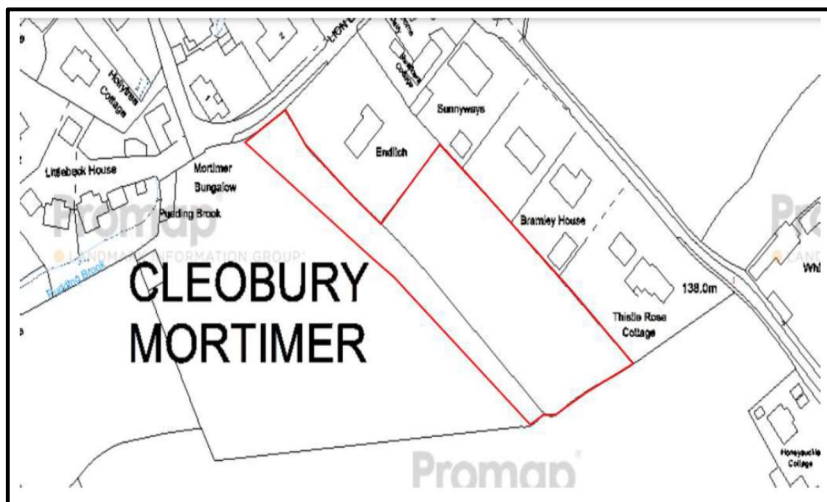


Call for sites in support of the Cleobury Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan

The recent call for sites, in support of the Cleobury Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), concluded at midday on Friday 17th September 2021. The Town Council is pleased to confirm that local landowners have submitted four areas of land for consideration in the next phase of the NDP process. Over the coming weeks, an independent consultant will be reviewing the submissions against the assessment methodology and policies which were published on the Cleobury Mortimer Town Council website as part of the process. The consultant will also visit the sites being offered together with members of the Steering Group to ensure a fair and thorough assessment.

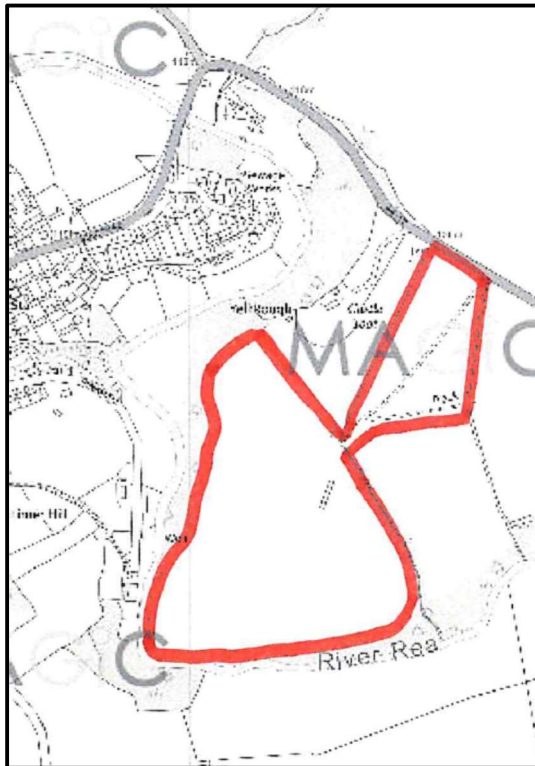
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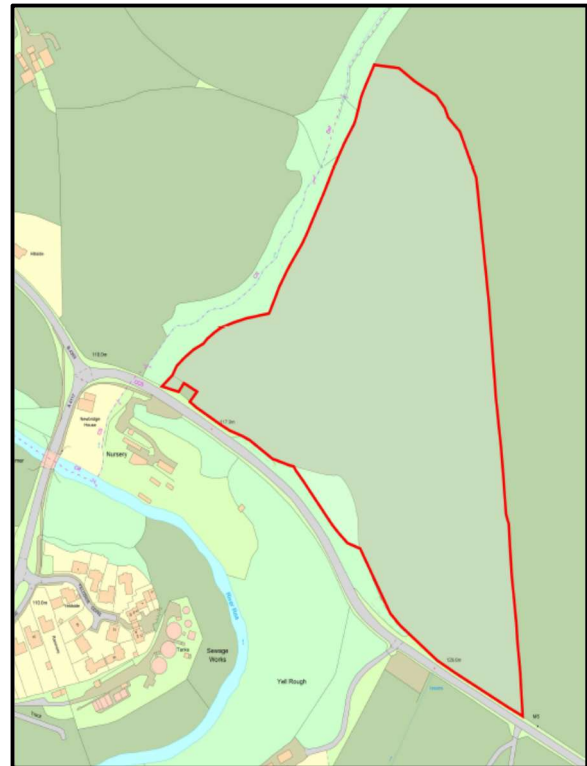
Land off Lion Lane (0.45 ha)



Land off Tenbury Rd/Larks Rise (5.4 ha)



Land south of A4117 (12.8 ha)



Land north of A4117 (7.9 ha)

[* A hectare (ha) is 10,000 sq meters or an area 100m x 100m]

Next steps

The site assessment process will identify the best site(s) to include in the NDP and will be based upon the assessment methodology and policies published as part of the call for sites process. The Steering Group will then submit the recommendation to the Town Council and, if approved, a public consultation will be held and the community will have the opportunity to comment on the NDP. Once the public consultation has been completed, all comments received will be reviewed by the Steering Group and the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) will be updated. The final draft NDP will be submitted to the Town Council for final approval to proceed to the next stage with Shropshire Council.

Why is an NDP needed?

Shropshire Council have identified a need for another 120-130 houses in Cleobury Mortimer over the next 17 years. The Town Council want to ensure that the provision of housing, leisure and employment meets the needs of the community. The site(s) selected will need to accommodate the housing required plus an additional provision for public open space and wildlife improvements. The Town Council will also require 0.5 ha of additional cemetery space but the employment land remains unchanged from the previous NDP and is still planned to be located at New House Farm. If all goes well, development could commence from early 2023 providing sufficient housing and additional jobs in Cleobury Mortimer through to at least 2038.