



“Help chart the future of Minsterworth”



Context

- Minsterworth has a long and proud history
- For decades, the village has evolved gradually
- Likely to see unprecedented change in coming years
- Mandatory targets to build 1.5m homes over 5 years
- Parish Council a statutory consultee for all planning
- A Village Design Statement could help to guide consistent, sympathetic, sustainable, long-term development

What is a Village Design Statement?

- Compiled by residents with Parish Council support
- Describes Minsterworth and its valued characteristics
- Outlines residents' vision of what village should look like
- Lists guidance statements – a 'roadmap' for the future
- Can influence planning strategy, applications & appeals
- Can provide guidance for developers & builders
- NOT about being 'NIMBY'

What's in a VDS?

- Description, guidelines and recommendations on –
 - History of village to present day
 - The natural environment
 - The built environment
 - Community & demographic data
 - Infrastructure
 - Commercial & business
- Submitted to County & Borough Councils
- No obligation to follow guidelines, but gives all residents a voice and a *chance* of being heard

Why is a VDS needed?

- These are unprecedented times for Minsterworth
- This is our home. We should exercise our right to speak
- Now is the time – new plans, new targets, (new Council)
- Has huge benefit in own right –
 - Learn more about each other/ appreciate diversity
 - Come together and strengthen ties within village
 - Enhance sense of ownership and belonging
 - Collectively agree vision for Minsterworth

Where have we got to?

- Initial research and proposal to PC from informal group
- *Nothing formal yet.* Want to know if people support it
- If supported, next steps are – who, how and when
- No obligation, but a chance for everyone to have a say
- Important to engage with *all* residents. All have equal voice
- Tell us if you're interested, or find out more –
 - VE Day Celebration, MVH, 10th May
 - VDS Open Day, MVH, 21st June



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