
MURROW

Inset Proposals Map No. 17

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This section contains the detailed planning background, policies and proposals for Murrow. It must be read in conjunction with the general policies set out in Part One of the Local Plan which apply throughout the District.

2. LOCATION

- 2.1. The village is located five miles to the west of Wisbech on the B1187.

3. HISTORY

- 3.1. The village was once served by two stations, one on the March-Spalding line (1866-1968) and one on the Wisbech-Peterborough line (1867-1953).

4. POPULATION

- 4.1. The population of Murrow has varied little since 1981, rising from 520 to 550 in 1986 and to 560 in 1989.
- 4.2. In mid 1990 the housing stock numbered some 226 dwellings.
- 4.3. Between mid 1986 and mid 1990 there were 28 housing completions in Murrow.

5. SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Shops and Associated Services

- 5.1. There is a reasonable level of shops with two foodshops, a post office/ shop, a church, a public house and a village hall.

School

- 5.2. Murrow School has a capacity of 115 (60 in permanent accommodation and 55 in mobile classrooms). The school roll is 76. (January 1990).

Public Open Space

- 5.3. The village has an adequate provision of public open space.

Public Utilities

- 5.4. The village has neither mains drainage nor surface water sewers.

6. KEY FEATURES OF FORM AND CHARACTER

- 6.1. The village has developed in linear form fronting the parallel roads, Front and Back Road. Running north-south to the west of the village is the B1187, which runs along Murrow Bank and is several metres above the surrounding land. The village appears to centre on the junction of Front Road and Murrow Bank. There is one exception to the linear form of the village - Station Avenue and Pentelow Close.

7. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Constraints

- 7.1. Development in Murrow is constrained by its physical form. Essentially linear the village offers many opportunities for unobtrusive frontage infill, but limited scope for group or estate development.
- 7.2. Murrow Bank presents a physical barrier to access. At present access along Back Road is poor and planning permissions granted here allow for road widening to take place.

Commitments (1. 7. 90)

- 7.3. There is currently planning permission for some 80 additional properties within Murrow. Two large sites make up almost half of this figure.

	Hectares	(Acres)
West of Ivy Lodge Farm, Front Road	1.0	(2.5)
Mill Road	0.6	(1.5)

Policy

- 7.4. Murrow has a limited range of services and facilities and a form which constrains development. As such, it is proposed that Murrow be designated a Group Settlement (Policy H9).

8. PROPOSALS

- 8.1. Part One of the Local Plan sets out the general policies and proposals for the District. This section sets out the specific proposals for Murrow.

Housing Allocations

MU/H1 IT IS PROPOSED TO MAKE PROVISION FOR 80 DWELLINGS IN MURROW IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY H10. THE SITES WHICH COMPRISE EXISTING PERMISSIONS ARE SHOWN ON THE INSET PROPOSALS MAP.

Development Area Boundary

- 8.2. The Development Area Boundary for Murrow is shown on the attached Inset Proposals Map. Development will not normally be allowed beyond the defined Development Area Boundary (Policy H3). Development within the defined Development Area boundary will be expected to comply with all other policies of the Plan.

Employment

MU/EMP1 IT IS PROPOSED TO ALLOCATE 0.4 HA (1.0 ACRE) FOR BUSINESS USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY EMP2. THE SITE IS SHOWN ON THE INSET PROPOSALS MAP. THE ALLOCATION IS:

	HECTARES	(ACRES)
SOUTH OF MILL ROAD	0.4	(1.0)

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- 8.3. There is currently a planning application on this site which is likely to be approved once drainage issues have been resolved.

Transportation

- 8.4. The Council will support proposals to improve access along Back Road. This will include making provision in all future planning permissions along Back Road to allow for road widening to take place.

Environment

- 8.5. Areas within the Development Area Boundary such as open spaces, wooded areas and gap sites which form an important part of the character of the village, will be protected under Policy E2.

