

Holt Parish Council wishes to formally apply to proceed with writing a Neighbourhood Plan.

A scoping report is enclosed.

Stakeholders

The Parish Council (PC) sponsors the production of the plan, but many other groups and individuals can be thought to have a stake in the Plan and need to be involved one way or another. These include –

The towns of Bradford on Avon and Trowbridge and the surrounding parishes i.e. Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Hilperton, Staverton and South Wraxall.

Organisations within Holt – e.g. the churches, the school

Businesses, of which there are over 50

Voluntary organisations

Individual villagers

Governance

The PC has approved the membership of the NPSG, which comprises two councillors, ten other village residents representing various local organisations, together with a planning officer from Wiltshire Council. There is also a Traffic Planning Group, again consisting of councillors and other villagers.

The NPSG also set up a number of groups based on localities within the village to consider the particular needs and wants within these localities.

Sustainability Appraisal

The NPSG is aware of the need to undertake a sustainability appraisal, and is investigating how this might best be carried out.

Timescale

The NPSG and its predecessor group have been working on plans for three years, whilst the political and organisational framework has been changing around them. The final Plan will need to accord with the guidance from the Wiltshire Core Strategy, which is entering the final stages of production, but is not expected to be finished until late 2013.

Its content, as far as it can be known, has been taken into account in the NPSG work