

## HOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DRAFT 1.5 CONSULTATION

### COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FEEDBACK

Total forms received – 54

Not everybody responded to every issue, so the totals vary. There was also some ambiguity in the form as many people didn't tick the overall Objectives boxes but appear to have assumed these were headings, hence low scores.

	Keep	Amend	Drop
<b>Objective CE1: Sustain the Midlands Light Industrial site as an employment hub</b>	23	0	1
CE1.1 Retain this site as a B1 commercial site providing a range of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled employment	48	0	1
CE1.2 Require any new business to be sensitive to residential neighbours in terms of traffic, noise, smells, litter, refuse, and working hours	49	2	0
<b>Objective CE2: Ensure the expansion of the Glove Factory delivers maximum benefit to the village</b>	19	3	0
CE2.1 Ensure that there is adequate on-site parking and management of traffic for workers, visitors and customers	53	0	0
CE2.2 Explore the possibility of offering preference or incentives to Holt-based businesses and entrepreneurs to take space there	43	3	3
CE2.3 Retain facilities which can be used by villagers, such as the café	44	4	1
<b>Objective CE3: Ensure the commercial development of the Tannery site reflects the wishes of the village and delivers maximum benefit</b>	24	0	0
CE3.1 Ensure the site becomes a mixed-use development, roughly 50:50 commercial and housing	41	6	2
CE3.2 Ensure the village's preferred mix for commercial development is reflected in the final plans.	47	0	0
CE3.3 Ensure there is guaranteed space in the development for the existing businesses which will be displaced, including those across the road	47	2	1
CE3.4 Ensure that the necessary infrastructure is installed or upgraded simultaneously with any development	46	2	0
CE3.5 Ensure safe access for transport during and after construction; provide adequate on-site parking for all employees and visitors	48	2	0
CE3.6 Ensure that a full environmental survey is undertaken and the results made public before any development work starts	47	2	1
<b>Objective CE4: Consider the commercial opportunities of the old Holt Station site</b>	17	2	3
CE4.1 Investigate the possibilities of developing this site for additional commercial activity	35	9	5
<b>Objective CE5: Optimise employment opportunities within the village for residents</b>	17	2	0
CE5.1 Consider initiatives to encourage this e.g. using village website, noticeboards and networking	46	2	0

## COMMENTS

### CE2

- How much development? Recent purchasing of the fields by the GF is and should be a cause of concern for all Holt residents and should be openly discussed by the Parish Council.

### CE2.1

- Decent signage to car parks and on-site parking for Glove Factory. Get as many visitors cars as possible off The Midlands to allow for easier access for residents, and more space for the lorries to pass through.

### CE2.3

- Poss. of favoured short hire terms for residents.
- And other future facilities (gym?).
- The cafe is too expensive for village folk.

### CE3.1

- OK in principle but do not be too prescriptive.
- 50:50 – problem as per Spa development.
- 50% commercial development seems rather high. It very much depends on the type of commercial development proposed and its suitability to village environment.
- More housing than commercial on Tannery site preferred say 60:40.
- Should state - ensure that sufficient housing is provided to meet needs, within brownfield and encourage commercial development on the rest!

### CE3.2

- This needs to say what the percentages are of.

### CE3.3

- Is this realistic? It is certainly not what is planned.

### CE3.4

- Needs to be in place before work starts.
- Is Broadband inclusive of cabled services provision?
- Given the high % of self-employed, encourage the development of high-speed broadband for businesses and enterprises in Holt.
- Fibre optic broadband should be here by the year end.

### CE3.6

- Planning permission should precede the start!

### CE4

- Explore possibility of reinstating a station! This would presumably be advantageous for commercial development.
- This site would be really useful should BR ever decide to re-open Holt Halt, and so I would not like any development which would impede this.
- If there is any possibility of re-opening Holt station it is not a good idea to use the site for other purposes.
- It depends what this could be – bearing in mind Station Road is already clogged up twice a day with school traffic, and there are a lot of older people living in the area. Increased traffic would be a major problem.

- As long as station still viable.
- Possibility of re-opening station, like Melksham?
- Could be tied to 50:50 Tannery development, if additional commercial available is Tannery req'd? [sic]
- Control any increase of commercial traffic during school drop off hours, Station Road is too narrow.
- What commercial activity?
- Noting the limitations of access of Station Road.
- Reopen the station. Wouldn't be needed if Tannery site development.
- Concerned about potential traffic on quiet single road through Gaston/The Star with commercial development.
- All objectives as for CE3 should apply.
- The old coal yard has recently been sold and planning granted for development into a storage site for scented candles.

#### **CE5**

- Does this really belong here?

#### **Other**

- A couple of forms had 'Skatepark please' added.
- I do not wish to comment on this section as it seems pointless to do so in a climate where the arrangements appear to be do as you want and if anyone notices ask politely for retrospective planning permission.