

HOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DRAFT 1.5 CONSULTATION

ENERGY FEEDBACK

Total forms received – 55

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
Objective EN1: Encourage appropriate renewable energy installations	38	1	2
EN1.1 Encourage appropriate renewable energy installations, but not at the expense of green belt land or to the detriment of the built environment	42	3	3
Objective EN2: Encourage the installation of energy efficiency measures on all new developments and upgrading of existing properties	41	3	1
EN1.2 Encourage all new developments to meet energy efficiency targets; support the installation of energy efficiency measure in current housing stock	47	4	0

COMMENTS

EN.1

- Do not use the renewable energy debate to support future development in Holt.
- Solar farms if appropriate within village boundaries to encourage the village to produce as much of its own power needs as possible. This could benefit the whole community.
- This is covered by national policies and legislation. A 7.5MW solar farm has been approved on the parish boundary at Hilperton Marsh and another 20MW is being applied for at Cockhill in the parish. This is enough for about 8000 homes. We have less than 750.
- Please welcome the proposed solar farm near Trowbridge Sewage works.
- Define what an “appropriate renewable energy installation” is.

EN.2

- In each case, reconcile these energy necessities with Buildings Conservation and listed building restrictions.
- No windfarms/ windmills (x2)
- Encourage Wilts Council et al to consent to energy saving needs in listed buildings. A lot of houses simply can't have solar panels, double glazing etc, even though they would like to.
- Solar panels are ugly and greatly detract from the uniformity/attractiveness of buildings, especially old houses. They can affect the character of the village. Permission should take this into account and allow panels only when they are not visible from public areas/streets.

Other

- Upgrade or improve the current heavy and old power lines strung over houses/gardens?