

HOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DRAFT 1.5 CONSULTATION

ENVIRONMENT FEEDBACK

Total forms received – 51

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 E1: Ensure the development of the Tannery and Glove Factory sites delivers maximum positive outcomes for the environment	36	3	0
E1.1 Maximise the positive outcomes for the environment by creating green spaces, cycle and pedestrian friendly areas within the development	48	2	0
E1.2 Use potential 'planning gain' monies to secure, maintain and improve the open green spaces in and around the village	41	1	4
Objective E2: Eliminate or reduce potential harmful impact of development on land which may be contaminated	37	3	0
E2.1 Conduct a full environmental assessment to establish the nature and extent of any possible contamination	43	4	3
E2.2 Inform residents and hold a full public consultation on the results of the assessment and the proposed remediation	42	3	3
E2.3 Determine if there is any risk to residents during development; prepare guidelines for acceptable remediation; monitor outcomes	43	3	2
Objective E3: Create improved facilities for waste recycling	18	0	0
E3.1 Replace the existing facility with a larger secure area within the Tannery development for an extended range of household recycling	37	7	5
Objective E4: Prevent or reduce future localised flooding	16	0	0
E4.1 Identify and publish the responsibilities of landowners and public bodies to maintain drainage and local watercourses	42	4	2
E4.2 Ensure that any new development is planned in accordance with National Policy and the Wiltshire Core Strategy	41	3	2
E4.3 Agree and monitor routine maintenance regimes to minimise the risk of damage to property or disruption of the highway in future flooding	45	4	0

COMMENTS

E1.1

- Do we really want to plant trees on all green spaces and play areas? Create an open green frontage onto the Midlands?
- I recall that the early plans for the Glove Factory car park shows it to be almost covered in newly planted trees. Did they all die in the sub-base of the structure and it is therefore now only green spaces that are to be so decorated.

E2.1

- Suggest this land has been dormant long enough to minimize any risk.
- Should already be covered by strict national legislation on the issue of contaminated ground.

E3

- There is a large disused factory chimney on the Tannery site which was referred to as an eyesore by Wiltshire Planners when the floodlights for the first tennis court were being discussed. The National trust pollutes the Avon valley for miles several times each year by huge bonfires in which it destroys its hedge and tree prunings. There are mounds of unwanted newspaper and cardboard accumulated each day in the village. Technology allows farmers to create electricity by burning the contents of their slurry pits. Surely it should not be impossible to think through these facts and find a better solution than reducing the number of spaces in the village hall car park by reintroducing several skips to collect red, white and blue bottles. Could we have a village incinerator/generator?
- I was disappointed to see no reference to the destruction of the environment by residents of the village and its neighbours. Why should it be necessary to ignore our own messes? Most of the litter dropped in the village is dropped by villagers. Most of the litter is dropped by a small number of residents. Much of the litter is attached to the property of others. Why does the Bowling Club need to post notices all over its wooden fence? Why does the S&S Committee need to fill a specially erected glass case with ancient, illegible, unread notices? Why does every other wooden power-pole have an array of plastic coated advertisements nailed to it with high strength staples. Why are the Memorial Gates of the Playing Field desecrated by a tattered painted board setting out some of the Parish Council's unenforced by-laws? Why does hardly anyone notice? Or care? Or mention the taboo subject?

E3.1

- Wilts Council takes all items now.
- There are adequate recycling facilities at Melksham and Trowbridge. Household collections now deal with most recycling needs anyway.
- Will this work in a residential area?
- Existing Village Hall facility removed as part of Wilts Council policy of encouraging doorstep recycling, so a facility within the Tannery would not be supported.
- Is there a significant need for recycling facilities in the village as long as the kerbside collections are continued and the recycling sites in Bowerhill and Trowbridge are operational?
- Presumably "Replace" is intended to be "Restore"? The plan should acknowledge that the single skip now remaining at the village hall is a privately owned and serviced container for the exclusive use of users of the village hall. It is not a general dumping place for correspondence wrapped in old newspapers, unwanted cardboard boxes too large for the blue/black bin, dirty nappies, pillows, duvets, mattresses, empty spirit bottles, spent paint rollers, and bags of household refuse from as far afield as Atworth, Whitley, Melksham and Trowbridge, Devizes and beyond. Wiltshire Council supplies suitable receptacle for rubbish generated in residences and collects free of charge.

E4.1

- I would amend this to - Explore pressing issues with regards to drainage and local watercourses, in and around the village. Identify and liaise with relevant landowners and public bodies working to deter flooding.

E4.3

- Clarify what is the floodplain?

Other

- Below I have re-stated my point for Objective H1.5 as it may sit more appropriately here. The sustainability, landscape, amenity and visual impact of a development can be specified as a condition of planning consent using section 106 as a tool. Holt PC should develop a vision for what this means i.e. what do we want it to look like? My suggestions (from a biodiversity/environmental perspective) would be to request the planting of a given number of native trees per area developed; to include permeable surfaces as much as possible; to include planting of native hedgerows on boundaries as an alternative to fencing; to include green roofs where possible.