

HOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DRAFT 1.5 CONSULTATION

VISION FEEDBACK

Total forms received – 65

Not everybody responded to every issue, so the totals vary.

VISION	Keep	Amend	Drop
A village with the same boundaries as today, surrounded by green spaces and farmland.	48	9	0
Within those boundaries, a moderately enlarged population housed on brownfield sites rather than infill building or on greenfield sites.	45	7	1
Infrastructure services fit for the number and mix of people who live in Holt – now and for the next 20 years – including adequate transport links, local employment opportunities, good communications and retail facilities.	52	3	0
Further improvement to the community resources which have contributed to Holt’s thriving village spirit, as well as the creation of additional facilities such as cycleways, and leisure and sporting opportunities for older children.	56	0	0
An all-round reduction in through traffic, including speed management, HGV control and adequate parking provision for visitors, residents and workers.	48	10	0

COMMENTS

General/other

- Excellent Neighbourhood Plan.
- I think this is excellent and captures what has drawn and will keep me in Holt as a great place to live.
- Ensure the village’s cultural, historical and natural heritage, through encouraging the establishment of a working archive, which might include stimulating publications that promote the significance of Holt, in these terms.
- Encourage the establishment of a museum, which could bring together not only the story and provenance of the village, but also might offer an appropriate cultural and social setting, stimulating an historical endurance.
- The need of a replacement postbox at the east end of the village now the old post office box is out of commission.
- If there are to be more residents in the same space the density of dwellings must increase. Many will have little or no private open space. An extension of the built-up boundaries by increasing the length 'built-up' especially towards Forwards Common would decrease the attractiveness of the route for through traffic and would potentially reduce the approach speed. Properties which include sizeable vegetable gardens reduce waste and save energy. The recent covering of a one time illegal car-park in a several feet depth of hardcore has already put paid to one of the best of the green spaces. While green fields and farmland may be ideal it is unrealistic. I see no reason why the village should not take its share of renewable energy generation – the proposed solar site near the canal and Trowbridge Sewage Works may be an ideal spot for such a venture.

Boundaries

- Perhaps land on the Staverton side of the river to transfer to another parish on Trowbridge

side.

- Possibly consider hiving off part of Gt Bradford Wood to Staverton as it does not seem to be part of Holt.
- In the present climate, is this a realistic option?
- 'A moderately enlarged population' – could be housed on brownfield sites but even the Tannery is contaminated. So I think the village may have to accept some boundary change.

Population/Housing

- Avoiding 'packed-in housing into any space going.
- 'moderately enlarged population' – limited.
- No more people.

Infrastructure

- Retail facilities; should there be a restriction on where and what these should be.
- Pavements in Holt need to be reset to aid wheelchairs more safety.

Community resources

- The older children urgently need leisure facilities e.g. skateboard area.
- Sports field available more in school holidays. Coaching sessions for football, rugby etc.
- Build a skatepark.
- Skatepark for the younger community.
- Holt is in desperate need of facilities for teen children. A skatepark facility is critical. There are a lot of skateboarders who have nowhere to skate apart from carparks and roads. This is dangerous and damages new surfaces. Having this facility will keep children active and out of trouble. For this to work, there needs to be planning involvement with the children who will use it. If it is not good, they will still choose to skate in carparks or on the road.
- There needs to be a young person's wine/coffee bar (modern in look and music). This would keep the older teenagers in the village – there is nowhere that is directed to this age group. It could be used for private parties too – there is no venue for these in Holt.
- Also more basketball facilities. If grown-ups playing tennis, youths cannot use this netball area.

Traffic

- Care needs to be taken with any reduction of through traffic as it is suspected that a reasonable proportion of Holt Superstores trade is from through traffic. The loss of the store I feel would have a large detrimental effect on the village.
- Keep – but no bypass because although traffic can be heavy, a bypass often 'kills' off a village.
- Adequate parking for residents not just visitors!!
- Priority must be given to parking provision for residents – we pay the rates after all!
- 'Speed management' – not humps.
- Traffic calming-reduction very important.
- Improve the management of through traffic instead of 'all round reduction'.
- I do not see it possible for reducing traffic in Holt, yes maybe HGVs, especially with development all around and also the population expanding.
- Traffic reduction is not going to happen.
- What does 'speed management' mean? If it means enforcing existing speed limits, fine, keep it. If it means reducing speed limits, particularly introducing variable speed limits, then drop it. If it means artificially reducing traffic speed by anything like speed humps or chicanes leading to single lane carriageways, then definitely drop it.