

## HOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DRAFT 1.5 CONSULTATION

### SECTION 4 – GREEN SPACES FEEDBACK COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Objective no.	Feedback comments	Response	Action
GS1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define FP34 which never seems to be usable.</li> <li>• Preserve the open aspect of unhindered green space on the Melksham road leaving Holt, with its significant views of the valley to the south.</li> <li>• Make investigations to ensure that green spaces are maintained and potential conservations areas are defined, especially with regards to areas of significant historical context, or outstanding natural beauty.</li> <li>• GS1.1 Grass/meadows grown for silage need to be protected from many trampling feet. Footpaths through these areas at certain times of year need clear signage to request keeping to the footpath.</li> <li>• Have early consultation with new land owners about footpaths.</li> <li>• GS1.2 Include cycleways. More off-road cycle paths, to Melksham, Trowbridge and Bradford on Avon.</li> <li>• Improved access to the river and a riverside walk.</li> </ul>	<p>Will need to research this response !</p> <p>It is the intention of the Neighbourhood Plan to implement policies and procedures to preserve the rural surroundings of the village.</p> <p>A significant proportion of the village is within a conservation area.</p> <p>It is recognised that many do not adhere to the Country Code. The Parish Council and Wiltshire Council do place signage on stiles the land-owner/user is also entitled to place such signage.</p> <p>The Parish Council and Wiltshire Council do engage readily with land-owners.</p> <p>The Draft Neighbourhood Plan does recognise that better connections to existing cycle-ways need to be explored with Wiltshire Council, Sustrans and local land-owners.</p> <p>Currently access to and along the Avon riverbank is over private land where there is no public right of way.</p>	<p><b>The HNP Group to investigate.</b></p> <p><b>Objectives to include: The Parish Council will work with Wiltshire Council and relevant landowners to protect other areas or features within the Parish that are brought to the Council’s attention.</b></p> <p><b>Include more detail in the HNP with possible options to explore.</b></p> <p><b>PC would need to speak with land-owner who may want to formalise current arrangement.</b></p>

<p><b>GS1</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinstate FP57 which was closed for a foot-and-mouth epidemic long forgotten. This would give safe pedestrian access to Broughton Gifford, Whaddon and Melksham. Upgrade to cycleway.</li> <li>• More people means more dogs. Great importance for keeping areas to walk our dogs. More well maintained dog poo bins. Where fields are used for livestock or silage etc, encourage people to pick up dog poo &amp; provide bins. Dog poo is damaging to livestock.</li> </ul>	<p>Will need to research this response !</p> <p>Dog poo bins are already provided by the Parish Council in a number of locations. Dog walkers should be advised and encouraged to pick up and bag their dog's poo wherever it defecates and dispose of it properly in dog poo bins, litter bins or take it home and place in their own household waste wheelie bin.</p>	<p><b>Add: Publish relevant aspects of the Clean Neighbourhoods &amp; Environment Act 2005 and make available to dog owners and dog walkers</b></p>
<p><b>GS2</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GS2.1 Some provision should be made for lesser green spaces – the little green and narrow green, to be used to provide parking at some point in the future.</li> <li>• Investigate whether all green spaces ought to be designated as assets of community value.</li> <li>• Add the word 'significant' to green spaces in consideration of parking needs of those residents with no off road parking facility. We are after all surrounded by green space!</li> </ul>	<p>Whilst the issues of car parking for those who have no off road parking facility is fully understood it is considered neither possible nor desirable to change its current aspect. Both the Little and Narrow Green are within the conservation area and are therefore protected and recognised as extremely important assets of community and heritage value.</p> <p>It would be difficult to define significant. Where present parking arrangements are hazardous to pedestrians or other road users: The approval for the creation of a limited number of parking bays on green space(s) outside of the conservation area may be considered by the Parish Council where such changes would not detract from the overall amenity, community or environmental value of that area.</p>	<p><b>Do we want to include or make reference to such a policy within the Plan ?</b></p>

<b>GS3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest already received for allotment and volunteer to help set up.</li> <li>• Encourage the use of 'unwanted' gardens as vegetable plots</li> </ul>	<p>It is very encouraging that there is interest.</p> <p>This is currently happening within the village on a personal basis.</p>	<p><b>The HNP to include more detailed proposals to develop allotments?</b></p> <p><b>Firstly however to canvass households to determine level of interest.</b></p> <p><b>Possibly run campaign in VMag ?</b></p>
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