

[Draft article for the May edition of the Village Magazine]

HOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FIRST DRAFT IS OUT NOW – HAVE YOUR SAY

By the time you read this, your copy of the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan should be on its way to you. A copy will be delivered to every household, organisation and business within the parish. It has taken the Steering Group many months to get to this point, using the information that has been gathered in past surveys and supplementing this with further input and ideas from individuals and groups around the village.

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan, if formally adopted as a legal document, is to ensure that the village's views on how it should grow and develop have to be taken into account when future planning decisions are made. It is our chance to shape the future of our community.

This is, however, only the first draft and we need your feedback to confirm that we are on the right track (when this is the case), or to reshape proposals (when you think this is needed). There are several ways you can give your feedback:

- There will be a whole day event in the Village Hall on Saturday 31st May from 10.00am – 8.00pm. The draft Plan will be on display, members of the Steering Group will be there and there will be feedback forms to complete.
- We will also have a stand with the display and feedback forms at the Music Festival on Saturday 7th June.
- The draft Plan plus all the supporting documents and feedback forms will be available on the village website and comments can be submitted electronically via www.holtvillage.info/
- Copies of the feedback forms (and additional copies of the draft Plan) can be obtained from the Chair of the Steering Group – see below.

We really want your feedback to ensure that the final Plan fully reflects opinion within the village and is as good as we can make it. There will be further consultation as the Plan develops.

The deadline for receiving all feedback on this draft is Monday 30th June.

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