

HOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Questionnaire Output Summary

v9 · June 2026



Background



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
2016-2026

QUESTIONNAIRE ISSUED
November 2025

EXTENDED CLOSE DATE
1 May 2026

RESPONSES RECEIVED
238 (~12 business)

RESPONSE RATE
~26%

TOTAL DATA ITEMS
~28,560 items

Community Engagement:

Christmas Fayre · Facebook · Leaflet drops · Community events

A thorough community consultation – 238 voices shaping Holt's future

Q1: What do you love about Holt?

Survey Results



88%
Green spaces valued

85%
Village character

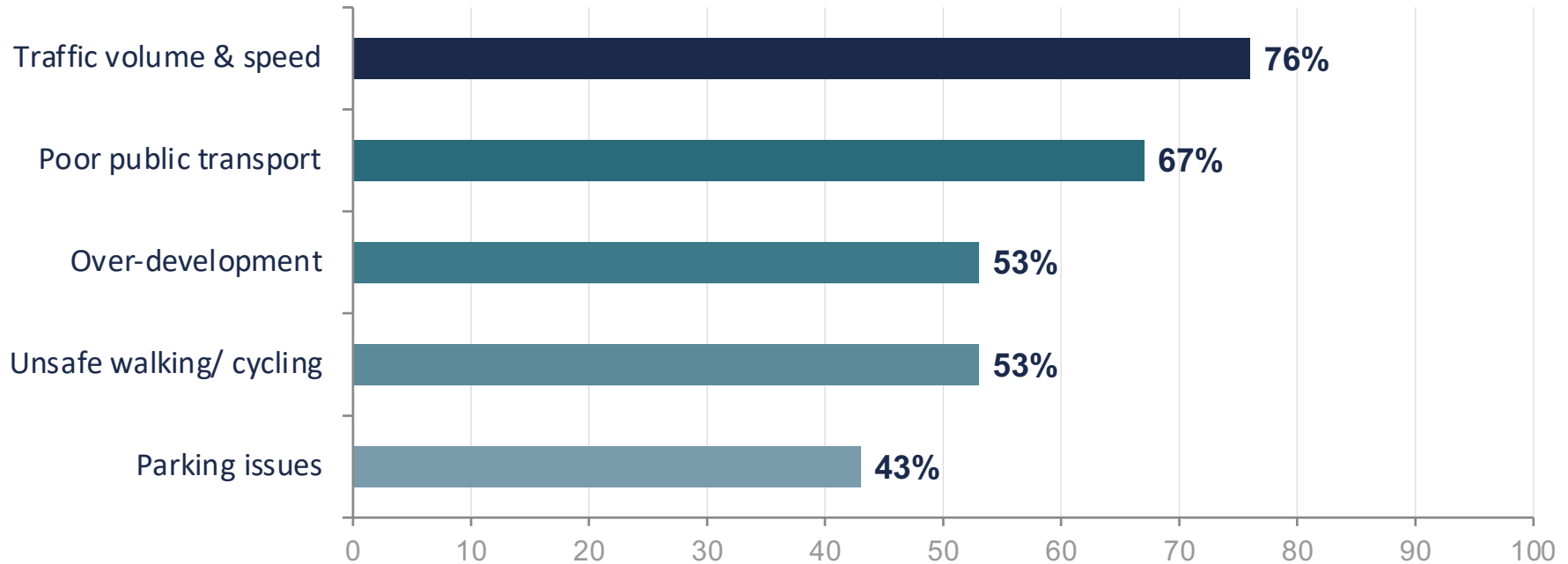
81%
Strong community

51%
Local facilities

Green spaces, community and village character define what residents love about Holt

Q2: What don't you like about Holt?

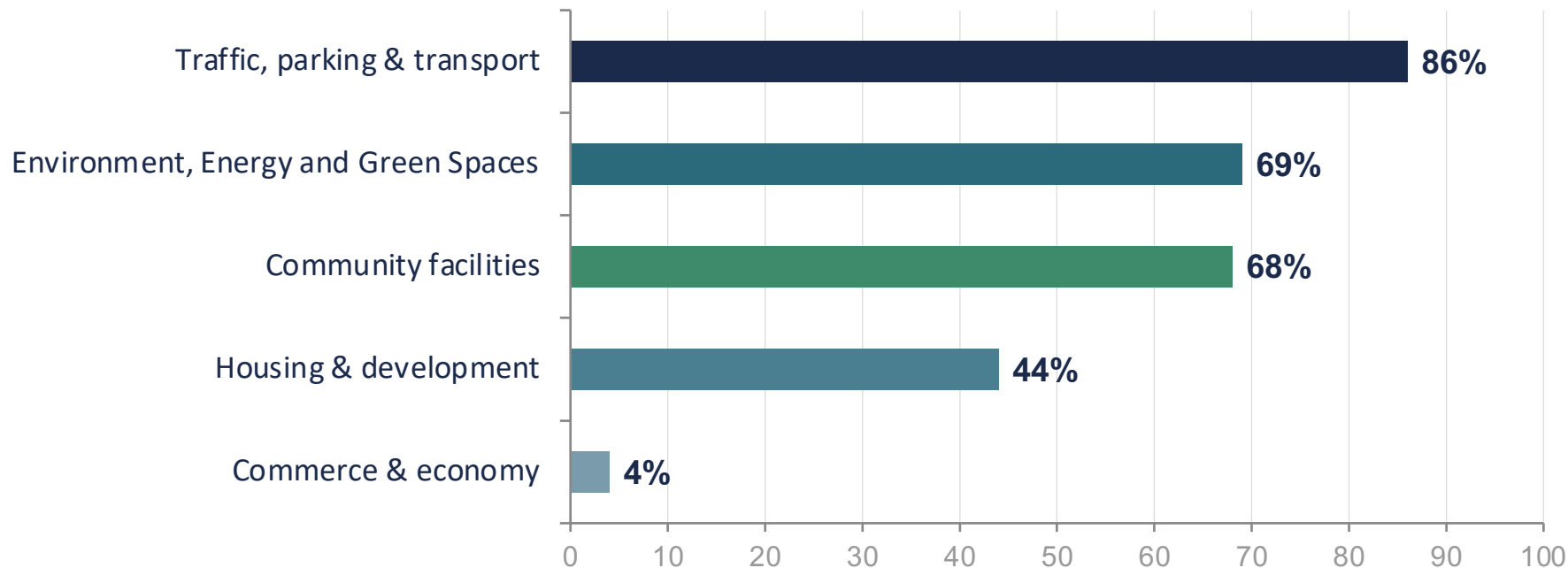
Survey Results



Traffic, transport and safety are the main frustrations for residents

Q3: Three most important topics

Survey Results



Residents prioritise roads, transport, services and environment

Q4: New topics for the updated Neighbourhood Plan

Survey Results



- Manage future development
- Improve traffic safety
- Safer walking & cycling routes; better public transport
- Protect green spaces, views & village character

Residents want managed growth, safer roads, and protection of Holt's character

Q4: How should the Plan be updated?

Survey Results

Manage development

Protect green spaces and manage housing growth effectively

Match growth with infrastructure

Ensure growth supported by roads, drainage & facilities

Traffic & road safety

Tackle traffic, parking, school safety and HGV impact

Walking, cycling and public transport

Enable safe walking, cycling and public transport routes

Community facilities

Protect and enhance local facilities and amenities

More specific & enforceable

Make the Plan clearer, more specific and fully deliverable

Residents want a clearer, stronger Plan that protects Holt and shapes its future

Housing

Future Housing options	% of respondents
Only a very small number for local needs	47%
No further housing	30%
Moderate growth including affordable homes	15%
Larger development & community facilities	0%



77%

Limited Housing:
Very/ Quite Important

61%

Infrastructure
struggling

Residents recognise need for limited growth with infrastructure that works

Transport

- Most residents walk locally to key village facilities (55%)
- Walking safety is a concern on main road: pavements and speeding traffic
- Cycling is limited but there is strong support for new routes
- Support for traffic calming, infrastructure and EV charging



82%

BoA Cycle Route

79%

20 mph zones

Residents want safer streets and better local travel options

Commerce

- Support for modest local business growth:
 - Local business valued, especially start-ups
 - Modest additional retail and workspace provision
 - Existing business small-scale and home-based, inc farming, consultancy, tourism/leisure and arts/crafts
 - Businesses challenges: **flooding, road access, speeding traffic** and **poor broadband**
- Strong support for protecting farmland, related jobs and local food production



73%

Commerce Support

82%

Farming Support

Residents value commerce and farming that protects Holt's rural identity

Green Spaces & Environment

- Glove Factory fields, recreation ground and Courts fields are most valued
- Key views: Holt Manor, Chalfield and surrounding countryside
- Flooding is a serious concern affecting access and isolation
- Majority feel Holt has met its share of solar provision



18%

Commute
Flood Impact

4:1

Solar 'No' vs
Solar 'Yes'

Residents value green spaces and views and want them protected

Community Amenities

- General satisfaction with outdoor leisure facilities
- Better provision needed for teenagers, sports pavilion and walking/ cycling routes
- Better access to health services is a priority
- Strong support for allotments – c.75%



67%

Community Facilities Satisfaction

47%

Struggle to see GP

Residents want better facilities while protecting Holt's character

Households and their Priorities

- Most respondents live in Holt — typical household size 2–4
- Road repairs, traffic calming and public transport are top asks
- Strong support for protecting green spaces and limiting development
- Plan must deliver real, visible outcomes for the community



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Households
Responded

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Response Rate

Residents want real action to protect Holt and improve everyday life

Next Steps

- Questionnaire output summary on HPC website - **end month**
- Draft update to current Neighbourhood Plan - **by end year:**
 - Based on community's key Issues from Questionnaire
- New plan in place - **by end 2027**



Protecting Holt's character - Guiding future development - Strengthening our community

What can an updated Neighbourhood Plan achieve?

-  Guide future development
-  Protect character and environment
-  Improve transport and infrastructure
-  Support community facilities
-  Strengthen Holt's economy and resilience



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Thank You

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