

# HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2016-2036

### QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY RESULTS: POINTS OF VIEW



Evidence Base: Questionnaire Results Report 4

31 October 2016 (*Updated: 18 December 2016*)

# 1 Note on the questionnaire results – comments and suggestions

- During May 2016 around 500 questionnaires were delivered to houses, mobile home sites and landowners/developers known to be connected with the Parish. 206 completed survey forms were returned.
- The final part of the questionnaire invited respondents to make their own free text comments and suggestions in response to three separate questions:
  - ❖ *Are there any particular places, buildings or views in the Parish which you believe are important to protect?*
  - ❖ *Are there any particular community services or facilities you would like to see provided or improved in the Parish?*
  - ❖ *Are there any other comments you wish to make about Holme-next-the-Sea including any suggestions for the Neighbourhood Plan?*

Around 400 replies were received to these questions!

- This level of response is really encouraging and has influenced our vision and objectives for the future of the Parish. Particular concerns have been noted and every single reply has been recorded and examined in terms of its practicality and potential for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan - either as a component of policy or as part of an action plan.
- In order to help draw together and feed back the huge amount of information contained in the individual comments and suggestions we have used *Word Clouds*. These are pictures that rely upon visualisation to convey a message - the more frequently a particular word occurs, the greater prominence it is given in the word cloud by making it bigger, bolder and more colourful.
- The sections which follow reproduce all of the individual comments received with the replies to each question summarised in a *Word Cloud*. They follow the format of the original survey with each set of responses preceded by the question on which they based.
- A complete analysis and interpretation of the results can be found in Evidence Base Research Report 2, Questionnaire Survey: Analysis and Overview of Findings, November 2016.

***Q5.4 Are there any particular places, buildings or views in the Parish which you believe are important to protect?***



Around three quarters of respondents answered this question with the most commonly occurring themes shown in the Word Cloud above.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Question 5.4 Are there any particular places, buildings or views in the Parish which you believe are important to protect?**

I hope that old buildings, and historic land can be listed. I hope that the proposed new development on Main Road is stopped, especially as it would block the view of the church to walkers, and I just don't want it ever to happen.

I would like to see Park Piece left as it is and not built on.

The coastline in the Parish should be protected as natural as it is now. St. Mary's Church, The White Horse P.H., Holme Dunes Nature Reserve, the NOA Nature Reserve, Redwell Marsh Nature Reserve. Park Piece. Parcels of land as follows, field around Seagate House off Beach Road, field behind the Church, land behind houses on the east side of Peddars Way South, fields behind the Old Smithy at the end of Eastgate.

Holme Dunes Nature Reserve, the NOA, Redwell Marsh, Park Piece. Land behind Eastgate / Kirkgate. Land behind (corner of) Westgate / Beach Road around Seagate House. St. Mary's Church. White Horse P.H. Land behind the Old Smithy. Land behind the Church. Land behind houses to East of Peddars Way South.

Views and landscape South (looking towards sea and the village). Significant older buildings (eg Church, Holme House, Manor, White Horse, Vine Cottage (as it was - many best features have been destroyed / spoilt).

Redwell Marsh and Reserves. All copses, trees and hedgerows. View of the Church, especially from Green Bank / Chalkpit Lane. Farmland surrounding the village - especially South of Main Road. Kirkgate. Conservation Area and green centre.

Holme Dunes, trees and woodland, agricultural buffer around edge. Views of Church and Kirkgate, views from Dunes and Redwell to village, views of the village from Green Bank and across farmland to South of village.

The two fields across the central area of the village and the Church.

The Church is important to protect and views across fields and marshes / dunes. Protection of all green spaces within the village.

Church, Village Hall, Redwell Marsh, Parish land, fields towards beach. Remaining open space in village.

The pub and Church for sense of community.

Wildlife reserve.

Sea view, golf course, boardwalk view, Holme NWT Reserve, Church view.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Question 5.4 Are there any particular places, buildings or views in the Parish which you believe are important to protect?**

Church views, meadows and marshes, older buildings.

Views of Church, grazing meadows in village, buildings over 30 years old.

Open spaces within village.

The dunes and coast. The countryside. The Church and village. Green spaces in village. Footpaths in village.

The green space along Peddars Way. The footpath over Redwell Marsh.

Open spaces within village.

Spaces and meadows in village and marshes.

Views of the Church; from NWT & NOA looking South; across the fields alongside Beach Road to the sea; Kirkgate; Broadwater Road; the pub.

The views of the Church. Views from the coast (& NWT reserve) looking South. Kirkgate. Around the pub.

The perimeter of the village.

The unique central fields and meadows throughout village and older buildings. Modern new that are built well with design and materials.

Fields / meadows in centre of village. Fields south of village. Church, older buildings / buildings of good modern design.

The Conservation Area must remain.

The Church. Holme Dunes. The White Horse. The Village Hall.

The Church and Village Hall and Park Piece, as well as the Pub. All are essential for members of the community to socialise and foster a community where people know others resident in the village. Redwell Marsh and other open spaces.

No.

None.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Question 5.4 Are there any particular places, buildings or views in the Parish which you believe are important to protect?**

Green belt areas should be protected. At the moment it is very tranquil.

Church. Village Hall. Views of beautiful green spaces which is the essence of Holme-next-the-Sea.

View of Church. Open fields within Village. Any building over 50 years old. View across marshes. Grazing meadows.

The Village Hall, Church, green spaces.

The Village Hall, Church, green spaces.

Open spaces (ie meadows and marshes).

Open spaces (ie meadows and marshes).

Grazing meadows. Existing homes as they are!! Trees. Marshes.

All current green spaces within the village and surrounding marshes and fields which provide natural habitat for the other inhabitants of Holme-next-the-Sea - the wildlife.

The surrounding marsh and land for wildlife, and generally the protection of all the old buildings.

The wild areas and older traditional buildings should have some real protection in the face of development pressure. Where possible views to the sea should be unspoilt.

All beach and green spaces. Church and local public house.

Places where wildlife are being used, church and public house.

The old wall down the side of the 'Smithy' and the meadow between that and the hides. The church and its surrounding boundary.

There should not be ANY expansion beyond the present building lines.

The open fields on Ringstead side of Main Road as wild geese use them very often.

The church and churchyard. Access to beach and marshes. Open spaces for wildlife. Unrestricted views for existing residents.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

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The church and churchyard. Access to beach and marshes. Open spaces for wildlife. Unrestricted views for existing residents.

Rights of way, public footpaths, all views of the sea, rivers streams, wildlife, woodland views and access to high ground.

Church. Preserve Eastgate, Westgate and Kirkgate as the traditional heart of the village. Development in these areas unacceptable.

Pines and dunes. Protect Eastgate, Kirkgate, Westgate as original and traditional heart of the village.

The Church, existing areas of open space and traditionally built properties, coastal path and bird /nature reserves.

Park Piece. Coastal Path. Nature Reserves. Traditional built properties.

Views across meadows behind housing verging on Eastgate and Kirkgate. The walk along Eastgate and Kirkgate, the latter already blighted by unsuitable development. Buildings needing protection, Church, Village Hall, Old Smithy and older cottages.

The view over the Norfolk Wildlife Trust is very important. The church and other old cottages / trees are very important to protect!!

Yes - preserving land and wildlife on field adjacent to Sunnymead - no more holiday caravans. Holme has sufficient already.

The view over fields will be devastated if planning permission is given for six wooden lodges. This is of no benefit to the village as it brings only bad features and feelings toward greedy people.

Church, church hall, traditional houses / cottages. Park Piece. Pub and garden. View over the gate at the bottom of Bussey's Lane (not the Reserve gate). Redmarsh Reserve / NWT at Holme Dunes.

Church, village hall, nature reserves, marsh land. Redwell and by Old Smithy. Ancient green spaces, back of houses in main village and Main Road.

Views within the Conservation Area.

Village Church.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Question 5.4 Are there any particular places, buildings or views in the Parish which you believe are important to protect?**

Beach and coastline including reserve and marshes.

Church. Marsh views - area between beach and village pub.

Church - pub - old school - village hall - stables - Whitehall farm and house - beach - car park - footpaths -bridleways - original old cottages.

All the green spaces in the village.

Land north of built-up village - Redwell and other marsh / farmland. View of church. Traditional cottages in village and period houses along Main Road. View to south of village - fields towards Green Bank and rising land / fields. Peddars Way trail and adjacent farmland.

St. Mary's Church - wonderful view from tower. The White Horse.

The Church. Village Hall. The general feel of openness - no infill.

Park Piece. Village sign. Church. Redwell marsh. White Horse pub.

Dunes. Church. Pub. Park Piece.

The aspect along the village roads, past pub, give Holme its inherent character.

Local pub. Postal services. Church.

All the open fields and farm land that lead to the sea, and surround the village.

The aspect to the sea must be maintained. Over development would spoil the existing beauty.

- Open spaces in the centre of the village should be preserved to maintain the linear development along roadways and provide wildlife corridors. Any new development should reflect the village scene in layout and construction materials.
- Kirkgate, Westgate and Eastgate should retain their character.
- The effective west village boundary on Peddars Way should remain, with no new development to the west.

The church.  
View to the sea.

The Church.  
Trees (as reasonably possible) + hedges.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

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White Horse Pub.  
Green Spaces.  
Village Hall.  
Church.

The White Horse pub - re-painted back to white (not grey).

Views from the church to the sea.

Views across the salt marshes to the sea.

Church, Pub, Whitehall Farm, Parks Piece.

Redwell Marsh, the Church, the lack of development visible from the sea wall.

Church, Park Piece, open fields behind Kirkgate / Eastgate, Village Green (Beach Road).

Views of the heritage coast. Church. Park Piece.

Common fields. Pub.

The coast / beach area.

The green spaces need to be protected. Agricultural, grazing and gardens should not be converted to housing.

All green spaces in the village need protecting. Lots of areas contain protected wildlife ie Natterjack Toads.

Heritage Coast.  
Church and surrounding area.  
Park Piece.

Green areas in the centre of the Parish, to hold its wildlife. Keep any new building to the roadsides.

The Church and churchyard.

Park Piece Common, Holme. Seahenge Area. Holme Dunes (including access road which is well kept 'secret'). Bird reserves / habitats. The view back inland from the road to Holme Dunes across the marshes.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Question 5.4 Are there any particular places, buildings or views in the Parish which you believe are important to protect?**

The church, the coastline, the nature reserve, the old carstone / chalk cottages, the open pastures.

The listed buildings and those of special interest. The whole of Park Piece. The grazing land behind the houses in the centre of the village.

The Church. Park Piece. The Pub. Listed buildings and buildings of significant interest.

All open spaces within the village. Village Hall. The traditional cottages / houses.

The whole of Park Piece.  
The Sea Shore and adjacent Nature Reserves.  
The Marsh Reserve.

The whole of Park Piece. The sea-shore and adjacent Nature Reserves. The Marsh Reserve.

Buildings - Church, White Horse Pub, Grade II Listed Homes, older traditional type homes.  
Places / Views - Marshland leading to the sea, actual coastline / dunes, some open spaces, farmland, hedgerows, coastal paths.

Older properties.

All views across Redwell and Holme marsh.  
All north facing views.  
Views of meadows across to right of church from Main Road.

The Green, open common spaces, Nature reserves, the Village Hall, pub.

Church and churchyard, and the quaint older cottages which represent the area.

Church / Pub.

Area around cross roads on 'Main Way' (A6 it was once called).

The view of Park Piece - Queen Elizabeth field.  
The Bird Sanctuary field at end of Busseys Lane.  
The Church and churchyard.

Park Piece. Views of church from Kirkgate. Church buildings and surrounds.

It's important that the village retains its individual character.

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All wildlife zones and Conservation Area aspects.  
View of church across the fields.  
Protection of listed buildings and their expansion in number to reflect the historical context of the village street scenes.

Hope Cottage, Busseys Lane.  
The Old Smithy, Eastgate.

No more street lighting - maintain our dark skies.

Aslack Way.  
Original village housing.

NWT and NOA areas very important to protect.  
Pub must be protected and is centre of community.

Views out over the marsh.  
Views out over the dunes.  
Views out over towards the scarp and the windmill.  
Essential to protect the historic fields within the village.

It would be nice to look across Holme Marsh towards the village without the current light pollution. All the coast views, marsh and towards the scarp are important.

No.

N/A

Park Piece. The view from HBO and NWT across the marshes towards the village. Redwell Marsh and footpaths.

Park Piece and green spaces in the centre of the village.

Church.  
Jubilee Field.  
Village Hall.  
Village Green.

Church and Village Hall. Village Green and Jubilee Field.

The current green spaces are under threat and are important to the community both for amenity and wildlife.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Question 5.4 Are there any particular places, buildings or views in the Parish which you believe are important to protect?**

The village is beautiful but I would like to see what I see now without 2 storey buildings replacing single storey ones!

It is important to maintain the protected status of all areas currently protected by Planning Law, Statute or other formal designations. In particular the view from the Coastal path to the Church over the freshwater marsh.

Selfishly - Broadwater Road is being developed on land that is not really suitable.

Any green belt or agricultural pastures.

Church. Serving the use of the field owned by the village eg tennis court, bowling green, children's play area.

View over marshes. Old carstone / flint buildings. Old walls. Church. Village Hall. Galetting in walls.

View from the top of Chalkpit Lane. Village Hall. Park Piece

The Church. The Village Hall and view from Green Bank / top of Chalkpit Lane.

Not really but I can't see that cheap flats / affordable housing / social housing, even if it can be done, will do anything but detract from places and views.

Park Piece.  
Church and Village Hall.  
Pub.  
Redwell marsh.  
Holme Dunes.

Church, Pub and all local amenities as well as anything that protects the heritage of the area.

Agricultural field behind Vine Cottage. Park Piece. Keep all the agricultural land for agriculture not buildings.

Field behind Vine Cottage, Park Piece.  
All agricultural land for agriculture / grazing.

The old Roman fields south of Seagate House and the meadow which runs parallel to 4 Aslack Way where barn owls hunt regularly and migrant thrushes pause to feed on hawthorn berries every autumn.

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Any building which maintains the heritage / character of the village.

Church.

Church and related.  
Listed buildings.

Every part of current Conservation Area is protected. Local sanctuaries.

I believe it should be possible to control development to protect the slightly secretive view of the village by approaching traffic. See KLWN Council conservation plan on line.

Church and Church Hall.

Church.

Park Piece, small 'green' areas already in place within the village, the Church.

Church, Village Hall, Park Piece, green spaces privately owned within Main Road / Kirkgate / Peddars Way / Eastgate. Land behind south side of Main Road - currently agricultural.

Some other older properties that are not listed buildings over 100 years old.

Those properties with large gardens to avoid development.

Any properties built in traditional style or over 100 years old.  
Views facing the sea ie open fields.

Park Piece, view of Holme from top of Chalkpit Lane, current Kirkgate, Peddars Way and Beach Road. Footpaths to north of golf course, Village Church and Hall, current houses along above roads.

The Conservation Area.

All the pasture land within the parish.

Dunes and Church.

### 3 Community services and facilities

***Q5.5 Are there any particular community services or facilities you would like to see provided or improved in the Parish?***



Almost two-thirds of respondents answered this question. Replies were dominated by a handful of commonly recurring themes as shown in the word cloud, but the question also prompted some interesting suggestions.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Q 5.5 Are there any particular community services or facilities you would like to see provided or improved in the Parish?**

Exercise machines on Park Piece.

I really don't think you can improve, or provide anything, it is what it is, perfect.

Parking for Village Hall made better.

A small village shop.  
Lanes swept regularly.

Broadband fibre to the cabinet. HNTS is languishing behind nearby villages. Roads swept regularly! A village shop.

Permissive or similar off-road footpaths to Thornham, Old Hunstanton and Ringstead (suitably surfaced for all year, all weather use).

Community / Visitor centre with shop and education facilities.

A heritage centre combined with community and visitor facilities focused on natural environment.  
A footpath / cycleway Holme to Thornham along A149.

A village shop providing everyday needs.

A village shop providing every day items ie newspapers, bread, milk etc would be very welcome.

Small shop / post office again.

Please can we have a shop / post office, and a bigger car park for the Church / Village Hall.

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More flood defences.

Village shop?

Park Piece has not been used constructively. It's neither attractive or useful to the community. A children's play area away from the local pub. It could be part of the heart of the village. Tennis.

A path - Holme to Thornham and Holme to Old Hunstanton.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Q 5.5 Are there any particular community services or facilities you would like to see provided or improved in the Parish?**

Children's Playground. Exercise equipment on Park Piece.

Child's play area (swings etc.) Adult exercise. Tennis Court.

A small shop selling local goods.

Tennis Court.  
Exercise / Child equipment on Park Piece.

A village shop.

Play area.

Playground and tennis.

Small shop - perhaps along the lines of Brancaster's Village Hall shop. Summer courses eg painting classes in the village hall. ?Community archaeology group. Improved broadband speed.

Superfast broadband - necessary for the encouragement of small businesses.

Would love a footpath to a shop for convenience goods instead of having to jump into the car every time I need a paper or loaf of bread etc.

A footpath to Thornham which will be push chair friendly or a path to Old Hunstanton for that matter.

A small local shop would be nice - selling basic essentials and newspapers etc.

Safeguarding of the Coasthopper bus.

A small park for children in the centre of the village - could Park Piece land be used and in general this land be used for more community activities - utilities or access needed for this piece of land so it can be used more.

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Retain existing.

More shops.

## **QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES**

### **Q 5.5 Are there any particular community services or facilities you would like to see provided or improved in the Parish?**

More local committees needed.

Local activities held in the parish hall.

Children's play equipment. Tennis Court. Outdoor table tennis. Adult exercise equipment.

Play / exercise equipment.

Activities on Park Piece - Playground, tennis, table tennis, exercise.

The area is very dangerous for walkers and cyclists. This road should have a viable path on at least one side between Old Hunstanton and Thornham, or at least clear information on an alternative footpath option.

Community services and facilities are adequate.

The services are currently adequate.

An excellent community as it is. Friendly and sufficient.

Mobile phone coverage.

Footpath to Hunstanton and Thornham, walking in either direction is dangerous.

Small local shops - similar to Heacham - for example - a Tesco Express to provide for housing expansion etc.

Small shop would enhance facilities for residents.

We still miss the village shop / post office. Children's play area.

A village shop or community shop within the pub. Small children's play area.

I'm very happy with the services provided!

At the moment there are none as the village is near perfect.

Evening and late night bus service to transport workers to pubs and restaurants home, as well as customers who do not wish or cannot drive.

Choice of affordable taxi services.

Easier access to Hunstanton Golf Course / Club facilities for new members / visitors.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Q 5.5 Are there any particular community services or facilities you would like to see provided or improved in the Parish?**

?Community shop. Parking to reduce congestion on Kirkgate especially at time of events.

Love to have a village shop.

Not particularly.

Year round village / community shop.

Would be lovely to have a shop.

No.

No.

More use of Village Hall for club / sport activities (resurrection of Cricket Club would be nice but unlikely to happen!). Provision of allotments and a community garden.

A village shop would be useful.

Holme is an active parish, lots of people being part of the community already. More of the same.

Village shop.

Village shop.

We haven't lived here for long enough to comment. Community events based around Parish Council, pub, church seem key.

Broadband by fibre.  
Reliable mobile telephone signal with full cover.

Local shop.  
Newsagency.

Trods or footpaths extended east (although probably impossible due to lack of verge).

Village shop.

None.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Q 5.5 Are there any particular community services or facilities you would like to see provided or improved in the Parish?**

Small community shop.

A tennis court and cricket net would be a sociable addition.

Very happy as it is.

No.

Drainage in the area of the crossroad where the road goes up to Ringstead and across A149 and down Peddars Way - regular surface flooding in times of heavy rain.

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A small shop ie general store.

A village shop.

A small village shop providing basic needs. It would make it less necessary to have to drive out of the village for bread, stamps, etc.

Footpaths between Holme-next-the-Sea and Thornham.

Footpath between Holme and Old Hunstanton and Holme and Thornham.

Access for disabled to the White Horse Pub.  
Shop.

Return of the small village shop.

Return of a village shop would be useful.

The White Horse Pub's upkeep as a gathering together of the community is very important.  
Importance of maintaining local bus service.  
Monitoring / Control of on road parking by holiday let properties.  
Maintain / Increase facilities of Village Hall.  
Improve toilet facilities by Beach / Golf Course.  
Develop facilities on Park Piece ie Child Play Area, Sports Area.

It would be good to get a shop in the village.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Q 5.5 Are there any particular community services or facilities you would like to see provided or improved in the Parish?**

Maintenance of verges and village roadsides - heavily damaged by building work and the ever busy public house. Both these should contribute maintenance costs.

Library. Support for elderly residents.

Access to travelling services for older people who are unable to drive.

Small convenience shop selling bread milk papers etc.

A 'paper-chain' (or) accessibility of newspapers (or) deliveries.

Maybe a smallish village shop - good place to meet neighbours.

How nice for the village to have the use of Park Piece but I feel it is spoilt by the very untidy bank of earth from the pond covered in large thistles, weeds and stinging nettles!

No.

Possibly a small shop, similar to Ringstead / Old Hunstanton.

Much improved broadband.

Broadband is vital, we as a parish have been left behind almost the entire area, even Titchwell!

Retain existing services - need to improve patronage.

No.

Entrance to Park Piece off Peddars Way is hidden -drivers should know there is a concealed entrance. Can be dangerous. Speeding on Peddars Way is a serious hazard.

Broadband and mobile phone signal needs improving.

Better broadband, a local shop?

GP (Doctors) Surgery.

A village store would be very useful.

Yes. A footpath from Holme to Old Hunstanton

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Q 5.5 Are there any particular community services or facilities you would like to see provided or improved in the Parish?**

A footpath to Old Hunstanton.

Modern Village Hall.

Coasthopper bus continued.

No shop but how about a daily newspaper order / sale point - pub? village hall?

Newspaper sale point. Small village shop.

Village shop / newsagent?

Although I only use the bus service occasionally I would like to see the service continued.

Would like to see bus service maintained as it is important to the welfare of the village.

Holme is a very community aware village, especially if one attends church! But those of the Richard Dawkins persuasion are unavoidably left out of the equation.

Community wifi as mobile coverage is so bad.

Bike path to Hunstanton!

Not likely but it would be nice to see the return of a village shop, NOT an upmarket deli aimed at 2nd home owners / holiday trade.

A shop in the village.

Village shop / centre focusing on local wildlife complimenting the Holme Dunes Reserve Centre. Waste bins strategically placed to eliminate some of the rubbish strewn around the village - always happy to pick up and dispose if other can't.

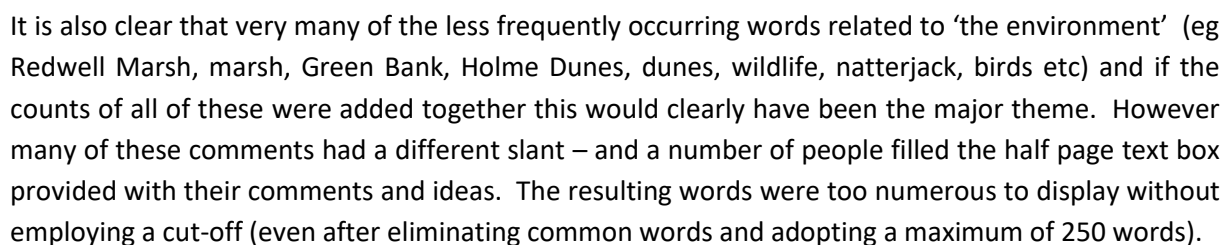
It would be good to have a village shop.

Shop.

Recognition of Seahenge found on beach ie board / map / information.  
Small village shop, community owned, with post office facilities.  
Continued and improved service of Coasthopper.

Street lighting at night should be turned off to reduce light pollution.

***Q7 Any other comments you wish to make about Holme-next-the-Sea including any suggestions for the Neighbourhood Plan?***



## QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES

### Question 7 Any other comments you wish to make about Holme-next-the-Sea including any suggestions for the Neighbourhood Plan.

I can only say I don't want to change one blade of grass in this beautiful village, but change must happen, but when it does it must be respectful of the magic of this little village. I feel every green space must be kept, and property must be in keeping with the quaintness of Holme-next-the-Sea, it is so unique and must be protected. I also would not like to see Parks Piece built on, again its magic is there just as it is. I can add nothing else to this warm and welcoming little village.

At the present time I cannot see for any further improvement needed.

Definitely no more 3 storey homes. No more garages that are obviously small cottages! No more infill or backland development. Where planning permission is approved checks should be made that the developer abides by the plans!

I hope the Neighbourhood Plan may:

- strengthen and perhaps extend the Conservation Area coverage in the village.
- strengthen controls on building materials and appearance of new buildings.
- establish a clear boundary / envelope for the village (to prevent 'creeping' development).

#### Concerns

1. Exploitation of environment and heritage by developers driven by profit with no regard for the environment / community and viability of the village in the future.
2. Traffic growth and road safety - especially on A149 and IN protected areas.
3. Too many mobile and second homes - not enough homes for young people.
4. Lack of support for conservation / protected sites / biodiversity in local planning policy.
5. Inappropriate development - especially demolition of 'affordable houses' and replacement with larger, expensive houses.

#### Opportunities

1. Address issue of houses for younger families / inappropriate development.
2. Strengthen conservation of natural and historic environment.
3. Better exploit environment as a major source of income and employment through ecosystem services.
4. Use Plan as a vehicle for raising money to strengthen the village community.

I realise there is a need to build a quota of new homes in the future. I believe this should be kept to a bare minimum as required. Any building should be by ribbon development around green spaces on existing roads in the village and all infilling be resisted. I also believe a rule to sell new homes only to permanent occupiers should be set with no selling on for a minimum of 7-10 years?

Keeping to traditional building materials keeps the historic integrity of the village.

Very important to do all possible to prevent sea flooding of the village. At present this is quite likely to occur!

Retaining this as an area of natural beauty, focus to support wildlife /birdlife and clean and unspoilt beaches.

## **QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES**

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- Concerned about increasing scale / nature of development at Drove.
- Concerned about traffic and road safety on a149.
- Poor enforcement of planning conditions.
- Concerned about traffic on Broadwater Road / impact on Holme Dunes / nature reserves.
- Overlooking / loss of privacy by new development is an issue to be addressed and over development of plots.
- Would like to see some small-scale, self build opportunities aimed particularly at young families.
- Need to control scale of replacement dwellings and associated green space.
- Encourage more tree planting especially to replace losses / maintain environment.
- Need to urgently address community imbalance by addressing growth / restricting second homes and mobiles - policy priorities.

Holme-next-the-Sea, being a small village / hamlet, is occupied permanently, in the main, by retired people, who re-locate here to live by the sea. Being a holiday area it also has a large percentage of second homes, many of which are available to let. Unfortunately these homes, from the least expensive to buy upwards, are only inhabited for a short time of the year. With these homes standing empty for varying lengths of time, the need for any more is highly questionable.

Traditionally, if there is a need for new development, then surely ribbon development is the way forward. There are plenty of spaces around Holme-next-the-Sea where this could happen, with 'affordable housing', should it be required, on the fringes. Infilling is always a last resort and is not needed in Holme-next-the-Sea at this time. All new build homes should have covenants stating owners need to occupy them permanently.

As much work as possible to prevent further flooding to the area, dredging of the small stream / river behind caravan park down towards Beach House, where the majority of the water came from that went into the houses.

Infrastructure of the village cannot take much more development. There isn't enough room for cars to pass. There are no pavements for safe walking. Some of the new housing on Kirkgate is out of character with the main village ie too big and tall. Other properties are in danger of losing their light. They are becoming overpowering. Their garages are bigger than some of the cottages.

Houses that are being renovated or altered and rebuilt should have a time limit for completion ie one house in the village is still a building site after 3 years.

Firstly I would question our existing Parish Councillors suitability in being able to support, guide and predict what this village needs for the next 20 years.

Tourism has allowed diversification and a large number of services and businesses employing many people support our holiday home market. Our crime rate is low, rarely antisocial behaviour and vandalism is reported.

Oh - so we may have a few empty homes in the winter but we have a lovely county that has benefited from tourism.

Protect nature reserves and adjacent fields.

Protect nature / bird reserves. Stop development encroaching closer to them.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Question 7 Any other comments you wish to make about Holme-next-the-Sea including any suggestions for the Neighbourhood Plan.**

Strictly adhere to current medieval road layout. No new roads!!!

We are dismayed at the large expensive top end of market houses being built. More terraced village type accommodation should be built. No building should be allowed in the Conservation Areas. More affordable housing in keeping with village style. A small shop selling local goods and crafts would be nice.

There has been planning permission granted recently for houses that are not in keeping with the surrounding properties. Notably the recent monstrosity constructed on the old campsite and the property directly opposite. No doubt further outsize properties are to be constructed on the other camping ground recently sold. How these huge properties obtained planning permission defies belief.

Do not let development encroach into the open spaces within the village or on the outskirts.

Preserve all the open spaces. Protect the wildlife environment. This is why people love Home-next-the-Sea.

We have only recently bought a second home here but we and our children and our parents (3 generations) have been visiting for over 40 years. We hope a fourth generation will be coming too. Holme is unique in its combination of wildlife habitat, traditional housing, wonderful beach and tranquillity. Brancaster has been spoilt by infilling of too many houses. We feel strongly that while Holme should and must remain a living village with a broad demography working and living here it needs to respect its unique qualities and preserve them for the people of the future. Small scale industry and crafts and housing good, overly large scale of any kind bad.

Holme is a very pretty village, there are many of these in the UK, some of them even prettier. But how many of those have SSSI, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty within their Parish Boundaries? Brancaster is one, and has been blighted by too much development over the last 30 years. The same must not happen to Holme, which currently provides a wonderful backdrop to one of the UK's first natural environments.

These are surely the most compelling arguments for sensitive, appropriate and limited development, however hard the pressures are.

The large green fields in the middle of the village seem like obvious development areas.

Replacing mobile homes with good sensible permanent buildings that are in keeping of village style. Not enlarging this beautiful unique, untouched village with its internal meadows and fields. Keeping building to a minimum with no great disruption to village life. Using the fields for grazing lambs and cows - as ever!

Identification of one or two large sites suitable for developing housing and / or small sites in the existing built-up front part of the village rather than have this directed by developers ie areas that do not impact too greatly on existing residents.

Thought as to developing existing mobile house / holiday sites to residential.

Development should only be in areas that are not in areas of natural beauty or conservation areas. The peace and tranquillity must be preserved and development should be sympathetic to the character and charm of the village.

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Inappropriate development should be avoided eg the proposals at the end of Kirkgate and any mass development at the back of the main road towards Ringstead Road.

Traffic driving down Beach Road and especially near the bridge is often very fast and has no consideration for oncoming traffic - perhaps traffic calming facilities could encourage cars travelling to the beach to slow down. Also at the top of beach Road the grass /hedgerows become overgrown and restrict vision especially when turning right which is dangerous.

Regular cutting back of grass / hedgerows is required.

Some seats along the coastal path would be of benefit to walkers.

In the summer months the area around the toilets and lay by near beach become untidy as more litter is apparent and extra street cleaning required.

Coasthopper bus needs to be retained.

No small or large housing estates.

Growth is needed to sustain the village for the good of future generations. Let's be positive for their sakes.

Promote growth.

The Neighbourhood Plan is required to control building activities and to keep Holme peaceful and quiet. I would be quite willing to attend meetings etc.

I am most concerned that Holme-next-the-Sea will end up like some larger villages in the local area, ie. randomly built houses / park homes and it will lose the lovely green spaces that are such a wonderful feature of the village.

It appears that the village is now being targeted by developers who have no scruples regarding spoiling this lovely little village and it is frightening to think that our Borough Council, whom I have little faith in, may one day bow to the pressures of these "big wigs" and allow an unsuitable development, which in turn will open the way big time for yet more building of, mainly, huge one million pound plus houses targeted at the second home buyer's market. These houses are of no benefit whatsoever to our village and many lie empty for most of the year.

I am also concerned at the recent trend of reasonably sized houses / bungalows (in liveable condition) which are sold, then "extended" into huge dwellings (complete with triple garages and further accommodation over). I wonder if the Neighbourhood Plan could put a proviso in limiting the size of these "extensions".

Holme-next-the-Sea is a haven for wildlife and it would be shameful for this to change. Only yesterday we spotted a stoat stalking a rabbit in the field behind our house and also saw a barn owl hunting. These special sightings could be lost for ever if the developers have their way.

Our village is renowned for the wildlife reserves and wide open spaces of coastline - these are the main reasons tourists visit here. We do not need more holiday accommodation in Holme on our green spaces - this will spoil the very reason that the holidaymakers come here for! We already have three caravan sites (with a total around 100 mobile homes places on them) and many cottages, houses and bungalows which are let for holidays or are used occasionally by the owners.

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### Question 7 Any other comments you wish to make about Holme-next-the-Sea including any suggestions for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Holme-next-the-Sea is still based on its medieval grid iron road layout. This should be preserved and strictly adhered to.

No more 'investment' properties that are never lived in and hardly ever used. Houses should be 'HOMES' that people live in.

No more £1 million + houses that stand empty and are never lived in.

Majority of houses in the village appear to be only used in the holiday season; so it seems pointless to build more houses, which will inevitably follow suit.

With far too much pressure now on the village, priority should be given to local businesses and full time occupancy housing on sites which already exist. It is already virtually impossible to balance the various interests which exist in the AONB, and it is not easy to avoid sounding unwelcoming or simply resistant to change. Much judgement needs to be exercised in how we can really help to support our local community. It has been a shame to see open opposition to local employers such as Drove Orchards which is already established and creating jobs. We need to distinguish between development of this kind, and those which benefit no-one but outside developers. Property investors and those with no concept of what makes this area special - its rural and natural beauty. Building on greenfield sites which have historically been in agriculture should be completely prohibited, and buildings which can be converted for residential use should be done with less blatant greed, otherwise we risk losing the character that makes Holme so attractive in the first place. There is still not enough protection for wildlife.

Constant building developments and holiday traffic increases are making the village very busy and dangerous at times. I'm not sure what the answer is but if it gets much worse then there could be a serious accident.

Very important to protect the present beautiful countryside, beach areas and lovely village atmosphere we all enjoy.

Any future development or thoughts on additional mobile homes must take into consideration existing services ie sewers and roads.

I love the village as it stands, but have big concerns about second homes standing empty for long periods of time.

Also for large greedy companies trying to invade an area of natural beauty, only for financial gain, with no thought for nature, with great environmental values for the future.

Once this is gone, it will never be replaced!!!!

Too many big over priced houses are being built. Young families cannot afford them. Even our son who wanted to live near us for help with his young family has had to move away due to no houses available.

I like the village as it is.

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Better provision for car parking for visitors near the beach, and better access to the beach from that car park, for example, green space car parking similar to Hunstanton.

A roundabout on the main road would slow down the speed of the traffic and provide the means to create a dedicated shopping space?

Recent developments have been, generally, far too large and out of character. Any new build / extensions should use carstone or chalk and clay pantiles to be sympathetic to traditional villages. Demolition of tatty 1950's - 70's properties to make way for more in keeping development is acceptable, as is cladding (timber) of otherwise unattractive 1980's / 90's buildings. Old cottages should not be spoilt by inappropriate extensions or solar panels etc.

All new developments should be made to use local materials, ie chalk, carstone and flint and should be an insistence on red pantiles roofing. This would keep the traditional look and feel of a North Norfolk village - as Holme-next-the-Sea is! The onset of large property development is most inappropriate and slowly, bit by bit, changing the character of the village. Holme attracts new residents and tourists due to its unspoilt character, wildlife and natural beauty, not to make a fast buck on development.

Able to maintain existing verges and open space - often destroyed during building work.

Why try and fix it if it's not broken.

We own a house in Holme as our family's 2nd home, occasionally some of us (younger generation - so far) stay in the village to work in local business over holiday periods. Facilities for all generations are of interest to us, ie public transport, local doctors, access to supermarket, banks.

We would like to see an all hours doctors surgery / walk in facility in Hunstanton equipped to deal with medical emergencies, as an alternative to driving to King's Lynn or calling an ambulance.

We would like to be assured of continuing provision for emergency services such as Police and Fire Services to be based in Hunstanton.

More affordable housing in the Parish for young people who have grown up in the area and wish to stay here, and work here near their families is important as well as maintaining a welcoming place for people wishing to spend their holidays or weekends here.

Pleased the Parish Council are leading the development of the Plan.

Important that village / hamlet status is maintained and traditional ancient pattern layout is maintained. Try and encourage permanent people to maintain village community and protect surrounding beautiful landscape and wildlife.

Smaller houses rather than large houses that just make developers money with no thought of what it does to village.

Look carefully at traffic and pedestrian movement around the village and travelling fast down main road. As place get busier risk of serious accidents occurring.

If a need for housing is identified it should be on the main road to the east of the village. A footpath / cycleway to Hunstanton would be welcome.

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Holme-next-the-Sea is a very special place with beautiful homes, trees, nature reserve, sea and people! It is difficult to describe its atmosphere, but it is exceptional and needs protecting!! Once spoilt by thoughtless materialism and design, it will never be recovered! Please take care of this lovely environment!

Protection of open areas within envelope of village.

Concerns:

1. Existing properties being re-developed to ultra-modern / futuristic designs, spoiling the character of the village.
2. Care should be taken to preserve the unique identity of the village and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Holme is a traditional village within an AONB. Modern / eco homes / extensions if allowed at all, should be restricted to sites which are isolated from existing traditional / historic buildings and not integrated with them.

None.

No.

The Plan is overdue and may be ten years too late. We have owned our house on Main Road since it was built in 1972. Despite being second home owners (although it was our only home for the first eight years) we have visited at least fortnightly and stayed for longer periods throughout our ownership and hopefully contributed to as well as participating in village life and events. We now spend towards 50% of our time here.

We have seen many changes in Holme over the years. Until the last ten years the village seemed to evolve gradually as might be expected with gradual increase in holiday lets and loss of facilities - school, shop(s), post office. Over the past ten years massive change has occurred, accelerating over the past five and reaching fever pitch currently. The trend to buy appropriate village homes, then demolish them to be replaced with £1,000,000.+ monstrosities is in my view ruining the village. The developers seem to have greed as their only motivation and often being London based have no concern for the village environment - they may well have never visited in person.

Don't want to see any more large houses in the villages. They are spoiling (or spoilt) our lovely village. Would like to see more people living in the village as there are too many holiday homes, some of which are hardly used. Would like to see the footpath down Eastgate leading to the Drove opened up once again. It would be a lovely walk and safe especially for the people that don't remember it.

We are very new to Holme, but believe its great attraction to holiday makers is its quiet 'oasis' like quality, proximity to the sea, walking and wildlife. It is possible that the village can capitalize further on this, but must be careful regarding car parking and destruction of unique village landscape. It would be nice to see shop / local craftsmen working in the village to bring both jobs and visitors.

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I retired to Holme-next-the-Sea over 20 years ago and I consider it one of the best decisions I ever made.

It is ideal for retirement and for leisure time for visitors. This is because it is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the village must always try to live up to this standard. There will always be a need for quiet and beautiful places for people to retire to - and for people still working to find peaceful leisure.

If such places over develop they will be lost for ever.

- Fields at rear of existing housing should be retained to ensure wildlife habitat is protected.
- When existing housing sites are redeveloped two or three properties could be encouraged.
- The council have been doing a wonderful job this far, I feel the village is in good hands.

It would be a huge benefit to the village if we were able to at least control the type of development happening at the moment ie large expensive properties being speculatively built. These properties are often rarely lived in which would eventually mean we end up with a "ghost" village. I would also hope that these large properties don't count in the quota for new housing which the council have to meet. Also agricultural land should stay as agricultural unless there is a very good reason to change ie social.

It would be nice if more people actually lived in the village, not just owned holiday homes that are not used very often.

Living in a nice peaceful village it would be nice to think it could remain the same. Whilst I appreciate there has to be some new homes, they should be strictly controlled. We should try to keep things as they are as long as possible.

- Quick growing conifers are inappropriate.
- The car is less important than the village character.
- New development should be small-scale, and assume mixed dwelling sites for all types of occupant and tenure.
- Very large dwellings have no identified local need and are not appropriate.
- The number of holiday homes in the village (the scale of which needs determining) feels as though a maximum has been reached.
- Broadwater Road, which includes development on predominantly the north side, has evolved over the years with many dwelling types. This is one area that could accommodate current house designs and varying storey heights - providing that development is restricted to the north side.
- The planners have maintained control of style and building features generally but signage and street furniture needs to be included.

Infill of the village would provide a village nucleus. Currently, the village seems very spread out.

It's important to contain any development - we don't want to join up with Thornham, for example.

The open countryside all around Holme should be maintained, in all directions. Development to the south of the village should be discouraged, to avoid a 'split' village.

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20 years is quite a long term to view and I believe it's necessary to try to build in a degree of flexibility to accommodate changing needs.

Planning gone mad!! Who is their right mind would have allowed the high house to be built on the main road next to old terraced homes - not in keeping. Please stop any more!!! Should have been a group of mixed dwellings around a cul-de-sac. Any new building work for new homes - what about off to the side of Chalkpit Lane which already has access onto the main road.

Holme is very pleasant as it is, a large expansion would destroy its character for everyone. Larger communities such as Hunstanton is the place for expansion.

A peaceful idyllic village with wide open space and lovely views across the salt marshes to the sea. Village folk kind and friendly.

Too many holiday homes and second homes.

Proper walk way through cow field to beach (ie protected).

On the basis that building in Holme cannot help solve the nation's housing crisis because there are so few local jobs, I'd say there is no 'need' for new building; any built will just feed holiday homes and retirement properties.  
Perhaps efforts would be best placed in managing the scale of new houses - they are fast becoming out of kilter with existing properties.

Am very happy to maintain status quo but very unhappy at the large size of some of new builds /proposed new builds. Very inappropriate to environment and out of keeping with existing. Understand development will always happen and can't hold back the tide but must be very carefully controlled to fit in with existing ie small 'Norfolk' build properties. Existing open green spaces must be preserved for future generations.

Do not change - to spoil the ambience of this peaceful village.

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If there needs to be new houses best place would be on unused sports pitch off Chalkpit Lane. Need footpath to Thornham so at least can walk to Drove Orchard.

## ***QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES***

### **Question 7 Any other comments you wish to make about Holme-next-the-Sea including any suggestions for the Neighbourhood Plan.**

To put a stop to oversize building and any new build to keep in with the character of the village.

We were attracted to the village for what it currently is. However, we would not be against some modest further development.

The two key features of the village are the Church and White Horse pub and these should be preserved. The Church is a wonderful feature. The Church / graveyard should be taken care of and enhanced. Some of the trees need cutting back / shaping. With a little ongoing investment the Church and surrounding could look even more spectacular.

We do not want any more caravans / mobile homes in the village. There are more than sufficient.

Overall - a wonderful North Norfolk village that needs to move with the times, but preserve many of its existing features / look / feel.

Given poor access to employment opportunities and services such as schools and shops I feel it is inevitable that Holme, like other coastal villages, will continue to be dominated by wealthy retirees and tourists. The former are particularly welcome as they contribute to the community and justify things like a regular bus service and doctors surgeries. The latter are good too if they are using accommodation and facilities specifically aimed at tourism - hotels / rented cottages / B & Bs / caravan parks, etc.

What I personally deplore is the growth in second homes which are only used for a few weeks of the year and stand empty for the rest of the time. In Holme at any rate these are often 5/6 bedroomed properties with a price tag way beyond the reach (or needs) of ordinary people and retirees who understandably would like to live here but have to settle for Hunstanton / Heacham where there are more modest properties. I would like to see a ban on any further such development in the hope of attracting more permanent residents.

Holme needs to keep the village feel not an extension of Hunstanton. It sits in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has many areas where protected species inhabit - fields in and around the village.

There is enough development elsewhere eg Brancaster - leave Holme alone! Local wildlife / habitats very special and must be protected. Keep traffic to a minimum. Keep as a hamlet eg Thornham is being ruined by the busy deli and Drove Orchards. Hunstanton is close enough to provide services needed.

We must protect Holme from property developers whose only motive for building is profit at the expense of the natural beauty of Holme.

One of the few facilities in our village is the White Horse pub. I feel the pub should be encouraged to provide one door with flat access to enable those confined to wheelchairs to enjoy the freedom of being able to enter and leave freely and safely. (A good example of this is our Village Hall which built a ramp some years ago allowing wheelchair users to vote, attend meetings, wedding receptions and other social gatherings thus enriching the lives of those who have such difficulties.)

It would be good if we could provide housing for youngsters and young families as the village is getting an aging population.

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I do not want any building on Park Piece. We do not need any more large houses.

Not to spoil the ambience of the village, which has happened to other villages along the coast.

No, it's a lovely village that is unspoilt.

When the Park Piece land was offered for sale the village residents were invited to contribute towards the purchase price in order that the Parish Council could purchase the land and prevent its use as building land. The intimation was that this Site of Scientific Interest would be retained as such and used for community projects ie the Summer Fete, Children's Playground etc. It would appear that currently nothing further has been done to bring this about. I have also noted that part of the land has been designated in the Neighbourhood Plan (along Peddars Way) for building purposes. This seems to imply a total turnaround of Council policy. As I was one of the residents who contributed towards the purchase I feel somewhat let down.

I've always understood the Park Piece to be SSSI protected and therefore the building of houses on the land was not permitted. When the Parish Council purchased the land, residents were invited to make contributions to assist with the purchase. We happily made a significant contribution and were informed the Park would be used solely for community use such as village fetes and the like.

Your website now shows an area on the Park which I assume will be used for development in the future. If this is so, I consider it a violation of your original policy. Extremely disappointed and disillusioned.

Holme-next-the-Sea is a beautiful village in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - hopefully it will remain so.

I have been associated with Holme-next-the-Sea all my life, and been a second home owner for over twenty years and therefore have seen many changes. My main concern is the lack of affordable housing to buy / rent for younger people who are employed locally and are the next generation to take the village forward. The re-development of small houses into huge houses for the richer retired or holiday homes is a great worry. There should be space allocated for the building of smaller traditionally built homes that should be designated for local youngsters. It will be difficult to get a balanced viewpoint as second home owners who visit infrequently will not want their properties de-valued by this sort of small development for local people.

Holme is currently suffering from a scourge of inappropriate development. All new builds are far too large and we are losing all the affordable bungalows. This creates a housing market where there are very few mid size affordable houses available. Housing will always be expensive in Holme, so it will only ever be affordable to some but given this, we should work together to create a more appropriate mix. I do not believe truly affordable housing will every feature (nor should it) in Holme - that's just not what Holme is.

Thanks for the opportunity to take part in this survey.

I do believe (sadly) that we need to keep things (slowly) improving and evolving. However, we do need to clamp down on speculators and all manner of projects - and curb further hideous porches all competing.

## QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES

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Limitation on redevelopment of small bungalows (suitable for the elderly) into huge mansions. Economics dictates developers need to build large properties to realise investment in the land purchase, but there are very few bungalows left in the village suitable for either the elderly or those who are seeking a modest-sized dwelling.

Suggest the inclusion of site or site options for a self build project up to six medium sized detached houses - 1,200 to 1,700 sq. ft. in size. Applicants to receive land price discount (this to be valued 70% of market value paid to parish). Repayment penalty if sold before seven years. Applicants engaged in building and allied trades as to conform to 'local connection' criteria to be agreed. Same size to accommodate 6-8 affordable homes 2/3 bedroom for social rent and or shared ownership aim for locally (only) connected applicants. Size to be accommodated outside of village centre near main road (or cricket ground formerly) for transport and road safety reasons. Possibly under Rural Exemption Policy.

Holme is rapidly becoming a holiday village for wealthy second home owners and is losing its identity as a village community. This trend needs to be reversed by making it possible for young families to establish themselves in the village as the foundation for a future community containing a balance of ages and occupations. Affordable housing is the key. Land owned by the P.C. could be made available - there are Housing Charities which would partner the P.C. in achieving this. The commonly heard argument that village house prices would fall is irrelevant when young people need a chance to establish a home for themselves and their families.

If high value housing continues to proliferate in Holme then the village will die as a community

\* Could we also achieve a 20 mph speed limit? 30 mph is too fast! (think of the horses!).

Houses being constructed that are not compatible with those existing there.

New houses should blend with existing properties. Not like the monstrosity built on Main Road that dominates the area. No more houses with steep pitched roofs that cause the building to be higher than necessary and know that a later application will be made for dormer windows. This helps stop properties overlooking surrounding properties.

There is an interesting architectural mix of properties along Broadwater Road, including new 'hide' type building overlooking marshes. I understand this area is outside the Conservation Area. However this 'look' could be more integrated into existing Conservation Area (Westgate / Kirkgate).

The buildings that are being constructed in the village currently are big and imposing and a little ostentatious compared to existing architecture and spoil the quaintness that the village ambiance provides.

I strongly support the dark skies initiative - outside lighting should be restricted and non-polluting.

Recommend all new buildings should provide nesting boxes for birds and bats in the roof design.

I strongly oppose limiting the size of new build to 1-2 bedrooms as this stops self employment and working from home - so working age residents.

Dogs: Appalling dog control by many - they run through breeding sites at this time of year and some owners don't pick up the poo - I am a dog owner - we need to educate and enter a good dog etiquette amongst new and existing residents and visitors.

All housing should be flexible for the needs of disabled and elderly people.

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The lack of buffer zones between developed village and the highly protected nature sites is terrible. The Plan should address this issue. Current UK law does not implement what was widely accepted to be an important part of planning. Ramsar, SAC, SPA, NNR, SSSI stop at a line, ecology does not. The river Hun, the grasslands along it, green fields in the village form a network of habitats and corridors which keep the village healthy and ecologically connected, developments adjacent to protected sites damage those sites, buffer zones allowing appropriate use but precluding development offer protection.

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Needs to facilitate development not hinder it.

The village needs to grow in order to sustain itself.

Holme-next-the-Sea should develop its growth in a way that will not spoil its gentle way of life or its very pretty village appearance.

The village as it is today has developed over many years and should continue to grow and develop in a way that doesn't compromise its present village appearance and its way of life.

Please don't allow our village to be blighted by 'out of keeping' developments! No more huge houses as second homes! Thank you.

Very disturbed by recent planning applications on green spaces. Would prefer to see building on the areas off the main road.  
Would also like to see a footpath / cycling lane into Hunstanton.

Holme needs a scheme like that of the Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society which provides local housing at a fair rent for local people - with the best will in the world, young people and families cannot afford private rental prices. I realise this may be a separate issue to the Neighbourhood Plan but it is worth looking into. There may be householders in the village that would be able to contribute funding or may even consider leaving their property to the 'Society' in order to maintain the village, occupied by villagers. So far as I am aware the Borough Council have no intention to build more properties and the existing ones are very limited or have been sold.

Feel very strongly that overdevelopment would spoil the essence of Holme.

The village needs a footpath leading to Old Hunstanton. It is so dangerous without one.

## QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES

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The village must allow some small developments for local people - the village needs to evolve and grow a little. Please do not stop all development!

The village needs natural growth and development. You cannot put a stop to all new development. Encourage starter homes for young couples.

There is hardly a square centimetre of the Parish which is not covered by a protective designation such as SSSI, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, RAMSAR site , etc. Accordingly the village should remain free of any further development of any description (built environment) other than 'Permitted Development' within its meaning in the Town and Country Planning Acts and infill for residential sites within the village with 'adopted' road frontages.

This village has a remarkable historic settlement pattern and a pretty, relatively unspoiled centre. We see no particular need for further housing which should be, and can easily be, accommodated in nearby urban centres with good facilities such as Hunstanton.

All areas of the village should be treated the same? Broadwater Road is still part of the village yet new properties are out of character with rest of village but still allowed?

I am also concerned that the Borough Council does not appear to listen to or take action from anything from the Parish Council or local residents.

I am concerned that second home owners are abusing / ignoring some of the conditions of their tenancy, particularly use of property outside the permitted dates. Despite continued complaints / queries to the Borough Council they have not replied or made any attempt to solve the issue.

The village needs a footpath along the main road towards Hunstanton for cyclists and pedestrians and people in mobility scooters to access the main shops in Hunstanton. The coast road is dangerous.

Speeding vehicles through the village main street should be addressed.  
Unit or units for hire - really up market tea room and crafts, art gallery, unit for tourist trade - maps / walks etc.

1. ? points on main road - possible 20 mph limit.
2. Footpath from Ringstead Road to Peddars /Way footpath, along main road.
3. Improvement to pond in Park Piece (planting, increasing depth etc).
4. Extend footpath from Sewage Treatment works across field to meet Coast Path.

Holme is unique because it is what it is. If we start adding facilities and small industries it will not be unique. Do we have to lose this special environment. After all is most development the greed of money making.

Sealed footpath connection to Old Hunstanton would be appreciated. Also through to Thornham.

Feel very strongly that overdevelopment would spoil the essence of Holme as a village.

## QUESTIONNAIRE TEXT RESPONSES

### Question 7 Any other comments you wish to make about Holme-next-the-Sea including any suggestions for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Drove Orchard - now reached its maximum acceptable size in my opinion. Badly needs to improve access to / exit from the site out to A149.

Footpath to one of the villages with a shop - preferably Old Hunstanton, maybe incorporate a cycle way.

If there has to be affordable housing for rental IT MUST NOT be sold cheaply to the tenant as this is why council housing is short - it's all been sold off for nothing. That way, if the tenant can afford to buy it frees up a rental property without another one being built. Also there must be a proven need from the village or someone with genuine connections to Holme to be allowed a social property here. At Heacham they could not fill up the houses at Lamsey Lane as there were not Heacham people who needed them so people not local were 'brought in'. Thus these houses were not needed by the local population.

If there is a need for affordable housing, and this should be confirmed at the start, then they should be let to people with a direct link to Holme-next-the-Sea.

Ambiguous questions.

Section 2.3

'Attractive appearance' is totally personal, and a matter of opinion similarly 'out of character'.

Section 4.1

Drove Orchard type retail development is OK. Local trades and services acceptable as long as they are unobtrusive.

I have to admit that I feel only pessimism where future development is concerned. Very few people are prepared to make sacrifices for the environment. Only when Rachael Carsins 'Silent Spring' manifests itself, will some of the general population sit up and take notice. By which time, it will be too late. I feel very fearful for our grandchildren etc. especially as most of England will be under the sea in about 50 years time (includes Holme of course). A mass migration to Scotland is a distinct possibility! Or to the west coast of Ireland? Do not mean to sound flippant, BUT ----- so many of us are in a state of denial!

Bicycle path to Hunstanton and Thornham.

Traffic reductions: A day pass for visitors that don't use public transport or bike.

Plan for global warming to cause storms that will flood up to centre of village.

Mobile telephone coverage (Wifi) before work from home possible.

It has been suggested that the cricket field accessed via Chalkpit Lane could be developed by self-builders who are willing and able to build their own homes to live in. The condition precedent would be for participants to commit to living full time in the village and the project be covenanted accordingly. This something I would support and contribute expertise to pro-bono.

It would be good if the village used its land to promote rental properties within the village. We could decide on who would rent these properties and could encourage young families into the village.

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I would like to see village owned properties for long term rent for young people so we can keep this village young!

Avoid possible increase in number of properties becoming second homes.  
Maintain appearance of village - try to prevent building of large modern style properties.

1. No further development of 2/3 storey houses on old 70's-80's footprints - often ugly and over developed, usually 2nd home owners, multiple car users.
2. More housing development to attract younger residents / families and children.
3. Fewer holiday lets - Holme must feel like a ghost town in winter.
4. Promotion of light conservation - light pollution on White Horse Caravan Site (ie two 10 hour night lamp posts) and in the remainder of the village.
5. Preservation of Holme-next-the-Sea village.
6. Protected bird hides, NWT.

It is difficult to deny the need for development in the Parish when there have been so many approvals given for houses that I consider to be inappropriate either because of size or materials used. However in my view it is vital that the Parish should retain its village shoreline character and not become a dormitory housing estate.  
There is a continuing need for housing for local people and, more importantly, their children for whom there is employment locally.

Despite the approval given to infilling in the past, Holme still retains some of its old world charm, so it is all the more vital not to increase the number of new houses again at a time of huge pressure to extend rural communities. If houses are needed, other than for investment, surely there are other places more suitable that have shops, schools and surgeries.

Always happy to be involved and support the village planning if we can.