

Annual Parish Meeting: Neighbourhood Development Plan Team Report

- Most people in the village are now aware that the Parish is preparing its own NDP
- Our Neighbourhood Area (defined by the Parish Boundary) was designated in May 2016
- Since then the Working Party has been engaged in a wide variety of tasks, supported by a number of other residents and second homeowners - many of these tasks have proved to be far more difficult than originally envisaged. Holme may be a small parish but it is a very complex one which poses some unique challenges.
- We have organised five exhibitions / consultation events to help keep people informed of our progress including a major consultation in January this year which attracted 84 people.
- To re-cap briefly, the tasks carried out to date have included:
 - ❖ A questionnaire survey to identify the views and preferences of the community
 - ❖ Collection & analysis of information about housing, the socio-economic characteristics of the Parish, the natural environment and our archaeology and heritage assets
 - ❖ A survey of the built environment to help characterise the different parts of the Parish
 - ❖ Designing a zoning system as the basis for controlling land use and development
 - ❖ Developing a GIS that puts all of this information onto maps
 - ❖ Developing Vision and Objectives for the future development of the Parish
 - ❖ Drafting a number of substantial Evidence Base reports
 - ❖ Monitoring water quality in The Hun Catchment and Broadwater Lagoon
 - ❖ Drafting policies, covering heritage and conservation, housing (including policies on principal home ownership and replacement dwellings), employment and economy, sustainable tourism, and some innovative environmental policies tailored specifically to the needs of the Parish including natural capital and ecosystem services, pollution, water quality, tranquillity, dark skies and protected views.
 - ❖ Building a website containing consultation material and background documents
- In addition we have held many meetings with statutory and other consultees (including the BCKL&WN, the EA, the NCP, NWT, NOA and NRT and local landowners)
- All of the background material is now being drawn together:
 - ❖ Following the January Consultation which included a feedback questionnaire we have been amending policies in the light of comments. This has resulted in a number of changes, including a new policy on development related traffic impacts and car parking
 - ❖ We have also carried out an assessment of possible sites for a small housing allocation
 - ❖ We are now finalising the evidence base and drafting of the Plan document
- We will be meeting the BC's planning policy team at the end of this month to discuss their feedback on our draft policies and to try and reconcile differences between the views of their Policy and Development Control Teams
- Once the current stage of work is complete and the Draft Plan is available we will be holding another very important consultation event in order to gather the views of the Statutory Consultees as well as the Community.
- We will be carrying out a Sustainability Assessment and depending on the response from the Statutory Consultees we may be required to carry out a Habitats Regulations Assessment in

order to identify policy impacts on the protected Sites and provide any necessary mitigation measures. Following this the Plan can then go forward for Examination.

- The work on the Plan to date has been supported by a government grant and we are in the process of applying for further funding to complete the remaining stages of the work. We have also received some funding from the Norfolk Rivers Trust and have been given water quality sampling kits by the Freshwater Habitats Trust. The costs to the PC have been minimal.
- If people want further information about the Plan or have any questions in the first instance they should contact Christina Jones via the **Neighbourhood Plan website**
- <http://www.holme-next-the-sea-plan.co.uk>