

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE – August 2018

1. Work has continued throughout August on drawing together the evidence and justification documents to support the proposed NDP policies.
2. The Heritage Report is now available on the website. This is important to support both the Heritage and Conservation policies in the Plan. The report contains a good deal of original research – including some very interesting findings about the origins of the road and field pattern in the Parish and the existence of a Tithe Barn in the Marsh Lane area. A copy has been sent to the Norfolk Historic Environment Service for comment.
3. The last of the major evidence reports will be completed shortly – this covers biodiversity and the natural environment and will provide evidence to support the corresponding policies in the plan. We are awaiting publication of a major report from Natural England which will feed into our own work and will provide an update on the state of the coast and up to date visitor numbers.
4. We have also compiled an extensive glossary to help explain the planning and technical definitions and terms used in the various plan documents.
5. On 24 July, the Government published a new National Planning Policy Framework document (NPPF2). This is more detailed and extensive than the earlier version – but along with the recently published 25 Year Plan it is generally more favourable to Holme's position. Unfortunately it does require us to update all of the NPPF references in our documentation!
6. Once all of the above has been put in place we will be in a position to complete the bulk of the basic work on the Draft Plan with the exception of some tidying up of policies and maps / drawings and some policy advice that we need from the Borough Council. The major job of drawing everything together and writing up the plan can then be started.
7. The Draft Plan can then be passed via the Borough Council to the Statutory Consultees for comment.

8. During the next stage the plan will be subjected to a process of screening and assessment to ensure that it complies with all of the necessary legislation – notably the Habitats Regulations and Strategic Environmental Assessment.
9. We will be advised on the specific process that will need to be followed in the case of Holme's NDP and will be aiming to get the plan through the various stages as quickly as possible.