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19th February 2024

Dear Mr Reed,

Employment Land – Holt

Further to the meeting dated 14th February 2024, we are writing to you to clarify the amount of employment land available in Holt. At the meeting NNDC stated there was approximate 4.5 hectares of land **available** over 5 sites.

- **Site 1** This is the largest site of 1.23 hectares and owned by the Carter Group, Mark Ashwell of NNDC comprehensively spoke of the problems on this site at the meeting 25th January 2024.
- **Site 2** On this site the owner is applying for permission for a temporary car park 0.543 hectares.
- **Site 3** The site owner is in negotiations with a class C1 employment use.
- **Site 4** As this site is close to housing, the developer is trying to change the site of 0.65 hectares to housing.
- Site 5 This is the smallest site of 0.25 hectares and again placed next to housing.

We originally supported NNDC in its submission of 6.0 hectares of a total employment site together with their policy of Holt providing employment for Sheringham, Cromer and surrounding villages. The landowner has unfortunately withdrawn the site, NNDC required this to be the size at the start of the Local Plan, therefore we must designate another site of similar size.

With the above taken into consideration you can see that further employment land is **needed** in Holt; the above options do not offer viable employment opportunities to



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Holt. Therefore the 6 hectares previously identified needs to be reallocated, the Town Council are aware of landowners willing to offer new sites, we are fortunate to not have the same restrictions, such as nutrient neutrality, flooding issues etc. affecting other towns in North Norfolk. We therefore ask that this is explored further to ensure we can keep our young people in the town.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Harrison

Town Clerk