

North Norfolk District Council Holt Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement

A Public Referendum on the Holt Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on **Thursday 29 June 2023** at **Holt Methodist Church, 1 Norwich Road, Holt, NR25 6SA**.

A Neighbourhood Plan provides the opportunity for local communities to help shape future development in their local area in regard to the use and development of land. The Holt Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) has been developed by Holt Town Council and has followed a statutory process including local community consultation, independent examination, and now, a local referendum.

If approved the HNP will be used by North Norfolk District Council alongside local and national planning policies when determining relevant planning applications.

This statement provides information about:

- The Referendum Question and date;
- Who Can Vote;
- The Specified Documents;
- The Neighbourhood Area and Referendum Area;
- Referendum Expenses;
- Further Information.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections.

The Referendum Question

A Referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question. For this Referendum you will receive a ballot paper which asks the following question:

'Do you want North Norfolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Holt to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?'

The Neighbourhood Area

The Neighbourhood Area for Holt is as shown at the end of this document. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area was approved by North Norfolk District Council in December 2013 and covers the entirety of the parish of Holt.

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The Referendum Area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Holt Neighbourhood Area. The independent examiner concluded that the area was entirely appropriate for the purpose of this Neighbourhood Plan.

Who Can Vote

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on Thursday 29 June 2023:

- They are entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area; and,
- Their qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A persons qualifying address is, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, the address in which they are entitled to be registered.
- They show an accepted form of photographic identification at the polling station. The requirement for voter id was introduced through the Elections Act 2022. Further information can be found at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/voterid

If more than 50% of individuals vote 'yes' in the Referendum, then North Norfolk District Council will formally adopt the Holt Neighbourhood Development Plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan is approved it will form part of the statutory Development Plan for North Norfolk and help to determine planning applications within the Neighbourhood Plan Area.

If more people vote 'no' than 'yes' then the Neighbourhood Plan will not be adopted and will not be part of the statutory Development Plan for North Norfolk.

Voting by post is available for this referendum and anyone who is registered can request a postal vote application form at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/elections. An application form can be requested by emailing postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk or by calling 01263 516046.

Completed applications to vote by post should be returned to North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN or by email to postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk, and must be received by 5pm, Wednesday 14 June.

Proxy voting is also available by requesting an application form via the methods stated above. Applications to vote by proxy must be received by 5pm Wednesday 21st June.

The Specified Documents

A number of documents that are available to view as part of the Referendum:

- The Referendum Version of the Holt Neighbourhood Development Plan (Draft Plan);
- The independent examiner's report on the Holt Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- The representations submitted to the independent examiner following consultation on the Submitted Plan;
- A Decision Statement from the Local Planning Authority which confirms the Draft Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum Version) meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements. It also confirms that the Plan can proceed to Referendum;
- A statement that sets out general information in respect of town and country planning, which includes neighbourhood planning and the Referendum;
- Map of the Holt Neighbourhood Plan Area.

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The specified documents are available for public viewing at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/holtnp. The documents may also be inspected during normal opening hours at North Norfolk District Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN.

Reference copies are also available from Holt Town Council.

Referendum Expenses

The Referendum expenses limit in relation to the Referendum is £2,554.93 which has been calculated on the basis of 3,270 electors as of 01/05/2023.

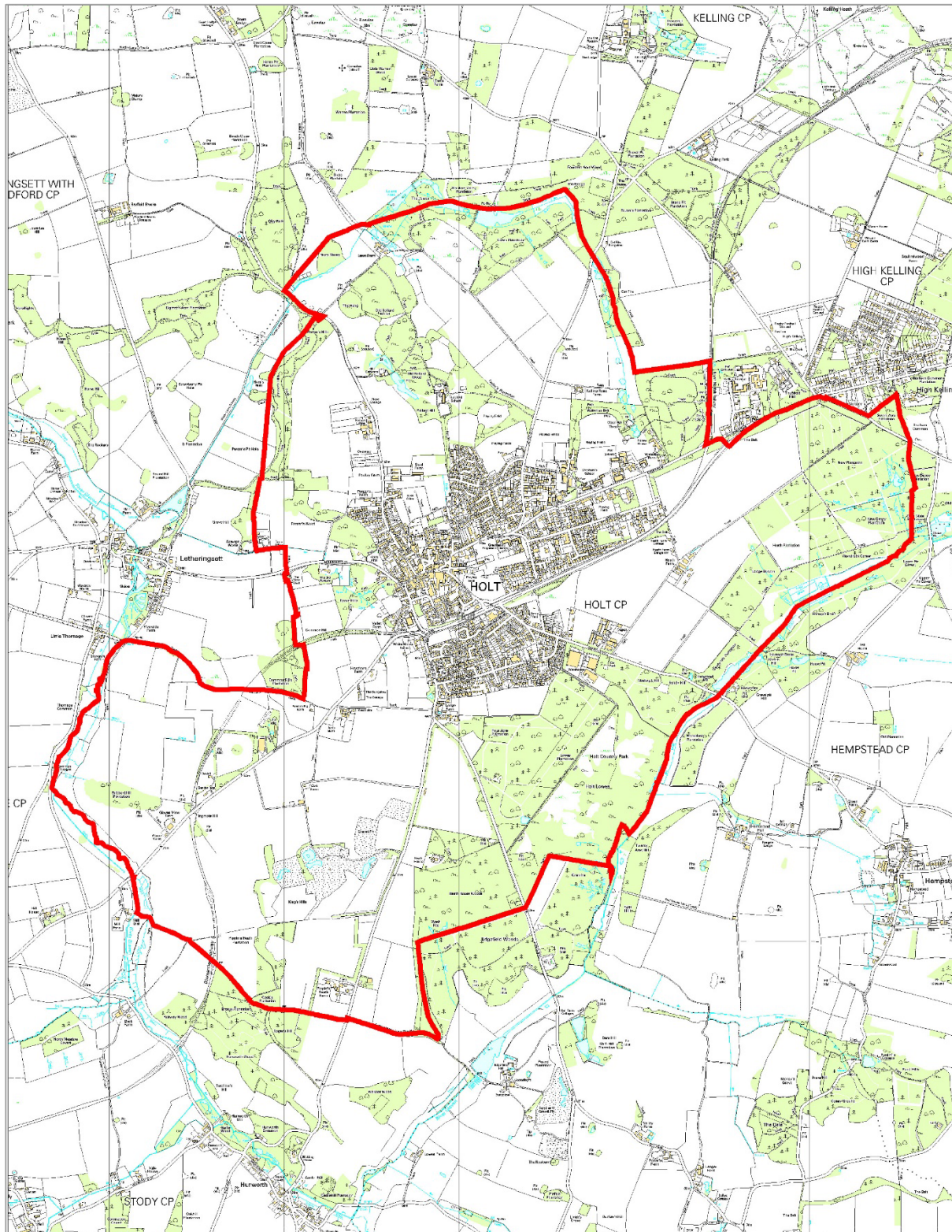
Further Information

- Further general information on neighbourhood planning, documents relating to the Holt Neighbourhood Plan and other emerging Neighbourhood Plans can be found at www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans
- For queries about planning policy and neighbourhood planning in general, please contact planningpolicy@north-norfolk.gov.uk
- For queries about voting and the Referendum arrangements please contact the Electoral Services Team: elections@north-norfolk.gov.uk | 01263 516046

Referendum Area - see map on the following page.

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The Referendum Area



Holt Neighbourhood Area

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