

HTC Comments

NNDC Local Plan Examinations

Tuesday 23rd January 2pm onwards...

Matter 2: Spatial Strategy

In the last LDF Holt was designated as a Principal Town which worked well. Holt Town Council wrote to NNDC to request that Holt remained a Principal Town in the Emerging Local Plan. This was never acknowledged, and we were bitterly disappointed that we lost this status and became a Small Growth Town.

The status of a Small Growth Town is not reflective of Holt's current needs. The Emerging Local Plan is nearly 8 years out of date and has already seen a reduction of about 30 dwellings, from an already low quantity and is expected to last us until 2036.

Holt needs more affordable homes and employment opportunities to retain our young people and try to keep a balanced community.

We would dispute some of the infrastructure considerations;

1. We have been advised that a new 400 place primary school will open in 2027.
2. Connectivity from the south side of the town to the centre is already available on the 44-bus service.
3. The road network is no different to other towns in North Norfolk, having a large Marketplace and High Street with roads leading off it. There are 5 large car parks.
4. We have a good public transport system with services throughout North Norfolk and Norwich supplied by the local bus company Sanders whose

depot and offices are based in Holt, they have been awarded the best independent bus company in the country.

5. Seven additional consulting rooms have been added to Holt Medical Practice.
6. Holt Town Council has had a meeting with Anglian Water who confirmed that Holt sewerage treatment works has a capacity of twenty thousand people and can be extended.

Holt is not in a Nutrient Neutrality Zone and is situated on high ground with no flooding concerns.

Therefore, Holt lends itself to be a Large Growth Town and the NNDC Emerging Local Plan needs to be amended to reflect it.