

CONSULTATION ON THE HOLWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

SUMMARY: OCTOBER 2020

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HOW WE CONSULTED...

During August 2020, the household survey was hand-delivered to every property in Holwell Parish. The survey included 12 questions and an open comments box, and could be completed on-line, or taken to the Village Hall (post box at rear) or to Ash Trees on Crouch Lane (box in porch). The closing date for the consultation was 25 September.

Further, additional information and relevant documents were also made available online at: <https://holwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk> and a link provided to the made plan on the Dorset Council website <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans-in-dorset/holwell-neighbourhood-plan.aspx>

REVIEW OF CURRENT HOLWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN																			
AUGUST 2020 - <u>QUESTIONNAIRE</u>																			
<p>The information you give will be consolidated to help with the review of the Holwell Neighbourhood Plan and will be managed in accordance with the Parish Council's Privacy and Freedom of Information Policies located on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Please complete this questionnaire if you would be eligible to vote in a referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>You are eligible if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You live in the parish of Holwell. - And you are on the electoral register to vote in local council elections. - And you are 18 or older. <p>Complete one set of columns for each eligible person in a household. If there are more than four people responding, please make a copy of the blank form first and submit them both.</p> <p>Or, for an extra copy, contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sally-Anne Holt: 01963-23349 or - Steve Atchison: 01963-23305 <p>Please return your completed questionnaire to one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The letter box on the back of the Village Hall. - Steve Atchison - leave in the porch at Ash Trees (opposite Red Phone Box). <p>Alternatively, the questionnaire can be completed online, at:</p> <p>https://holwellneighbourhoodplan.co.uk</p> <p>Or use the QR Code:</p> <p>The Holwell Neighbourhood Plan & supporting documents can be found at:</p> <p>https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans-in-dorset/holwell-neighbourhood-plan.aspx</p> <p>Questions and comments on the review can be sent to:</p> <p>holwellneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com</p>																			
<p>The Holwell Neighbourhood Plan was made in February 2019.</p> <p>Do you think the 11 policies in the Plan (listed below) are still appropriate for Holwell?</p> <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Please tick any of the policies that you wish to offer an amendment for and add details below:</p> <p>There are 3 policies on housing matters:</p> <p>Policy H1: Amount and Location of New Housing Policy H2: Preventing Backland Development Policy H3: Affordable Housing Prioritised For Local People</p> <p>There are 2 policies on business and employment:</p> <p>Policy EB1: Locations for Employment and Business Policy EB2: Camping and Caravanning sites</p> <p>There are 2 policies on community matters:</p> <p>Policy C1: Important Community Facilities Policy C2: Public Rights of Way</p> <p>There are 4 policies on landscape, wildlife, buildings etc:</p> <p>Policy E1: Locally Important Views Policy E2: Locally Important Woodlands/Wildlife/Landscape Policy E3: Buildings and Structures of Local Importance Policy E4: Design</p> <p>Please outline your proposals for changes to the policies or Plan documents that you wish the Parish Council to consider, including any new policy areas.</p> <p>Please use the relevant Policy number and your respondent / person number.</p> <p>Please use an additional sheet if required</p> <p><i>Please add name and contact details if you wish.</i></p>				1	2	3	4												
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WHO RESPONDED...

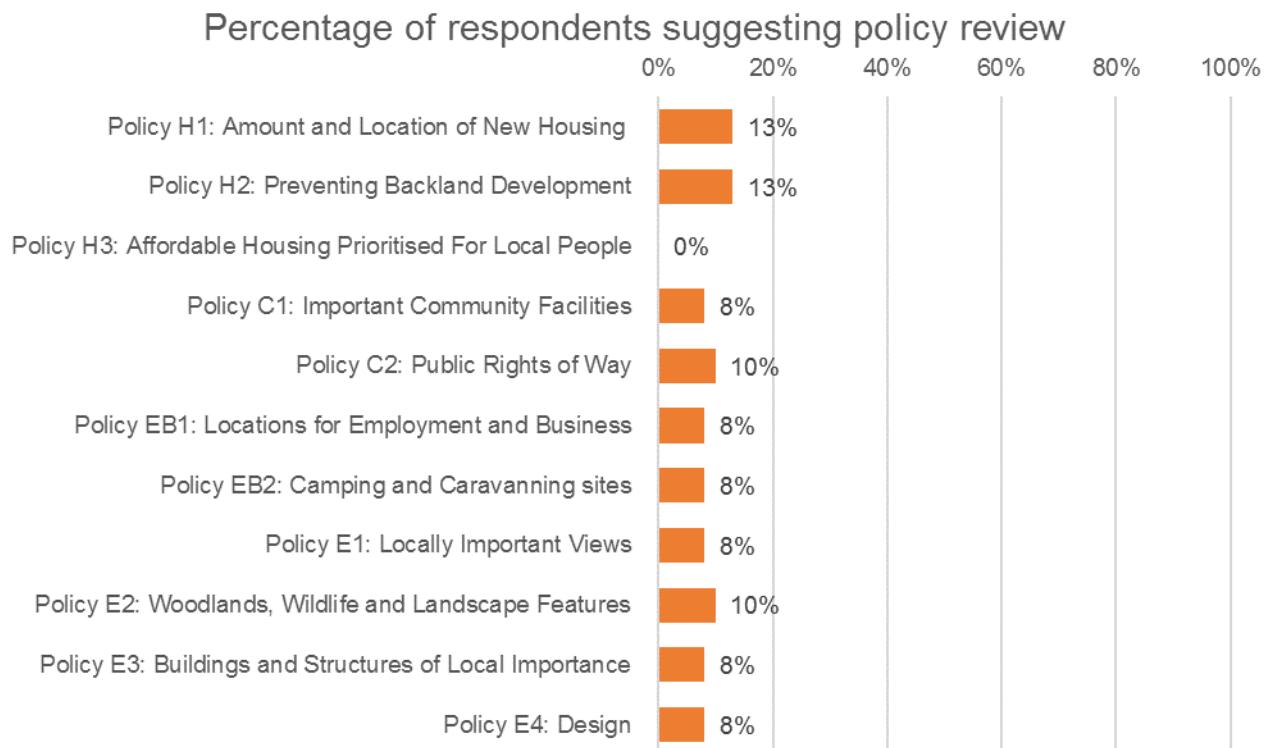
We received 29 completed surveys, representing the views of 52 people (as between 1 and 3 persons in a household responded to a survey). So this means that we heard from about 15% of the population / 18% of all households (the 2011 Census had returns from 160 households

and recorded 369 usual residents). All but one of the returned survey had either a unique identifying number or name. There was one anonymous survey with no identifying number, which has nonetheless been included in the analysis.

WHAT THEY TOLD US...

The main purpose of the questionnaire was to gauge whether people felt that the existing plan and its 11 policies were still appropriate for the area, or if anything needed to change. The vast majority of those responding (some 88% of the responses) agreed that the policies in the plan were still appropriate.

We asked whether any of the policies should be changed. Policies (H1 and H2) had the highest response rate, but even then, less than 15% of those responding suggesting that a change should be considered, as highlighted below:



There were no suggestions as to how these policies should change, and no suggestions that any 'new' policies were needed.

The general comments made are reproduced below, grouped together by general topic area. The common themes were that the plan remained appropriate, and that there would be concerns if further housing was proposed given the lack of facilities and infrastructure and rural nature of the parish.

General comments re no change

- We feel that policies are still appropriate.
- It's a very good plan, which, in my opinion doesn't need to be changed. Holwell resident for 28 years.
- I feel all the policies are still relevant and appropriate. Nothing has occurred to significantly amend them.
- The plan seems a measured and appropriate response to the housing need.

Comments suggesting that no more housing is needed

- We do not want any more new build in the village. services cannot cope eg. water, electricity, sewerage, etc. need a bus service. We are encouraged to use them. The majority voted on the plan so Dorset Council leave us alone
- No change required Village infrastructure cannot support any more housing
- Due to no change in facilities, services, infrastructure, public transport - there should be no further development
- With 25 new homes either built, or being built, with others to follow, Holwell has achieved the Dorset Council "share" of housing need in very short time. Facilities here are not adequate for more. eg. Water mains pressure is already low.

Comments suggesting more is housing needed

- H1 - increase new build to meet county requirements by allowing amber properties as per Neighbourhood Plan H2 - allow backland development to meet county requirements

Other comments

- Speed limits through the village need to be reviewed
- Keeping Holwell rural is very important
- An update is required to acknowledge the new completed (or nearly so) housing since the 2018 NP
- Holwell has no bus routes, priority if developments. How can people afford 2 cars!
- One dwelling was agreed for each of 4 locations - including Westbourne. But two houses are being built on this site?

IN CONCLUSION...

The survey responses indicate that there is no obvious desire to amend the plan significantly, either by changing the existing policies or adding new policies. Any changes should simply reflect factual updates, such as the developments that have taken place since the plan was drafted.

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