



## Gresham's School seeks views on revised development plans for Holt

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More than 100 Holt residents visited Gresham's School last week to view latest proposals for the new sixth-form centre, and for three surplus plots of land off Grove Lane.

Also on show were revised schemes for car parking near the centre of the town. The new proposals took into account responses from a first consultation in January which resulted in more than 120 completed response forms. There were comments about highways matters on Grove Lane, and concern about car parking off Station Road and Pearson's Road.

Strong views were expressed that more car parking should be provided around the new parish hall near the church.

A spokesman said highways issues on Grove Lane had been addressed after talks with Norfolk County Council, with ideas to reduce rat-running and speeding.

As part of the revised proposals for the surplus sites, a new footpath would be created along Grove Lane with the road widened slightly. "Build outs" had also been proposed to calm traffic in either direction. A lay-by for use by emergency vehicles had also been proposed.

Outline plans for a supermarket on the prominent Old School House site in Holt received little support from residents in January so were withdrawn. New proposals, likely to comprise residential or retirement accommodation, or a hotel, would be developed during the summer and presented later in the year.

Developers are investigating ways to include much-needed car parking as part of the redevelopment of Old School House.

Gresham's Headmaster Philip John said the new sixth-form centre, north of the Auden Theatre, was a key part of future growth.

"We were pleased to hear a significant number of positive comments about the proposed location of an iconic building at the heart of the school campus. We are keen to hear local residents' views on this location and the way this and other buildings can benefit the town. We intend to make the new facility available in the summer for summer schools and conferences which would inevitably bring trade to Holt," he added.

The proposals are the first phase of a 10-year plan being developed by Gresham's with its development partner Endurance Estates Strategic Land.

■ Further information on the proposals is available from Endurance Estates at [www.endurance-estates.co.uk](http://www.endurance-estates.co.uk) under Land Promotion; Holt and further comment can be made at [www.holt@endurance-estates.co.uk](mailto:www.holt@endurance-estates.co.uk).

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