

# Lound Neighbourhood Plan Update – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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What is neighbourhood planning?

Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011.

It is creating a strategy for development in your local community

**A Neighbourhood Plan** (sometimes called a Neighbourhood Development Plan) is a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for your neighbourhood.
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces.
- Influence what new buildings should look like.

In areas where a parish or town council exists, these are the only bodies that can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan

In Autumn 2015 – Lound Parish Council initiated a survey to establish if it was felt that the village we should develop a Neighbourhood Plan

From that in Jan 2016 a Group was formed to steer the LNP through the many stages of its development. All residents were welcome to join the group, and STILL ARE.

The Group worked to put together a survey document and in June 2016 this survey was handed out to all residents in Lound and it asked for residents' thoughts on development in the village.

How much did you want, where did you want it, what type of development, etc.

The returns from that survey gave us a good 'steer' as to what development residents wished to see in Lound. With 277 survey forms delivered out to 209 dwellings, we had 219 surveys returned. An 82% return rate. Which is excellent.

The information collected from the survey suggested that on the key question of sustainable housing development in Lound  
(134) - 37% of us said YES - - (206) - 57% of us said NO with 6% (20) giving no answer

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However, we are told there is a national demand for housing, not necessarily in our area, but nationally, and as such Bassetlaw District Council has had a requirement placed upon it by central government, to provide a certain 'quota' number of new houses.

In turn Bassetlaw has looked to divide this quota throughout its district and the result of that is that the Parish of Lound has been allocated a development number of no more than 40 houses. This means a range from zero to 40. It is not a target number.

It is up to us all as residents to decide if we want development, and if we do what number of properties, bearing in mind the 40 figure suggested by Bassetlaw.

Having established the villages wishes on development we then looked to identify sites where any development may take place, this was a question in the survey, so we had villager's thoughts on this matter. Bassetlaw also have a record of all landowners in the parish and a note of who has requested planning permission for housing development over the last few years.

With this information Bassetlaw then carried out what is known as a 'Call for sites', which means that they contacted all landowners in the village, and those persons who had applied for housing development in Lound during the last few years and asked them if they wished their land to be put forward as a possible site for development within the LNP. This process took a considerable time, with not all landowners responding.

Eventually we had 23 sites identified as potential areas for development.

Those sites were then surveyed by a specialist planning consultant. The consultants were appointed to us at no cost as Bassetlaw were unable to carry out the survey themselves through a lack of resources at that time. This survey information proved to be very substantial and not easily interpreted.

Since the receipt of the planning consultant's comments and recommendations on the suitability of the various sites identified for development, we have also had some comments from statutory consultees who have been approached by Bassetlaw DC for their input. This includes input from, Conservation, Rural England, wildlife, archaeology and so on. Not all of these returns have yet been received.

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The Lound Development Plan Steering Group are now working to put all this information out to the residents of the village and gain comment and opinion on the detail they have gathered to date. This is an important step in the Development Plan process as it is the wishes and desires of the village that we need to convey in the final plan.

To gain the thoughts of the village on the work carried out to date the Steering Group have organised two dates for Public Consultation on the plan, these are: -

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018, between 11am and 2pm, in Lound Village Hall**

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018, between 5pm and 8pm, in Lound Village Hall**

These dates will be in the next Crier, published at the end of May 2018 and will be posted on the Village Website and Facebook page.

In addition, the Steering Group will be hand delivering a flyer to all households informing of the aforementioned dates and asking that people attend and let the group have their thoughts on the plans suggested content, direction and progress to date.

All the above information and full sets of minutes from the Development Plan Steering Group are available to view on the Lound Village Website.

