

Lound Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Thursday 28th. February 2019 at 2pm.

Present: Michael Naylor (Chair), Andrew Perkins, Nick Prout, Pam Beardsall, Colin Beaumont and Will Wilson of BDC.

Apologies: Alan Beardsall and Carol Green

Declarations of Interest: None

Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th February 2019: Were confirmed as a true record.

Matters Arising:-

We still await details from BDC Planning of the 3 outstanding planning permissions.

Action: Will

Financial Report No major expenditure. Hall rental.

Feedback and action resulting from BDC draft Local Plan presentation held on 12th February 2019.

Members of the Steering Group and individual parishioners have expressed concern that the cumulative housing development cap, set at 20% of the core settlement for rural communities, is too high. This is set out in Policy 8 of the draft Local Plan (page 67 para 8.24). The potential for development in Lound allowed by the cap would be an additional **15** dwellings over and above the **21** new homes required by the Local Plan and written into the Lound draft NP. This could mean a total of **36** new homes being built within the NP period. Such growth is contrary to the wishes of Lound parishioners, as evidenced in our Surveys and Public Consultation, and is not supported by the expressed needs shown in the draft Local Plan.

It was agreed that representations be made to BDC that the cap is unnecessary and that all growth, including an element of "windfall" development, can be factored into NPs, thereby allowing each Area to manage growth according to its own needs.

Action: Nick to draft and circulate our representations.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan - Next Steps

(a) Colin has received no more comments on the draft Plan and confirmed that we have taken it as far as we are able.

(b) After discussion it was agreed the "determining characteristics of Lound" are fairly well described in the draft NP and the Design Code. These are to be preserved, as far as possible, in any future development by applying the conditions set out in Policy 8 together with the specific requirements for the allocated sites defined in the Design Code. Additional Policies may need to be written into the draft NP to protect specific elements, for example, hedges and trees, views approaching the village, skyline, etc. and we are to seek advice from our Consultant. Will confirmed that Policies definitely carry weight with Planners and that this is the place to put important items.

(c) It was decided our deliberations have reached the stage at which we involve our Consultant, Helen Metcalfe.

Action: Colin

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 28th. March 2019 at 2pm. (PROVISIONAL)