

Lound Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Held on Thursday 27th October 2016 in Lound Village Hall
7.30pm

Present: Chair: Michael Naylor, Andrew Perkins, Nick Prout, Colin Beaumont; Carol Green, Julia Kershaw, Fred Walter, Bob Lane.

Apologies Received: Jerry Kershaw, Karen Pollard, Kirstin Hayes, Rod Austin.

Also in attendance: James Green, Regeneration and Investment Officer of Bassetlaw District Council

Michael Naylor reported that he had attempted to communicate with Mike Wilson-MacCormack regarding the likelihood of him being able to attend further meetings; no response was received.

Bassetlaw Plan

James Green attended to discuss with the group the possible changes that the new Bassetlaw Plan may bring. The plan is in the draft stage, and will soon be open for viewing and consultation.

The plan may propose that villages and towns are grouped together into 'clusters'. These clusters are grouped to reflect the way that services are used, for example, it is recognised that a village such as Lound or Sutton may not have sustainable services themselves but will rely upon local centres, for instance Retford.

Tight local development boundaries (village envelopes) are to be removed, and areas may be designated in the local development plan for building or other use, that would otherwise have been outside these boundaries. The development boundary will be replaced by a series of criteria that may allow a site to be utilised. These changes have been prompted by the need for Bassetlaw to provide a new 5 year plan to provide sufficient development land to meet national needs. Their old plan did not meet these needs so is considered out-of-date, so at the moment developers are able to challenge refusal of permission to build.

A settlement will be able to designate an increase of up to 20% in size starting in 2019. Lound currently has around 200 homes, so may be allowed to grow (if desired and needed by the village) by another 40 houses between 2019 and 2031, subject to the availability of suitable sites. If Bassetlaw, for example requires 15 houses in the village this would be included in the 40. If a village had a preference for a site then that site may have priority. If a site was proposed for development then Highways would do a pre-assessment. If a site was suitable then the village would be consulted and a landowner might be approached for his input.

Small sites are not attractive to builders in that they are not profitable. The prior 'call for sites' carried out by Bassetlaw is being evaluated at the moment, only large sites are being considered for allocation and small villages may not be included in this assessment. Any plan, however, would not preclude a village-backed proposal from being added later. A neighbourhood plan might suggest that a certain type of house might be preferred, but cannot prevent other types being built.

There is a proposal for a possible new village of 1000 homes to be created somewhere in Bassetlaw which will be isolated from existing settlements, this is only a proposal and is being considered to take place in 15 years time or so.

All of these proposals are subject to consultation and change.

Business Survey

The draft business survey was discussed. The need for question 10 was discussed:

Lound residents have expressed concern at :- (A) vehicles speeding (B) vehicles failing to give way or display caution at crossroads and (C) litter being thrown from vehicles particularly on Chainbridge Lane and Daneshill Road.

Are there any actions you feel the village could take which would help us BOTH to manage these issues to our mutual advantage?

Please state

The group agreed that the question should be left in the form to be sent out, and the draft questionnaire was adopted.

Fred is to email people with requests for help to distribute the questionnaire.

Residents Survey

Carol reported that the analysis of the responses by Colin and her was progressing. The numerical answers were relatively straightforward but the free text answers were proving time consuming and difficult. For information some examples of the analysis of certain questions were distributed and discussed. The data input was continuing.

Any other business

Lound Parish Council has offered us an opportunity to publicise the neighbourhood plan at the dedication ceremony of the village Christmas tree. The group thought that we were still at an early stage and would not be able to provide sufficient information to warrant a stand. The group reluctantly had to turn down the kind offer. Andrew Perkins offered to reply on the group's behalf.

Next meeting 24th November 2016 at 7.30.

