

LOUND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Lound Village Hall
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Neighbourhood Planning

- Led by the Parish Council, a Neighbourhood Plan allows local residents to shape and influence planning within their area over a 15 year period. A well-executed Plan will:
 - Reflect the views of all sections of the community
 - Identify features and local characteristics that people value
 - Identify local needs and opportunities
 - Set out a vision of how people want their community to develop and improve
 - Include an Action Plan to achieve this vision
- Once approved, our Neighbourhood Plan will form part of Bassetlaw District Council's planning policy for Lound. It will become a legal document used by Bassetlaw's Planning Officers when considering future development in the village and must be used by Developers when preparing planning applications for submission to BDC. It will influence the type, locations and number of houses built within our parish. Our Neighbourhood Plan aims to set out what type of development we want to see in Lound, as well as what we don't want to see and why

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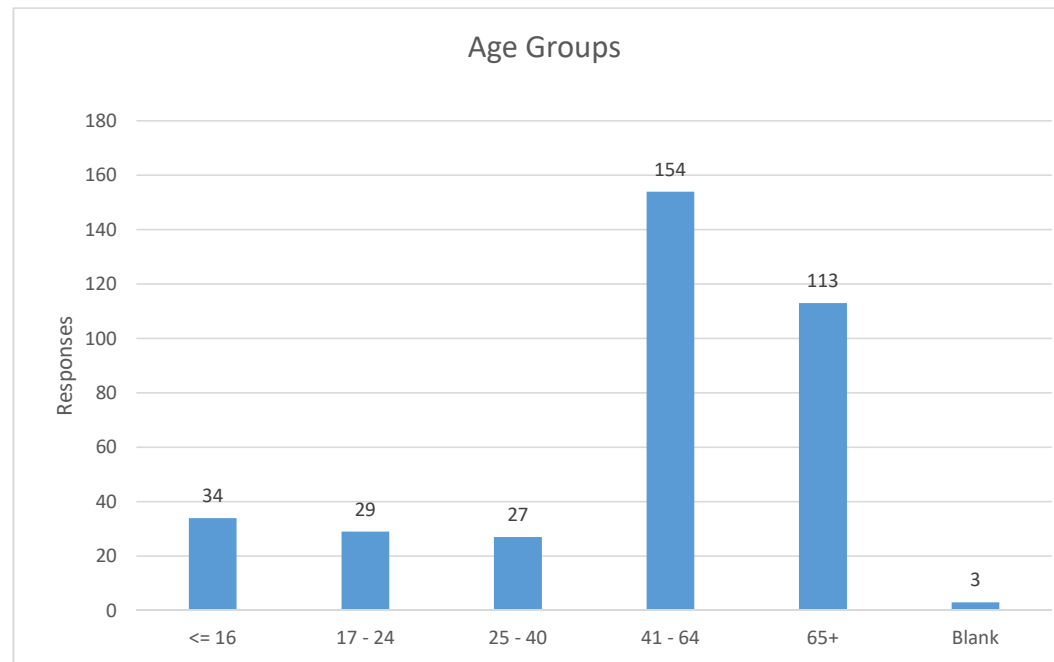
Residents' Survey

- Introduction
 - In Autumn 2015 Lound Parish Council sent all residents a Questionnaire seeking their views on certain aspects of our village. The responses encouraged the Parish Council to create a Neighbourhood Plan and a group of volunteers came together in January 2016 and began work on it
 - In order to obtain the views of Lound residents the Steering Group compiled a more detailed survey. They drew on the experiences of neighbouring parishes but more particularly the responses to the earlier Questionnaire
 - During June 2016 there were **209** dwellings shown on the Electoral Roll in Lound Parish, of which **7** were unoccupied
 - **277** forms were handed out with **219** being returned, showing the views of **360** residents
 - There were responses to the Survey from **166** households, an excellent **82%** of those **202** occupied
 - These figures suggest the Survey provides a clear indication of the collective views of our Parishioners

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- Age Groups



- The above statistics show the village has a mature profile with **31% of respondents aged 65 and over** and a total of **74% over the age of 40**

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- Village and the Surrounding Countryside - Questions 1, 2 and 3

Question	YES	NO	No Answer
1. Encourage Visitors?	163 (45%)	172 (48%)	25 (7%)
2. More Leisure Pursuits?	141 (39%)	195 (54%)	24 (7%)
3. Remain Relatively Unchanged?	336 (93%)	18 (5%)	6 (2%)

- Whilst unclear on questions 1 and 2, there was a definite **resistance toward any major changes in either the village or its environs at Question 3**

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- Village and the Surrounding Countryside – Question 4 (Special Character of Lound?) – Answers included the following:
 - The diversity of architecture, in particular the toft houses, Lound Hall, Alpha House and character properties around the crossroads
 - The approach to the village, avenue of trees, daffodils in Spring along Bagshaw/Daneshill Road
 - Linghurst Lakes, the Idle Valley Nature Reserve and the closeness to open countryside accessed by footpaths and nature trails
 - Recreation fields and equipment
 - The Blue Bell Inn
 - The Village Hall
 - Communal Garden, village green, war memorial and the mature chestnut trees
 - The rural aspect, away from the main roads and surrounded by open countryside

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- Village and the Surrounding Countryside – Question 5 (Green Spaces to be Preserved?)
 - Answers included the following:
 - All green spaces
 - Recreational areas, village green, etc
 - Land west of Little Top Lane
 - Fields to east of Cherry Tree Farm, Town Street north
 - Approaches to the village, Bagshaw/Daneshill Road and Lound Low Road
 - Linghurst Lakes, nature reserves, agricultural land and paddocks

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- Village and the Surrounding Countryside – Question 6 (Features which Detract from the Village Character?) – The majority of comments (from **less than 50%** of the Survey) related to our local businesses including:
 - Unpleasant smells emanating from the Anaerobic Digester **(20)**
 - Movement of heavy vehicles
 - The buildings and works themselves
 - General noise, dust and litter
- **Over 100** answers were positive and stated that nothing need be changed

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- Employment – Questions 7, 8 and 9

Question	YES	NO	No Answer
7. Attract More Businesses?	77 (21%)	265 (74%)	18 (5%)

Question 8. Type of Business?	Question 9. Location of Business?	Votes
Village shop / post office	Town Street, central, where parking available	44
Agricultural		25
Small businesses	Run from homes or existing buildings	37
Hi-tech or Internet based	Run from homes or existing buildings	16
Cottage industries	Run from homes or existing buildings	10
Cafe	Near lakes, Chainbridge Lane	12
Equestrian		11
Leisure & outdoor pursuits		8
Farm shop	Daneshill Road	11

- There is clearly no desire to see an introduction of more business to create employment

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- Village Amenities – Questions 10 and 11 (Which Amenities are Used?)

Question	Amenity	Number Using
10	The Blue Bell Inn	295
10	Linghurst Lakes	280
10	Idle Valley Nature Reserve	237
10	Village Hall	208
10	Playing Fields	174
10	Childrens' Play Area	142
10	Outdoor Gym	103
10	Post Office	100
11	Bus – Daily	21
11	Bus – Weekly	32
11	Bus – Less Frequently	106
11	Bus - Never	199 (55%)

- Village Amenities – Question 12 (Other Facilities Required?) – Answers included:
 - Village shop (**64**), Village farm shop (**11**), A more frequent bus service (**14**) and Tennis courts (**9**)

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- Housing Development – Questions 13 (Requirement for Additional Housing?)

YES	NO	No Answer
134 (37%)	206 (57%)	20 (6%)

- Housing Development – Questions 14 (Type of Housing?)
 - The range of suggestions ran from “**affordable housing**” or “**starter homes for young families**” to larger 4 bed-roomed houses. Many different types or styles of property were suggested. There was a call for “**sympathetic, in-character, building**”
- Housing Development – Questions 14 (Number of Dwellings?)

Number of Dwellings	0	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	More than 20	No Answer
Number of Votes	130	56	63	36	25	11	39
Percentage of Votes	36%	15.5%	17.5%	10%	7%	3%	11%

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- Housing Development – Questions 16 and 17 (Suitable and Unsuitable Sites?)

SUGGESTED SITES	FOR	AGAINST
Chainbridge Lane	26	10
Little Top Lane	25	26
Town Street North opposite Cherry Tree Farm	20	39
Town Street South and Lound Low Road	16	9
Other approaches to the village	15	8
Land between The Paddocks and Mattersey Road	13	
Daneshill Road	12	9
Paddock between The Limes and Manor Flats	9	9
Yew Tree Farm yard	9	
Infill sites	23	19

- Unsuitable sites** also included:

All the Green spaces	48
Playing fields and extension	38
All of Lound	29
Central area of the village	27
All farm land, woodland, river and lakes area combined	28

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- Community Issues – Questions 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

Question	Subject	Totally Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Tend to Agree	Totally Agree	No Answer
18	Concerned about Litter?	28 (8%)	119 (33%)	44 (12%)	108 (30%)	55 (15%)	6 (2%)
19	Street Lighting is Adequate?	29 (8%)	62 (17%)	40 (11%)	116 (32%)	107 (30%)	6 (2%)
20	Concerned about Traffic Issues?	15 (4%)	27 (8%)	47 (13%)	107 (30%)	159 (44%)	5 (1%)
21	Affected by Vehicle Parking?	82 (23%)	96 (27%)	70 (19%)	54 (15%)	41 (11%)	17 (5%)
22	Concerned about Dog Fouling?	6 (2%)	52 (14%)	64 (17%)	132 (37%)	100 (28%)	6 (2%)

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- Community Issues – Question 23 (Suggested Improvements to the Village?) - Answers included the following:
 - Surfaces of both roads and pavements in the village are sub-standard
 - Mobile telephone signals in parts of the village are poor
 - New and improved “Lound” signs, of the type erected in other Bassetlaw villages, would be welcome
 - General maintenance of properties, tidiness of gardens and pavements adjacent to some properties cause concern
 - More activities are needed for teenagers, possibly tennis courts, a skate park and a youth club
 - A few anti-social issues such as unattended dogs barking all day, bonfires being lit during daytime, little Police presence, etc
- Community Issues – All of these fall within the remit of the Parish Council, who have made and who continue to make efforts to deal with them
- General – Question 24 (Further Comments?)
 - This section was not extensively filled except to reinforce earlier views and extol the virtues of both village and community. Most pleas were for Lound and its environs to remain unchanged. Appendix 6 shows individual comments.

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Survey of Businesses, Clubs and Associations

- For the Neighbourhood Plan to be complete it was important that businesses, clubs and associations operating in our Parish be consulted
- A list of the businesses, clubs and associations whose activities have or may have a significant impact upon the residents of the Parish was compiled. **22** Surveys were **issued** and **21** were **returned**
- The diversity of activities amongst those organisations identified meant the Survey needed to be quite general in its nature. Questions were intended to provide a snapshot of:
 - Activities
 - Longevity
 - Local employment and
 - How any impacts on the village may change over the lifetime of the Neighbourhood Plan
- The exercise was viewed as a major opportunity in public relations, giving the organisations a chance to raise their specific concerns. We could discuss areas of potential conflict with parishioners or other organisations and seek solutions

Web Site

- Please look at the detailed Residents' Survey Report with its Appendices and the Report on the Survey of Businesses, Clubs and Associations, which are all on the Lound village website www.loundvillage.co.uk

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Funding

Groundwork (My Community) Grant	
Item	Grant
1. Consultant's Production of Draft Plan	£4,000
2. Training Sessions for Steering Group	£1,000
3. Room Hire for Steering Group Meetings	£325
4. Printing Costs for Residents' and Business Surveys	£312
5. Room Hire for Public Meetings	£130
6. Organisation of Community Events	£350
TOTAL	£6,117

Big Lottery Fund Grant	
Item	Grant
1. Sustainability, Appraisal and Scoping	£3,000
2. Site Assessment	£3,000
3. Prepare Consultation Statement	£1,000
4. Amendment to Draft Plan	£2,000
5. Basic Conditions Statement	£1,000
TOTAL	£10,000