

LOUND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Article for July Crier

The first drop-in consultation event to gather opinions on which sites should be taken forward to the next stage was held on Saturday 16 June. 116 forms for residents to express their preferences were issued to Lound Parishioners from 52 households. The Village Hall was filled close to its capacity, as residents studied the information on show, asked questions and joined in lively discussions.

If you did not attend this meeting, all is not lost as a second consultation session is arranged for **Thursday 5 July from 5 pm to 8 pm**. Don't miss the opportunity to come along and express your opinions. Once decisions are taken without you, it may be too late for your views to count.

Please take a look at the village website, where documents from the meeting have been published. You will see that Landowners of sites NP12, NP18 and NP19 have set out their thoughts on how they would intend their land to be used. All forms must be returned by the closing date of 12 July.

Once again the importance of having a Neighbourhood Plan (and therefore controlled development) must be stressed. Without a plan, developers or landowners could build without any regard for the village or its residents.

Finally, please remember that all the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings are open for Parishioners to attend and to join in the debates. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19 July at 8 pm in the Village Hall.