

LOUND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Article for August Crier

Following the two well-attended Public Consultation events on 16 June and 5 July, an excellent **163** completed questionnaires were returned from residents representing **78** households. The preferences expressed were as follows, with the NP numbers referring to the sites shown on the map on the village website:

Site	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
NP02	84	74	5	163
NP05	56	97	10	163
NP06	46	107	10	163
NP12	88	70	5	163
NP13	44	112	7	163
NP16	34	120	9	163
NP18	72	83	8	163
NP19	123	35	5	163
NP21	100	56	7	163

Accordingly, sites NP02, NP12, NP19 and NP21 will now be taken forward to the next stage of the Neighbourhood Planning process, which involves detailed assessment by the statutory Authorities, including conservation, highways and surface and foul water drainage, as well as discussions with landowners.

Many ideas were put forward as to how best to implement the development in terms of the numbers, types and styles of new homes on each site. There remain significant issues to address, particularly in terms of providing safe access for these sites along our narrow streets and of ensuring that any new houses that are built reinforce the rural character of our village. All the residents' comments have been transferred into a report, which is also available on the website.

Some people still feel that Lound would be better off without a Neighbourhood Plan. However, the majority realise that, in the face of change in National and District planning regulations, we need a Plan to ensure that any new building is suitable for our village, not just at the whim of a developer.