

Analysis of Public Consultation on Sites - June / July 2018

Two Public Consultation events were organised by Lound Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 16 June and 5 July 2018. Residents were asked to express their preferences on nine sites with a view to their potential for housing development and also to give their comments on these preferences. The comments on the five most popular sites have now been analysed in some detail and the full analysis has been published on the Village Website. The following summaries are an extract, which the Steering Group believes will be of interest.

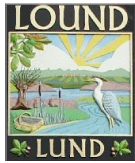
SUMMARIES OF COMMENTS ON EACH SITE

NP02 - Yes 84, No 74, Undecided 5

- Within the preferences expressed in favour of NP02, 6 residents suggested ribbon development and a further 5 a “small” development. There were 14 suggestions that between 1 and 5 dwellings should be built and 11 views that this number should be between 6 and 10. 15 people said that any development should be in keeping with the adjacent Paddocks houses. Most people (12) who commented preferred houses, with 5 views in favour of bungalows. Mention was made of affordable / starter homes and also of homes for retirement / downsizing. 3 comments suggested brick and pantile construction. 13 people felt that access to the site was good, being on the outskirts of the village
- Among the opponents of NP02, there were 25 concerned about extending the village, 24 worries about safe access and traffic issues and 19 concerns over spoiling views and the entrance to the village. 2 people mentioned drainage issues
- 2 of the responses in the Undecided category for NP02 again mentioned road safety

NP12 - Yes 88, No 70, Undecided 5

- Not all respondents seemed to be aware of (or were unwilling to accept) the landowner’s intention to limit the development to the building of a single family home, with the remainder of the land continuing as horse paddocks
- Of the Yes preferences, 12 people expressed the view that this development should be small, with 2 suggesting 4 or 5 houses and 2 more aiming for 6 to 10 dwellings. One resident even suggested 20 houses. 47 people commended the single family home plan, set back from the road and linked to the equestrian business. Other comments highlighted improved access to the



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stables (12) meaning less traffic through the village (7) and the positive impact this could have on local employment (4)

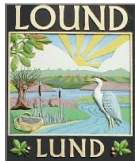
- Within the No preferences, there was considerable opposition to large scale development of this field, but 6 respondents in this category said they would accept this site if only 1 house was built for the landowner's own use. There were 27 replies where concerns were expressed about poor access to the site on a bad blind bend. 27 people objected on the grounds that this development would be too close to Linghurst Lakes and other green spaces and were concerned about the negative effect it could have on wildlife and the local countryside

NP18 - Yes 72, No 83, Undecided 8

- The positive preferences included 13 suggestions that development on this site should be "small" or "limited". 4 respondents suggested up to 5 houses, 4 more suggested development up to 10 houses and 6 felt that 20 houses should be built, with 1 of these stopping at 15 and 1 saying 20+. 7 respondents wanted new housing to be sympathetic in design to that of the existing neighbouring properties. 17 people commented on the type of homes to be built, with most requesting smaller properties, including a mix of affordable, starter, terraced, semi-detached houses and bungalows. 3 comments suggested brick and pantile construction. 19 respondents considered that access to this site is good, with traffic entering and leaving the village easily without having to negotiate the narrow village streets. 17 people described the site as a favourable option close to the centre of the village with 5 saying that this development would cause minimum disruption to others
- On the negative side, 8 people felt that this would be an unacceptable extension of the village, while 40 were concerned about traffic and road safety issues. 16 residents expressed the view that the dust and noise from the nearby concrete plant would make this site a poor place to build new housing
- In the Undecided category 3 more residents were concerned about heavy goods traffic and the dangers at the village crossroads. 1 reply again mentioned the problems associated with the local industrial operations

NP19 - Yes 123, No 35, Undecided 5

- 13 responses in the Yes category suggested a "small" development on this site, with 10 supporting up to 5 houses, 8 in favour of up to 10 dwellings and just 1 aiming for 20 new homes. 16 people commented on the style of the development with 5 of these saying that it should be in keeping with the surrounding properties and a further 10 concerned that new homes should be sited well back from existing houses. The preference (25 comments) for the



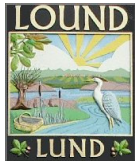
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mix of housing types was again towards the smaller end of the scale with mention of affordable / social and starter houses and bungalows. The land rises from the road and there was a specific rider about the height of any new buildings such that they should not overlook existing homes. 5 comments were in favour of brick and pantile construction. There were 19 positive comments about the proposal for a new farm access road to the west of Yew Tree Farm, taking heavy traffic away from Town Street. However, there were concerns about additional domestic traffic on Town Street

- 17 responses in the No category raised concerns about additional traffic and road safety. 13 people felt that any new houses in this area would “box in” and overlook existing properties and particularly the listed farmhouse. 2 residents opposed the proposed new access road. There were 5 comments about overloading of the surface water drainage system, which already struggles to cope at times
- In the Undecided category there was 1 suggestion for a maximum of 5 houses on this site and 1 comment that any new houses should not be too large in order not to obstruct existing views

NP21 - Yes 100, No 56, Undecided 7

- 8 people in favour of this site asked for any development to be linear along the road side and another 5 wanted a “small” development. 14 residents suggested up to 4 new houses or bungalows could be built, while 3 people were in favour of up to 10 new builds. 12 people requested that any development should be in keeping with the area with its low density of housing. 16 responses concerned the type of houses to be built, with detached, semi-detached and terrace houses and bungalows being mentioned, as well as affordable / social housing, starter homes for first time buyers, family homes and eco-friendly houses. 4 people requested brick and pantile construction. Opinion was divided on access to this site, with 8 saying that it was good and 12 concerned about its safety
- 11 residents opposed development on the grounds that it constitutes an unnecessary extension of the village. 5 people felt that it would spoil views over open countryside. 21 comments concerned traffic and road safety, saying that the village roads are narrow and visibility is poor at this point, which is near the brow of a hill. Again there were 2 comments about the inadequacy of the drainage system
- In the Undecided category, 1 respondent advocated a maximum of 2 houses for this area, while 2 people expressed concern about the dangerous access to and from this site



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SUMMARY OF GENERAL COMMENTS

A number of residents added non-site specific, general comments as part of their response to the questionnaires. The main issues raised have been summarised in the bullet points below. Not surprisingly, the results are very similar to the views expressed in the Residents' Survey.

- There are strong views against any housing development in Lound, fearing that this could spoil the village and its historic, rural character. Others recognise the need for some development as part of the current national initiative. However, almost without exception, residents do not want to see major change and feel that any housing development that is allowed should be on a small scale and built at a low housing density
- Residents prefer any development to be in the form of small houses or bungalows in character with the village, allowing for some affordable / social housing and starter homes for first time buyers, as well as dwellings for retirement / downsizing
- Opinion is divided on where development should take place. Some people feel that it should be achieved through infill and building in the centre of the village, whereas others prefer to extend the village by developing the outskirts, feeling this will minimise additional traffic using the narrow streets in the centre
- There is a general feeling against additional traffic and concern about the safety of the roads in Lound, which has very narrow streets with sharp bends, blind spots and a treacherous central crossroads
- There is significant concern about the current inadequacy of the village's drainage systems, both for sewage and for surface water. Additional housing built in the village can only worsen this situation

