

LOUND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UP-DATE DECEMBER 2019

It may seem to have been quiet regarding the Neighbourhood Plan in recent months, but the Steering Group and its advisers have worked steadily to compile a Pre-submission Draft version of the Plan. The final touches are being applied to this document with the intention to publish it soon.

The last few months have been spent in:-

- determining the proposed new Development Boundary
- refining details of the supported sites with landowners, and
- writing policies to govern new housing in Lound and protect the existing structural and natural features which give the village its defining character.

Progress was slowed by having to modify the Draft Plan to meet the number of new dwellings stipulated by the emerging district Development Plan. Over the next 15 years, the period covered by the Plan, Lound is required to provide **21** additional homes to meet the targets set by Bassetlaw District Council. The Steering Group believes the Draft Plan will deliver this commitment whilst meeting the wishes of residents that Lound and its environment will remain relatively unchanged.

Site NP21, land east of Town Street between No.111 and Hilltop, was supported by the Public Consultation on the basis of it providing **2** large, family homes. Since then, one of the landowners wishes to develop his half of the plot with **3** small bungalows, south facing and with a shared access onto Town Street. The Residents' Survey revealed strong views that smaller properties are needed to help young families and in 'downsizing'. On this basis, the landowner's proposals have been incorporated into the Draft Plan. If approved, the small development could occur within 5 years, making a welcome contribution both to residents' wishes and the BDC new housing target. **1** large home is still proposed for the other half of Site NP21. Minutes #44 - Meeting held 6 August 2019 refer.

The next stages toward adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan are set out in Minutes #46 of the Steering Group Meeting held on 18th. September 2019 which have been posted on the Village Website.