

Lound Neighbourhood Plan

Update for Parishioners on Housing Development – December 2020

It is now five years since your Steering Group began preparing the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Lound. Two Residents' Surveys in 2015 and 2016 showed that the majority of respondents believed there was no or little requirement for additional housing in our village.

Bassetlaw District Council has produced several versions of their housing proposals with a minimum Requirement for Lound initially of 10% (21 new houses), then 20% (42 new houses) and now down to 5% (10 new houses). This reduction is in no small part a result of the representations from Lound residents.

The current Draft Lound NP was written assuming a 10% growth and this received overwhelming support in the recent Regulation 14 Consultation. A full version of the August 2020 NP is available here: https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-services/neighbourhood-plans/all-neighbourhood-plans/lound-neighbourhood-plans/

In view of BDC's proposal for a minimum 5% Housing Requirement within Lound and the evidence from the Residents' Surveys, the Steering Group recommends that our NP should be updated to show housing development at this level in line with the November 2020 Draft Bassetlaw Plan. Any further development above this level would only be permitted with the support of the community through the neighbourhood plan.

Below is the table showing the results of the 2018 consultation on which potential development sites should be taken forward for allocation. With the two new houses planned at 22 Town Street and to the rear of The Bluebell Inn, reducing the NP to show 5% expansion would mean taking forward only NP19 (Yew Tree Farm site and outbuildings) and NP21 (north and south) (Land east of Town Street adjacent to 121, Hill Top) as the two most popular sites in our NP.

Results of Public Consultation on Site Preferences June / July 2018			
Site	Yes	No	Popularity
NP02	84	74	4th
NP12	88	70	3rd
NP19	123	35	1st
NP21 (north & south)	100	56	2nd

We are now asking for your support for the proposed change to housing development from 10% (21 new houses) to 5% (10 new houses). Please email nick.prout@tiscali.co.uk (or write to 83, Town Street) by 24 December 2020 to express your preference specifically for 10% or 5% housing development.

Your involvement so far has yielded results and your continued participation remains vital.