



Lound Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

- Following the Examiner's report, some changes have had to be made to the Plan. This has now been formally accepted by Bassetlaw District Council and the Final version of our Plan will be put to the electorate of Lound in a referendum, which will ask "*Do you want Bassetlaw District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Lound to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*" The referendum will take place on Thursday 24 February 2022 from 7am to 10pm in Lound Village Hall.
- The Plan, together with other specified documents including the Examiner's report, are available to read online at www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/loundnp . Alternatively, hard copies have been placed in the Village Hall for people to read on all four Wednesday afternoons in February, while the Hall is open for the Post Office.
- The Lound Neighbourhood Plan contains many excellent provisions for the protection of Lound and its rural way of life, such as the Development Boundary, the Local Green Spaces, the Significant Green Gaps, the Design Code and the Housing Allocations to meet the local requirement for a 5% increase in housing. These provisions would become part of the planning process once the Plan is "made" by acceptance at this referendum.
- Failure to accept the Plan at referendum would result in the loss of all these provisions and leave the village without any plan and open to unnecessary and unwanted housing development.
- While most of the Examiner's changes are of a minor nature, there are two about which you should be particularly aware. The first concerns the removal of Lingham Lakes as a Local Green Space because it does not meet the national requirements as such. This is not considered to be a concern as this area is already well protected through its ownership by the Parish Council and by its designation as a Local Wildlife Site. Secondly, the important words included by the Steering Group in the Submission Plan "Where the 5% housing requirement for Lound has been achieved, additional housing development will only be supported where it can be demonstrated that it has the support of the community and the District Council through the review of the neighbourhood plan" have not been accepted and so had to be removed. This means the Plan has become less restrictive than was intended, but cannot be changed at this time. The Development Policy 1 and the Infill Policy 2 are there to minimise any impact, but the intention is to have a Review of the Lound Plan once the Bassetlaw Local Plan is finally "made" in an attempt to correct this.
- **You are strongly encouraged to use your vote and to vote Yes.**