

LESBURY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS SUMMARY

WE SAID THIS....

- Around 45 new homes over the next fifteen years are necessary to sustain the parish as a vibrant community with facilities and recreational activities for individuals of all ages.
- New homes should be targeted at young families or existing parish residents wishing to downsize.
- That there needs to be clearly defined boundaries within which new settlements can be developed.
- New builds should not be used as second homes.
- Any development should not damage the attractive setting of existing settlements and should match the style of their neighbours.
- New housing developments should contribute to solving the station car parking problems by being in walking distance.
- New homes for young families should have easy access to the school.
- The Northumberland Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment should be used as the basis for identifying possible sites for new homes.
- Advice should be obtained from housing associations on different purchasing options such as part rent/part buy to make new houses affordable to young families.
- For the plan to be completed speedily, only a few sites for potential development should be identified.

FROM THREE MEETINGS OVER 40 OF YOU SAID

That you generally agreed with what we suggested, above.

The average number of homes you wished to see built averaged out around our proposed 45 although a few wanted less than 10 and some wanted over 100.

That the preferred sites for any new housing were close to the station and behind Steppey Lane.

Some of your quotes.....

“If we are hoping to encourage young families to live in the village close proximity to the school and station would be best”

“Not at Hillside plot. We will lose village feel, countryside.....”

“.....a small group of sheltered housing would be a very useful addition...”

“Settlement boundaries need to be defined as soon as possible”

“more or less around the housing as it is plus flexibility around the back of Hillside and possibly more around Townfoot.

“.....other small areas appear suitable for 2 - 5 houses”.

WE CONCLUDED.

That ‘What we said’, above, was broadly accepted by you and that the settlement boundaries for the parish should be as shown below

.....in here showing primary and secondary sites.....

We are aware that practical considerations once site investigations take place may alter such boundaries and that the whole plan is subject to a referendum.