

Lyneham and Bradenstoke Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group (SG)

The NDP SG is the body formed by the Parish Council to develop a Neighbourhood Plan to influence land usage within the Parish.

The SG works to a detailed process devised by Central Government, and supported by Wiltshire Council.

To be valid, all NDP work must

1. Reflect the wishes of The Community
2. Conform with Local and National Planning Policy, as expressed in Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy

The NDP Steering Group's role in making recommendations on planning applications involving large land usage to the Parish Council is recorded in the SG minutes dated 15 July 2019.

5.4 Acting Chair Darren Hewitt, a former Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Councillor, explained that the SG are obliged to consider and comment upon any formal planning application significantly affecting the Parish. Our recommendation on whether to support or object to a planning application will be forwarded to Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council, but they are free to make their own comments. If their position differs from the SG's, the Parish Council will be expected to explain why, in public and on the record.

Planning Application 19/08298/OUT for 50 houses on Land at Pound Farm.

In March 2019 the SG assessed all the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) sites in the Parish, including site 3126 (Pound Farm). This was done to establish whether each site conformed with Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy and also the wishes of the Community as expressed in the 2018 NDP Community Survey Results.

The SG's SHELAA Site assessment document dated 12 March 2019, shows that site 3126 does not conform with Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy. The development proposal is for 50 houses, on a Green Field site, outside the village boundary. The Wiltshire Core Strategy identifies Lyneham as a "large village" for which it states housing developments of no more than 10 houses within the village boundary.

The 2018 NDP Community Survey Results Report showed that 95% of respondents did not consider themselves to be in housing need. The vast majority of respondents are opposed to any development, small or large, on Green Field sites. All available data indicates that there is no internal village demand or need for this number of new houses.

Wiltshire Council currently have not made no allocation for additional houses in the Parish.

The NDP SG recommendation to Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council reference Planning Application 19/08298/OUT for 50 houses on Land at Pound Farm is that the application should be objected to on the following grounds:

- 1. There is no evidence of any internal demand or need for this number of new houses.**
- 2. It contravenes Wiltshire Core Strategy, by being more than 10 dwellings, sited on Green Fields outside the Village boundary**
- 3. There is currently no Wiltshire Council housing allocation for any additional houses in Lyneham.**

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