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The Bassetlaw Pan: Shaping our District for the next Generation

Bassetlaw District Council is launching a consultation on the first stage of its new Local Plan, 'The Bassetlaw Plan', which sets out the priorities for the District when it comes to housing, employment land and other developments for the next 15 years.

The Initial Draft Bassetlaw Plan looks at how the Council can shape the delivery of enough new housing to meet identified targets. As well as ensuring that development is of the right type and character, and in the right location to meet the needs of future generations. The plan also focuses on delivering employment land across Bassetlaw to provide jobs and opportunities and attract investment into the District.

The Initial Draft Bassetlaw Plan proposes the following annual targets:

- 435 new homes (6,675 over the next 15 years)
- 11.8 hectares of employment land (177 ha over the next 15 years, equivalent to 282 football pitches)

One of the ways the Council could deliver against identified housing targets would be the development of a new settlement in Bassetlaw, of around 1000 houses. This could lead to additional services and infrastructure such as a new primary school and the Council would wish to see any development of this size meet high sustainability and design standards. At

this stage of the Bassetlaw Plan, a new settlement for the District is just a concept and the Council are keen to gauge residents' feedback on this.

Residents wishing to view and comment on the draft Bassetlaw Plan can do so online via www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/thebassetlawplan . Planning Officers will also be holding drop in sessions around the District including:

- 24th October Harworth Town Hall (6pm 9pm)
- 26th October Retford Town Hall (4pm 8pm)
- 27th October Worksop Town Hall (6pm 9pm)

Councillor Jo White, Deputy Leader of Bassetlaw District Council and Cabinet member for Regeneration said:

"The Bassetlaw Plan is fundamental to the growth and success of our District over the next 15 years. This draft document is the start of our conversation with local people, businesses and communities about how we can achieve Government housing requirements in a way that is good for Bassetlaw residents now and in the future.

"The Bassetlaw Plan also sets out our own aspirations for how we allocate land for jobs, investment and increased opportunities for local people. This is one of the most important pieces of work the Council will be carrying out as it will shape our District for a generation, it is vital that people have their say."

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