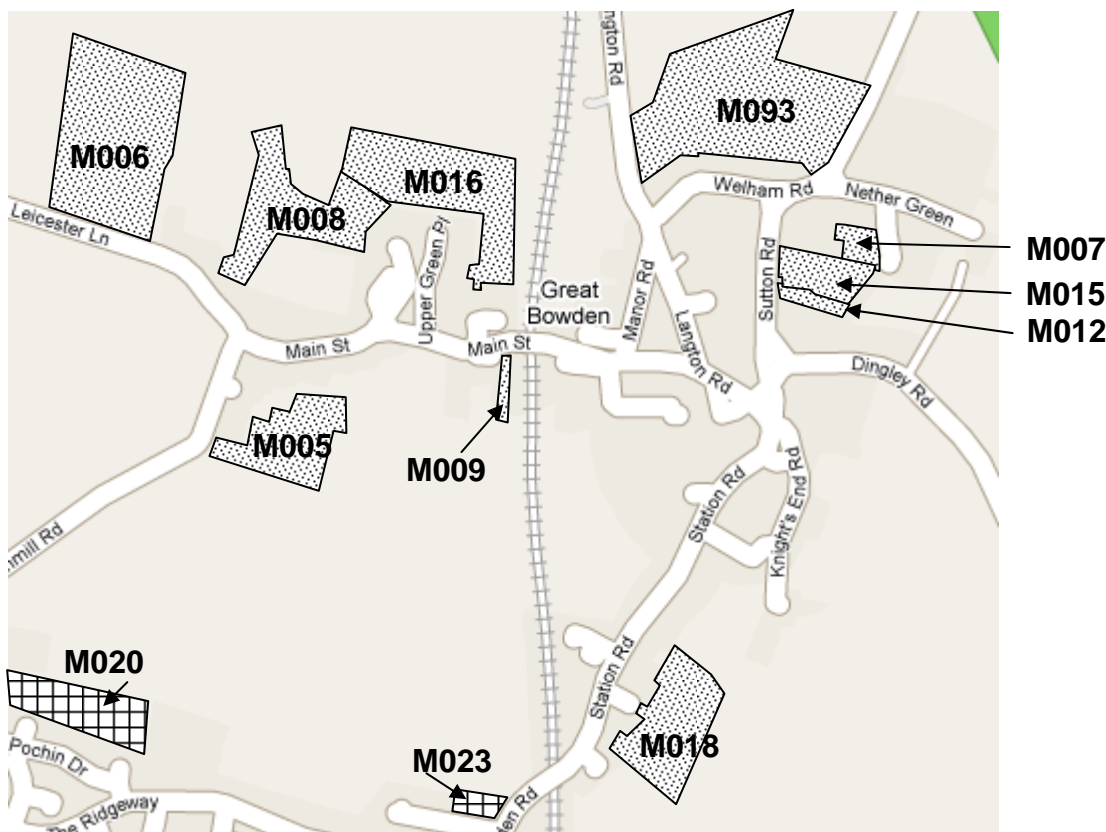


## HDC Local Development Framework proposals have potential to double the size of the village

As part of its obligation to produce a Local Development Framework (LDF) Harborough District Council have drafted a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment by asking local land owners and developers to indicate potential sites for housing. This is to allow HDC to meet its target of providing sites for 7,000 new homes between 2006 and 2026. HDC are now opening these proposals to a public consultation which will run between 8<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 before they are formally included in the planning policy for the district. HDC will publicise nearer the time details on how to present your views on the LDF. It must be remembered that even if the sites are included in the planning policy they would still have to go through the normal planning application procedure before any development could begin. However it is best to get your views in now so that HDC can make an informed decision about whether to include these sites in their framework or not.



The proposed sites for Great Bowden are marked above and they total 458 dwellings – **potentially doubling the size of the village** and adding enormous pressure on the infrastructure especially the road network which is already overstretched and dangerous in places.

The individual sites are:

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| M005 | Land off Main Street/Burnmill Hill, 46 dwellings  | M006 | Land off Leicester Lane, 50 dwellings    |
| M007 | Land off Nether Green, 13 dwellings (although this has recently gained planning permission) | M008 | Land off Green Lane, 46 dwellings        |
| M009 | 41 Main Street, 6 dwellings   | M012 | Rectory House, Sutton Road. 14 dwellings |
| M015 | Land off Sutton Road, 32 dwellings  | M016 | Land off Upper Green lane, 50 dwellings  |
| M018 | Land off Berry Close, 52 dwellings  | M093 | Land off Welham Road, 149 dwellings      |

Other sites that are outside the village but may have a visual impact on us are: M020 and M023 off the Ridgeway and M038 on top of Burnmill Hill. You may also like to view the proposals for the surrounding areas such as M001 Airfield Farm that may have a detrimental impact on traffic through the village.

The Parish Council will be making presentations to HDC in due course but your views count just as much. So make your views known to HDC as these proposals have the potential to change our village's character for ever.

Michael Jack, Parish Councillor.