
Derby & Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee

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FOREWORD

You may have read or heard reports about government revisions of the planning system. There is now a clear and ambitious agenda; to promote growth and jobs, deliver sustainable development and base decisions within a context of localism.

The cornerstone of the new system is the **Local Plan**; this is how different parts of the country can set out how they will make decisions on development proposals. While the local plan will need to reflect national and European policy, there will be a very real opportunity to influence *how*, and perhaps most importantly, *where* development takes place in your area. There is another key message from government about local plans, that they should be based upon the objective use of an up to date and proportionate **evidence base**.

There will be several local plans in the County; district council based plans will cover important issues such as housing, and the County and City Councils are jointly preparing plans to cover strategic matters such as mineral extraction (quarrying) and waste management.

In the summer we be carrying out the next stage of work to develop the Minerals and Waste Plans, but before we start to discuss *where*, we need to share with you the latest information on the scale of some of the respective challenges facing mineral and waste issues in the future. Two technical evidence reports are therefore being circulated for consideration, comment and suggestions. The first looks at the amount of aggregate (crushed rock and sand & gravel) which Derbyshire, Derby and the Peak District should produce over the Minerals Plan period, the second examines the latest evidence surrounding a complex subject; the scale of the challenge to moving to sustainable waste management.

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Despite the updating of national policy on these subjects and the increasing amounts of local information, these matters are still very much open to influence by communities and individuals across Derbyshire.

Finally, it is worth emphasising that this process should focus on coming up with **positive solutions** and eventual Plans that will guide investment rather than just seeking to put up barriers. While some of the information on the scale of these issues may feel like it is concerned with the “problems” we need to address, it is really aimed at familiarising you with the evidence to help you come to your own conclusions on these subjects.

All of your views will be valued, and this is a genuine, open opportunity to shape a plan that will have statutory teeth to shape Derbyshire up until 2030. Please get involved.

Thank you

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