In early 2015, we began the next stage in the preparation of the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan – a consultation to engage the wider community of Derbyshire and Derby in helping us to develop the vision, objectives, strategies and policies of the future Minerals Local Plan.

We are grateful to those who have already provided comments, which we have started to consider and take into account. We have recently published a number of additional papers, including a paper on Hydrocarbons (including Hydraulic Fracturing) and the Sand and Gravel Site Methodology and Assessments. We will also be publishing further papers in the coming weeks, which will include the draft Vision and Objectives. All papers will be published by 29 April. We are now inviting comments on all papers, but particularly on the papers that have been added. All comments should be received by 12 June 2016.

The easiest and quickest way to read the papers and then submit your responses is to use our electronic consultation system, which is at the following web address; www.tiny.cc/MinsPlan

All your comments and suggestions will be used to inform the draft Plan, on which we will seek further views later this year, before it is published and then examined by an independent Inspector next year.

If you do not have access to a computer, you can also respond on paper and post it to; The Development Plans Team, Economy Transport and Communities, Derbyshire County Council, Shand House, Dale Road South, Matlock, DE4 3RY. You can also email comments to ETEWastemin@derbyshire.gov.uk

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