DERBYSHIRE & DERBY MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

Proposed Quarry at Bent Lane, Darley Dale

Derbyshire County and Derby City Councils together are preparing a Minerals Local Plan. This document will guide mineral-related development within Derbyshire and Derby (outside the Peak District National Park) until 2030 by setting out where we expect quarrying and mining to take place and the principles we will use to decide planning applications over this period. This Plan should be in place by 2018.

Mineral companies have suggested a number of sites that they wish to be included in the Local Plan for future mineral extraction. One of these proposed sites is located off Bent Lane, Darley Dale (shown on the map below). This would be for the production of building stone. We have prepared a methodology for assessing potential hard rock quarries such as this. This was published for consultation earlier this year and altered to take account of comments received. This site was put forward after this methodology was published so you may also wish to comment on the methodology now. We have undertaken an initial assessment of this site using this methodology. This is available on our website at the following address:

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planning_policy/minerals_waste_development_framework

The revised Building Stone Strategy Paper is also available at this address.
We are now asking for your views on this proposal, and these will be taken into account in the final assessment, which will determine whether the site has the potential to be allocated in the draft Local Plan, to be published in 2017. If a site is allocated in the Local Plan, this, in effect, indicates that the proposal is acceptable in principle. A detailed planning application would then have to be submitted by the mineral operator and determined by the Council before any quarrying could be started.

Please email any comments you have regarding this proposal to: ETC.Wastemin@derbyshire.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can send comments by post to: The Development Plans Team, Planning Services, Shand House, Dale Road South, Darley Dale, Matlock, DE4 3RY.

All comments should be received by 28 February 2017.