Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination

Post Hearings Work Programme Update

Response to Inspectors' Post Hearing Note Issued on 20 August 2026

SRFA Sequential Test

- The concerns highlighted about progress on the SRFA Sequential Test by the Inspectors in their note are acknowledged.

- However, the Council was contacted by Aecom on 14th August 2026, with confirmation that the necessary updated flood risk modelling data files had finally been received from the Environment Agency, which would now enable them to complete the Sequential Test Assessment.

- The Assessment will include sites currently allocated in the Plan and new sites promoted to the Council through the Call for Sites.

- Aecom anticipated that the Assessment would be likely to be completed by the end of August / first week in September and provided to the Council. A further email from Aecom received on 27th August, confirmed that the Assessment would be completed as above and the outputs provided to the Council.

Gantt Chart Update

- Since receiving the Inspectors' note, officers have reviewed the Gantt chart to update it to take account of the progress on the SRFA Sequential Test, and ongoing progress on the Call or Sites Assessments and Main Modifications.

- As the Council's Cabinet approval will be required for publication of the Main Modifications, including proposed new site allocations for sand and gravel, a Cabinet meeting date of mid-November has been programmed into the Gantt chart.

- An updated version of the chart is attached to this note for the Inspectors' review.

Other Work Programme Areas

- An update on the other main work programme areas being undertaken by officers will be provided shortly in the Council's monthly update for August.

Steve Buffery

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27th August 2026.

Timetable for Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination in Public

