

Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination

Post Hearings Work Programme Update

Inspectors' Post Hearing Letter to County and City Councils.

- Received 5th September 2025.

Staffing Resources

Two additional officers employed / contracted to assist in preparation of additional work required by Inspectors. This now results in a staff resource of four senior officers dedicated to progressing the additional work on the Plan. Technical support is also available from the wider Planning Service as and when required.

- Rebecca Kirkland: Full-time Senior Planner (commenced 18th August 2025)
- Andrew Sierakowski: Experienced minerals planning agency contract worker engaged for 6 months (plus). (Commenced 1st September 2025)
- Steve Buffery: Strategic Planning Manager (In post)
- Clare Wilkins: Principal Planner (in post).

Discussions regarding compensatory provision policy approach

- 28th May 2025: Written engagement commenced with officers of Peak District National Park Authority to discuss compensatory policy approach.
- 8th August 2025: Meeting with Brian Taylor: Head of Planning and Tom Evans: Strategic Planning Manager at Peak District National Park Authority to discuss compensatory policy approach in more detail and implications for PDNPA Local Plan.
- Ongoing liaison with PDNPA officers on Local Aggregate Assessment.

Calculation methodology & production capacity assessment

- July 2025: Statement of Common Ground received from Minerals Products Association.
- 25th July 2025: Dialogue opened with Chris Herbert MPA on SoCG.

- Meeting scheduled for 14th October 2025 between County Council officers and Chris Herbert.
- w/c 1st September 2025: Andrew Sierakowski leading on production of Minerals Capacity Assessment.
- Working Paper being drafted to inform wider discussion with Minerals Products Association and East Midlands Aggregate Working Party.
- Contact made with East Midlands Heads of Minerals and Waste Planning Group for good practice examples of Capacity Assessments. Good example provided by Nottinghamshire County Council being used as basis for Derbyshire Assessment.

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment & Site Assessment Methodology

- 21st August 2025: Contact made with Aecom consultants seeking proposal and costings for undertaking update to Derbyshire and Derby Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Sequential Test.
- 2nd October 2025: Confirmation from Aecom that they are able to accept the commission and indicative costs and timescales subject to receiving more detailed proposal (w/c 6th October 2025).
- Indicative timescales indicate that, subject to finalisation of contractual arrangements, work likely to commence from mid-October for 2 months with likely completion of final Sequential Test Report by January 2026.
- Note that the above has some implications for slippage in timescales for producing and consulting upon Main Modifications.

Local Development Scheme

- August 2025: Revised Draft Derbyshire and Derby Minerals and Waste Development Scheme produced by DCC officers.
- Report on MWDS presented to the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals and Waste Local Plans Joint Advisory Committee on 23rd September 2025. Report endorsed by County and City Council Members on JAC for subsequent presentation and agreement by County and City Council's respective Cabinet Members.
- Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Member Net Zero and Environment Report on MWDS drafted w/c 29th September 2025.

- No set dates for Cabinet Member meetings but anticipated meeting date of w/c 27th October 2025.
- Subject to Cabinet Member agreement, MWDS will be provided to Inspectors and published on Examination webpage.

Main Modifications and Additional Modifications

- September 2025: Work commenced on drafting schedule of Main Modifications. Clare Wilkins leading on work.
- w/c 29th September 2025: Revised Grant Chart drafted for incorporation in MWDS.
- Copy of Revised Gant chart submitted to Inspectors on 3rd October 2025.

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