



# Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination Post Hearings Work Programme Update

### Inspectors' Post Hearing Letter to County and City Councils.

• Received 5<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

- 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025: Dialogue opened with Chris Herbert MPA on SoCG.

- Meeting scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 between County Council officers and Chris Herbert.
- w/c 1<sup>st</sup> 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

- 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025: Contact made with Aecom consultants seeking proposal and costings for undertaking update to Derbyshire and Derby Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Sequential Test.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

- No set dates for Cabinet Member meetings but anticipated meeting date of w/c 27<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025: Revised Grant Chart drafted for incorporation in MWDS.
- Copy of Revised Gant chart submitted to Inspectors on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.

Steve Buffery

Strategic Planning Manager

Derbyshire County Council.

#### Timetable for Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination in Public Milestone description 9/02/2026 2/02/2026 6/01/2026 9/01/2026 2/01/2026 Inspector issues letter (approx) PINS Modifications AS / CW Policy and supporting text wording Discussions with PDNP SB Discussions with East Midlands Aggregate Group SB / AS Landbank calculations/production capacity assessment AS Policies Map AS / IG Updated Modifications Schedule AS / CW Commissioned work Sequential Flood Test SB / AS Site Assessment post Sequential Test SB / AS Summary Paper on Site Assessment Methodology SB / AS Sustainability Appraisal SB / AS Draft Report to DCC Committee Services to seek approval to consult on the above SB Report presented to Cabinet Approval to consult on above and other Mods SB 9 Feb 2026 Consultation in relation to the above Statement of Common Ground Minerals Product Association SB / AS Local Development Scheme Draft Report to DCC Committee Services SB Draft JAC Report to be submitted to DCC Committee Services SB Cabinet Member Report to be drafted by Derby City Council Officers SB Report to be presented to Derbyshire and Derby Minerals and Waste Joint Advisory Committee. PC Report to be presented to Derby City Council Cabinet Member SB/PC Publish updated LDS to website CW Submitting Main Modifications to PINS Main Modifications consultation period AS/CW SB/AS Report on Main Modification consultation results

18 June 2026

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Submit Main Modifications to PINS

Anticipated Inspectors Report (approx)

Draft Report to Cabinet with recommendation to adopt Plan

Draft Report to Full Council to recommend adoption of Plan

Present Report to Full Council to recommend adoption of Plan

Present Report to Cabinet to recommend adoption