



Notes of meeting of Derby HMA Joint Advisory Board

4 July 2019

Amber Valley Borough Council Offices, Ripley

2.00pm – 4.00pm

Chair – Councillor Matthew Holmes, Derby City Council

Item 1 Welcome and introductions

Amber Valley Borough Council

Councillor Ben Bellamy (Cllr BB)
Derek Stafford, Assistant Director (Planning) (DS)

Derby City Council

Councillor Matthew Holmes (Cllr MH)
Paul Clarke, Chief Planning Officer (PC)
Andrew Waterhouse, Spatial Planning Group Manager (AW)

Derbyshire County Council

Councillor Tony King (Cllr TK)
Steve Buffery, Team Leader – Policy & Monitoring (SB)

South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Andrew MacPherson (Cllr AM)
Tony Sylvester, Head of Planning & Strategic Housing (TS)
Karen Beavin, Planning Policy Team Leader (KB)

Item 2 Apologies for absence

None.

Item 3 Appointment of Chair

Cllr MH agreed to chair the meeting.

Item 4 Notes from JAB meeting on 10 December 2018 and matters arising

Agreed that any matters arising from the 10 December 2018 would be picked up under other items on the agenda.

Item 5 Amber Valley – update following withdrawal of Submission Local Plan

DS advised that following the Borough Council's decision in May 2019 to withdraw the Submission Local Plan, a further report would be presented to the next Full Council meeting on 24 July 2019. This report would set out the next steps in the preparation of a new plan and would be informed by the outcome of discussion on plan options for the Derby HMA under item 8 on the agenda.

Item 6 Statement of Common Ground for Derby HMA

AW summarised the purpose of Statements of Common Ground (SCG), as set out in national planning policy and guidance and that it is important that an SCG is prepared as soon as possible for the Derby HMA, as a record of what the authorities agree are the planning issues to be addressed across the HMA (and to some extent also beyond the HMA). The SCG would be an iterative process and would be updated and extend over time as plan preparation moves forward.

Agreed Action – HMA officers to prepare initial draft SCG, for circulation to JAB members and subsequent agreement either by exchange of email, or at a subsequent meeting.

Item 7 Derby HMA Growth Options Study

AW introduced the report circulated in advance of the meeting, emphasising that the Study should be a high level document, looking at broad growth options across the Derby HMA, having regard to the constraints to and opportunities for growth and infrastructure requirements. The Study would form part of the evidence base for any new plan (or plans), whichever plan option was chosen and would not establish policy in its own right.

Cllr BB referred to paragraph 4.5 of the report, emphasising that there should be no assumptions in relation to the issues that that may require co-operation between HMA partners and to paragraph 4.6 of the report, highlighting the key importance of addressing issues relating to climate change.

Cllr AM asked whether the Study could/should look at innovative options for new housing e.g. increasing density of development and/or a wider range of house types including more bungalows (AW advised that the Study ought to look at density, but that the precise mix of house types would be a matter for consideration in the HMA Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)).

Cllr MH referred to the preparation of a tall buildings strategy for Derby City which could increase development densities and enable more of Derby's need to be met within the city boundary.

Agreed Action - HMA officers to prepare a draft brief for the Study for prospective consultants, for circulation to and endorsement by JAB members for commissioning as soon as possible.

Item 8 Update on Derby HMA plan options

AW introduced the report circulated in advance of the meeting, noting the evaluation of the options for joint working on plan making undertaken by HMA officers since the previous JAB meeting in December 2018 and the need for the JAB to give further consideration to these options to inform the next round of plan making within the Derby HMA.

Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that Option C would not be an appropriate option for the Derby HMA and that the preferred approach could be either Option A or Option B, or a hybrid of the two options, with the key issue being whether to:-

- i) prepare a joint strategy (probably as a non-statutory document) for the HMA, possibly to be included in a SCG, or
- ii) prepare a joint statutory plan to include broad strategic policies e.g. identifying broad locations for growth (but excluding any site allocations), or
- iii) identify an alternative option.

Agreed Action – HMA officers to give further consideration to the options for a joint strategy/plan and to recommend a preferred option to be agreed by the JAB.

Item 9 AOB

None.

Item 10 Date of next meeting

To be agreed, but provisionally September 2019.