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Draft notes of meeting of Derby HMA Joint Advisory Board

Amber Valley Borough Council Offices, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley

4 February 2025

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Item 1: Welcome and introductions

Present

Chair - Cllr Stephen Taylor, South Derbyshire District Council (Cllr ST)

Amber Valley Borough Council

Cllr Emma Monkman (Cllr EM), Matt Bowers (MB), Sarah Brooks (SB), Rachael Coates (RC)

Derby City Council

Cllr Shiraz Khan (Cllr SK)

Paul Clarke (PC), Philip Stephenson (PS) (via Teams).

Derbyshire County Council

Steve Buffery (SB)

South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Stephen Taylor (Cllr ST)

Stefan Saunders (SS), Amanda Vernon (AV) (via Teams)

Item 2: Apologies for absence

Cllr T. King (Derbyshire County Council)

Item 3: Notes from JAB meeting held on 15 October and matters arising and matters arising

The last meeting was informal, and no notes were produced. Members agreed that the last meeting focused on the upcoming public hearings in the examination of AVBC Local Plan and the questions from the Inspectors. The meeting agreed the principles underpinning a Statement of Common Ground.

Item 4: Local Authority Updates

South Derbyshire

South Derbyshire are aiming to publish their Regulation 19 Plan before 12 March deadline and taking a report to members on 27 February 2025.

Decision has been made to move the end of their Plan period to 2041 so that there will be 15 years post adoption.

The Plan proposed to be published at Regulation 19 is almost same as Regulation 18 Plan although South Derbyshire propose to include a site for 250 / 300 dwellings adjacent to the B5020 to the south of Amber Valley site Brun Lane, Mackworth. This will help with the delivery of the Brun Lane site. Also propose to include the Freeport as an allocation rather than a safeguarded site.

SS would like an updated Statement of Common Ground to be signed by Derby City Council, South Derbyshire District Council and Amber Valley Borough Council before their Plan goes out for Regulation 19 consultation.

Although the 3 HMA authorities will be working to different plan periods SS wants to be able to demonstrate that South Derbyshire are contributing to unmet need of HMA whatever version of the NPPF is used.

MB welcomed the proposed allocation adjacent to the B5020 and agreed to share wording to ensure policies are aligned.

Derbyshire County Council

The Minerals Local Plan has been submitted, and two Inspectors have been appointed. MIQ's are anticipated very soon. 3 days of Hearings have been scheduled for May.

Amber Valley

The Local Plan Hearings concluded in December. A letter has been received from the Inspectors stating that the Duty to Co-operate has been met but that the submitted Plan is unsound. However, with more work and changes they conclude that it could be made sound. Letter hasn't been published on the website yet but will be shortly along with a response from AVBC.

The Inspectors believe that the annual requirement should be 424 dpa which includes 1320 homes in the Plan towards meeting HMA unmet need. They have concluded that the Brun Lane site should be removed as an allocation and instead identified as an 'Area for Future Housing Growth'.

SS confirmed that South Derbyshire have a site to the South of Brun Lane which they are proposing to allocate and will work with Amber Valley to bring it forward.

Derby City

Derby City have reconsidered their Plan period are looking at 2023-2043 and will change their LDS with Regulation 18 in December 2025 and submission in December 2026. Whilst the plan period will be longer they have not identified more sites, so the Derby City supply will be stretched over a longer period of time – effectively increasing unmet need. The City are committed to delivering 12500 homes. They hope to be able to utilise windfalls. They are considering whether 2 greenbelt sites will need to be allocated.

Item 5: Discussion on Derby HMA Statement of Common Ground

It was recognised that there is a need to update the SOCG to reflect new housing numbers and agreed that there would need to be a shared approach to addressing the HMA need.

Amber Valley Inspectors have recognised the need for a review policy in the Amber valley Local Plan and will be assisting with the wording of this in due course. The SoCG should probably reflect this wording.

SS reiterated that SDDC want a signed SOCG by 12 March to accompany their Regulation 19 Plan.

AVBC would like the SoCG to continue to reiterate the joint approach to meeting housing need across the HMA. It may be appropriate to also include wording around working collaboratively to deliver large scale sites.

Officers were asked to prepare draft wording.

Item 6: Any other business

Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr EM, Cllr ST and Cllr SK all confirmed that their Councils will carry on with Plan preparation until they are advised otherwise.

Transport

Transport modelling subgroup has been established to look at strategic and local impacts and mitigation needs resulting from proposed housing growth in Derby HMA particularly in and around the Derby urban area.

Item 7: Time and date of next meeting

Programme of meetings to be circulated.