



Notes of meeting of Derby HMA Joint Advisory Board

11 October 2022

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

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Chair – Councillor Tony King, Derbyshire County Council

Item 1 Welcome and introductions

Amber Valley Borough Council

Councillor Tony Harper (Cllr TH)
Derek Stafford, Assistant Director (Planning) (DS)

Derby City Council

Councillor Steve Hassall (Cllr SH)
Paul Clarke, Chief Planning Officer (PC)
Nicky Bartley, Planning Policy Team Leader (NB)

Derbyshire County Council

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

South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Stephen Taylor (Cllr ST)
Steffan Saunders, Head of Planning & Strategic Housing (SS)
Richard Groves, Planning Policy Officer (KB)

Erewash Borough Council (attending as Observers)

Councillor Michael Powell (Cllr MP)
Oliver Dove, Planning Policy & Regeneration Manager (OD)

Item 2 Apologies for absence

Andy Waterhouse, Spatial Planning Group Manager, Derby City Council
Steve Birkinshaw, Head of Planning & Regeneration, Erewash Borough Council

Item 3 Notes from JAB meeting held on 5 July 2022 and matters arising

It was agreed by those who were present at the meeting that the notes were an accurate record of the meeting. It was noted that any matters arising related to items elsewhere on the agenda and would therefore be considered under the relevant item.

Item 4 Update on Amber Valley Borough Local Plan following consultation on Preferred Spatial Strategy For Housing & Economic Growth & Draft Policies

DS advised that the further Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation took place between 15 July 2022 and 2 September 2022, including drop-in events held in four locations (Crich, Heanor, Somercotes and Mackworth). He advised that all representations received were now being carefully considered, alongside relevant further evidence, in preparing the policies and proposals to be included in the Pre-Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19).

SS asked whether the Borough Council was still on track to agree the Pre-Submission Local Plan in November 2022. DS advised that the Borough Council was still working to that date as per the agreed programme and timetable.

Item 5 Update on assessment of capacity for future housing growth within Derby City

NB advised that following the appointment of independent consultants (AECOM) to assess the robustness of the work undertaken in-house by Derby City officers, a workshop had recently been held with Derby HMA officers. The workshop focused on the initial assumptions for the capacity and deliverability of potential sites. NB advised that a further workshop with developers will take place either towards the end of October or in early November and that AECOM would then prepare a draft report within around two weeks, which would be circulated to HMA partners for any comments.

SS noted that the workshop had been helpful and that it was important to recognise that the assessment is being undertaken at a point in time. He would welcome AECOM's comments on the extent to which there would be potential to achieve higher levels of housing growth in the medium to long term, through a range of interventions.

NB advised that the capacity assessment could then be formally signed off by the JAB at the next meeting in January 2023. Cllr TK asked whether it would be possible to secure agreement by exchange of email in advance of the next JAB meeting. It was agreed that this would be the preferred option, subject to the timing of the completion of the assessment process.

Action Subject to the timing of the completion of the capacity assessment, NB to circulate final documents to the JAB by email for formal signing-off, in advance of the next JAB meeting on 24 January 2023.

Item 6 Update on South Derbyshire Local Plan Issues & Options

SS advised that South Derbyshire have agreed and now published an Issues & Options document, for the purposes of initial Regulation 18 consultation and engagement as part of the preparation of a new Part 1 Local Plan. The consultation will extend for 8 weeks from 10 October 2022 to 5 December 2022. SS highlighted the key issue of housing need and that South Derbyshire will need to work collaboratively with the Derby HMA authorities in establishing the level of housing growth that should be planned for in South Derbyshire in the Part 1 Local Plan.

Cllr ST acknowledged the sensitivities around housing growth but emphasised the importance of a meaningful collaboration across the Derby HMA in relation to housing need.

Cllr TK asked how and when this collaboration would take place. SS advised that once the capacity assessment for Derby had been completed, the HMA authorities would then need to work through the issues over the early part of 2023 to develop a HMA-wide strategy to establish the scale and distribution of housing provision across the HMA.

It was agreed that a specific item be included on the agenda for the next JAB meeting in January 2023, in relation to this matter.

Action HMA officers to include a specific item on the agenda for the next JAB meeting on 24 January 2023 in relation to collaboration on the scale and distribution of housing provision across the Derby HMA

Item 7 Update on Derbyshire & Derby Minerals Local Plan

SB advised that following consultation on a draft Plan under Regulation 18 earlier this year, the next steps will be to review the project plan but that it is expected that a Regulation 19 Plan would then be agreed and published in early 2023. SS emphasised that the key issue arising from the consultation was the potential impact of proposals for fracking, particularly in the north of Derbyshire and that there is now considerable uncertainty as to how potential changes to national policy would affect the development of relevant policies in the Minerals Local Plan, particularly in terms of how community support for any proposals might be measured.

Cllr ST referred to the potential conflict between the provision of solar farms and the protection of high quality agricultural land and noted that this conflict could also arise with proposals for mineral extraction.

Item 8 Update on Erewash Core Strategy

Cllr MP welcomed the opportunity for Erewash to update the JAB on this matter. OD advised that the Core Strategy was progressing towards submission by the end of 2022, following the completion of further evidence in relation to transport modelling and a playing pitch strategy.

Item 9 Update on proposed Statement of Common Ground between Derby HMA authorities and Erewash

DS advised that since the last JAB meeting on 5 July 2022, Erewash had written to the Derby HMA authorities to seek further progress on the emerging Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) relating to the transfer of any unmet need across the Derby HMA boundary with Erewash. A meeting scheduled between Erewash and Derby City scheduled for 18 July 2022 to progress the matter further had been postponed and has now been rearranged for 18 October 2022. Erewash therefore hoped that the matter could be progressed in advance of that meeting. DS advised that an interim response had been provided to Erewash by the Derby HMA officers, which stated that the Derby HMA authorities remain committed to seeking further agreement with Erewash in relation to this matter, but that pending the outcome of the capacity assessment for Derby, they are not yet in a position to further progress the wording of the SoCG.

PC and SS confirmed that the update given by DS reflects the current agreed position of the Derby HMA officers.

OD welcomed the continuing commitment from the Derby HMA authorities to work with Erewash to seek agreement to the SoCG and looked forward to the continuing dialogue.

Cllr TK also expressed his support for the commitment to ongoing dialogue on this matter and looked forward to a more substantive update as soon as possible.

Item 10 AOB

No other matters were raised under this item.

Item 11 Date, time and location for next JAB meeting

Tuesday 24 January 2023

2.00 to 4.00 pm

Amber Valley Borough Council Offices, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley
(option available to attend remotely for those unable to attend in person)

The meeting ended at 2.57 pm.