



Notes of meeting of Derby HMA Joint Advisory Board 26 April 2022

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

2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Item 1 Welcome and introductions

Amber Valley Borough Council

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

Derby City Council

Councillor Mick Barker (Cllr MB) (substituting for Councillor Steve Hassall)
Paul Clarke, Chief Planning Officer (PC)
Andrew Waterhouse, Spatial Planning Group Manager (AW)
Nicky Bartley, Planning Policy Team Leader (NB)

Derbyshire County Council

Councilor Tony King (Cllr TK) (attending remotely)
Steve Buffery, Team Leader – Policy & Monitoring (SBu)

South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor Stephen Taylor (Cllr ST)
Steffan Saunders, Head of Planning & Strategic Housing (SS) (attending remotely)
Karen Beavin, Planning Policy Team Leader (KB)

Erewash Borough Council (attending as Observers)

Councillor Michael Powell (Cllr MP)
Steve Birkinshaw, Head of Planning & Regeneration (SBi)

Cllr ST agreed to chair the meeting, given that Cllr TK was unable to attend in person, Cllr TK agreed to chair the next JAB meeting on 5 July 2022.

Item 2 Apologies for absence

Cllr Steve Hassall, Derby City Council.

Item 3 Notes from JAB meeting held on 28 January 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 Erewash Core Strategy Review Regulation 19 Consultation

Cllr MP briefly introduced this item by summarising the content of the Regulation 19 consultation and the timescale for any representations to be made following publication.

SBi then provided further detail on the document and the process. SBi highlighted that the previous joint representations by the Derby HMA authorities as a whole and those made by individual authorities within the Derby HMA, in response to the previous Regulation 18 consultation, had been noted and considered. SBi advised that he would welcome any further representations from the Derby HMA authorities, following the publication of the Regulation 19 document, where this could make further progress towards agreement on strategic issues. In respect of the relationship between Erewash and the Derby HMA, SBi stated that Erewash do not consider that there should be any transfer of housing provision across the Derby and Greater Nottingham HMAs, in order to meet housing needs arising within each HMA. He advised that he supported further engagement with the Derby HMA authorities in relation to this matter, but that any outstanding concerns would need to be addressed through the examination of the Core Strategy Review.

Cllr TH stated that he understood Erewash's position but asked for clarification as to what Erewash were seeking from the Derby HMA authorities. SBi advised that Erewash were not taking any position on this matter but would welcome continuing engagement with the Derby HMA authorities.

Cllr ST asked the Derby HMA officers to clarify what the outstanding concerns were in relation to the Erewash Core Strategy Review. NB advised that these include the absence of any comprehensive Green Belt Review to inform the proposals to delete land from the Green Belt and identify that land for housing growth. AW further advised that the concerns relate to Erewash's proposals to delete land from the Green Belt and to propose that land for housing growth, including on the edge of Derby, on the basis none of this land should contribute towards meeting Derby's needs.

SBi advised that the further work undertaken as part of the sustainability appraisal of the Core Strategy Review should demonstrate that a robust approach to site selection has been taken, including to explain why sites originally proposed to be deleted from the Green Belt and identified for growth have now been removed.

Agreed Action

- **Derby HMA officers to prepare a draft joint response to the Erewash Core Strategy Review Regulation 19 consultation and to circulate this to JAB members for their consideration and agreement, prior to the deadline for representations to be made.**

Item 5 Derby City Capacity Study – verbal update

NB advised that the City Council are now looking to appoint independent consultants as soon as possible to assess the robustness of the work undertaken in-house by officers, following an officer workshop to be arranged to discuss further the initial conclusions from the in-house assessment of capacity.

Item 6 Derby and Derbyshire Spatial Planning Framework – verbal update

SBu confirmed that as previously advised, the preparation of the SPF was currently on hold, pending any further clarity on the Government's proposals for planning reform, following the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper in February 2022 and the forthcoming Queen's Speech in May 2022.

Item 7 AOB

No other matters were raised for discussion.

Item 8 Dates/times for JAB meetings up to January 2023

The previously agreed dates/times and venue for JAB meetings up to January 2023 were noted and confirmed.

The meeting ended at 2.40 pm.