

Derbyshire & Derby Minerals Local Plan - Update

TOWARDS A MINERALS LOCAL PLAN - SPRING/SUMMER CONSULTATION 2015

Derbyshire is one of the most important areas of the UK for investment by the minerals industry. Planning decisions about opening new sites or expanding existing ones face communities far more often in Derbyshire than in other parts of England.

The Minerals Local Plan will set out the detailed planning strategy and policies to enable the delivery of sustainable minerals development in Derbyshire and Derby to 2030. This means that the Plan will need to ensure that sufficient opportunities for mineral development are provided in order to maintain an adequate and steady supply of minerals to support growth, regeneration and economic development, whilst protecting the environment and local communities from any significant adverse impacts of extraction. In making provision for mineral development, the Plan will also take into account the wider environmental, economic and community benefits that mineral working can provide.

This rolling consultation, starting on 7 April 2015, represents the next stage in engaging the wider community of Derbyshire and Derby in developing the vision, objectives, strategies and policies of the Minerals Local Plan. The purpose is to invite comments and suggestions on elements of the Plan through a series of prepared consultation strategy papers and their respective supporting papers. These will be added to, and revised to take account of your responses, on a rolling basis over the engagement period, which will run until 31st August 2015. We will start to look at comments on the first batch of papers from June 2015, so your early comments would be appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you. All your comments and suggestions will be used to inform the draft Plan, on which we will seek your views later this year, before it is published and then examined by an independent Inspector next year.

The easiest and quickest way to read the papers and then submit your responses is to use our electronic consultation system, which is at the following web address;
www.tiny.cc/MinsPlan

If you do not have access to a computer, you can also respond on paper and post it to; The Development Plans Team, Economy Transport and Environment, Derbyshire County Council, Shand House, Dale Road South, Matlock, DE4 3RY.

If you would like a printed copy of a paper posted to you, please ring 01629 533190.