

Derby & Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee

Minerals and Waste Local Plans Consultations - Update

FOREWORD

In Derby and Derbyshire your local councils have an ambitious agenda for economic growth. The main objectives of this are the creation of new jobs and to help existing businesses wherever we can. The Local Economic Partnership and the Combined Authority (when it comes into existence) will help support the skills, homes and infrastructure needed to enable the economy to flourish.

We intend this to be built on a foundation of sustainable development, an essential component of which is ensuring that local people are involved in making the important decisions that will be required to support economic growth.

The waste and minerals industries will play a crucial part in the economy. In Derbyshire and Derby they provide large numbers of jobs and are major investors. A well-functioning waste industry helps keep costs for businesses down, and minerals are vital to support industry and supply house builders with raw materials.

There need not be a tension between development and residents. Being business friendly and focussing on growth does not always mean overruling the concerns of communities, nor does it mean allowing unsuitable developments to take place.

How we balance these issues in relation to waste and minerals developments will be set out in our Local Plans. These will guide where future waste and minerals development takes place and set out how we will make decisions on planning applications. While the plans will reflect national and European policy, there will be a real opportunity for you to influence whether, how, and perhaps most importantly, **where** development takes place in your area.

Of course, difficult decisions will need to be made. Major developments often raise complex issues and can cause problems if these are not addressed properly in the design process. The role of the planning system is to be objective – looking positively at the benefits new developments can bring, and how we balance these against impacts and concerns of local residents. Sometimes developers will be disappointed when their schemes are refused planning permission. At other times, local communities may see developments given the go-ahead that they may wish to go elsewhere or perhaps to not take place at all.

Our challenge when making local decisions will be to demonstrate that we have listened to all views, both from developers and residents.

During 2015 we will be talking with you about our Minerals and Waste Plans, and these matters are still very much open to influence by communities and individuals. All of your views will be valued, and this is a genuine, open opportunity to help develop plans that will shape Derby and Derbyshire up until 2030.

Thank you

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