

DERBYSHIRE AND DERBY MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING

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Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council (the mineral planning authorities) are working together to prepare a joint minerals local plan. It will be called the Derbyshire and Derby Joint Minerals Local Plan and cover the geographical area of Derbyshire, excluding the Peak District National Park. It will cover the period to 2030.

Minerals are essential raw materials, which are used to provide the infrastructure, buildings, energy and goods that our country needs. They are vital for economic growth and our quality of life. They are, however, a finite resource and can only be worked where they are found. It is important therefore, that we make the best use of them to enable their long term conservation.

The Plan area has a wealth of mineral resources. Mineral extraction and development has, for a long time, been a part of the Derbyshire landscape and an important part of the local economy, making an important contribution to the national, regional and local need for minerals. Whilst mineral working can also provide environmental benefits, residents and local businesses are often concerned about any unwelcome impacts.

A clear, long-term Minerals Local Plan is a way of setting out the future scale and location of mineral working in the Plan area to support economic growth whilst protecting the environment and local communities. It is important that the Minerals Local Plan gets the balance right between the needs of the economy, the environment and local communities. It is vital, therefore, that communities, businesses, organisations and people throughout Derbyshire and Derby are involved in developing the Minerals Local Plan so that, as far as possible, it contains an agreed set of priorities that will deliver sustainable minerals development that is right for the Plan area.

This consultation presents a series of papers, which seek to develop further the emerging vision and objectives, strategies and policies of the Minerals Local Plan. We now need your comments, suggestions and input on these papers, which will then be used to feed into the Draft Minerals Local Plan. We will ask for your views on this document later in the process.

This paper sets out how progress on the preparation of the Plan will be recorded and monitored and the extent to which the objectives set out in the Plan are being

achieved. It will also confirm that this information will be made available to the public.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires mineral planning authorities (MPAs) to monitor their local plans to ensure that the policies and proposals within them are deliverable and are being implemented. MPAs are required to prepare reports containing information on how plan production is progressing and, in relation to adopted plans (which is the subject of this paper), the extent to which the objectives set out in those plans are being achieved. This report must be made available to the public. This paper lists some of the potential aspects of the adopted Minerals Local Plan that may be monitored.
- 1.2 The Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan (the Plan) will contain a number of objectives to be achieved over the life of the Plan, in order to deliver the Plan's overall Vision. The effectiveness of the Plan's policies and proposals, put in place to meet those objectives, will be monitored so that, if necessary, issues can be identified and addressed through a revision of the Minerals Local Plan, either in whole or part.
- 1.3 The Plan will ultimately be implemented through the development management process of the Minerals Planning Authority (MPA), via the grant or refusal of planning permission for new proposals, the monitoring of existing minerals development's compliance with their planning conditions and obligations and action taken on unauthorised mineral development. Planning permission will be granted where proposals are in accordance with the NPPF, the policies of the adopted Minerals Local Plan and any relevant policies in the adopted Local Plans for the area in which the proposed development is located.

2 Monitoring

- 2.1 Monitoring is important in facilitating the delivery of sustainable minerals development. The MPAs will monitor all minerals development for which they grant permission and will use appropriate compliance measures, such as regular site visits and enforcement action, to ensure that all permitted minerals development comply with the terms of their planning permissions.
- 2.2 The MPAs will produce a monitoring report each year to review;

- Progress in preparing the new planning policy documents that will make up the development framework
- How well existing minerals and waste planning policies are working
- New national or other relevant policy guidance that needs to be taken into account
- Updates on local social, economic and environmental indicators that may influence existing and future minerals and waste policies

3 Current Consultation

- 3.1 The 2015/16 “Towards a Minerals Plan” consultation identifies a range of potential strategies for how the MPAs might make provision for an adequate and steady supply of minerals in the Plan area.
- 3.2 The strategy for most minerals will probably take the form of criterion based policies as there are no specific national or local targets to be met for their production. For aggregate minerals there are production targets and this will require more detailed monitoring, through the Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA).

4 Aggregate Supply Monitoring

- 4.1 The issue that requires the most detailed monitoring in the Minerals Local Plan is the production of aggregate, in the form of crushed rock and sand and gravel. Each year MPAs produce a Local Aggregate Assessment which sets out;
- Summaries of past aggregate production, the number of active quarries and the distribution of the extracted material
 - Future levels of provision based on the 10 year average figure and other relevant information
 - The key issues that could affect the future demand for aggregates over the plan period
- 4.2 The MPAs will work with the minerals industry and other mineral planning authorities, including through the East Midlands Aggregates Working Party to monitor sales, distribution and reserves of aggregate minerals and changes in patterns of supply to inform future forecasting and demand.

- 4.3 Observations recorded in the monitoring report and LAA will feed into reviews of the Minerals Local Plan, and if the strategy is not delivering or is indeed over delivering minerals, an early review of the local plan may be necessary.
- 4.4 Consideration will need to be given to the level of over or under production that would lead to a review of the Minerals Local Plan.

5 Other Topics to be Monitored

5.1 At this stage of plan production it is not possible identify precise indicators as these will depend upon the policies that are included in the final Plan. However, based upon the information which is currently monitored, it is considered that the following broad topic areas could be considered for monitoring:

- Contextual information – background information relating to the state of the Plan area (or authority area) such as demographics, environmental designations, the economy
- Sales and reserves of aggregate crushed rock and aggregate sand and gravel
- Sales of secondary and recycled aggregates
- Production levels and reserves of non-aggregate minerals (coal, oil and gas (conventional and unconventional), silica sand, clay, industrial limestone, vein minerals), including landbank requirements where applicable
- Details of planning permissions granted for new mineral workings or extension or alterations to existing ones
- Details of planning refusals, including the reasons for refusal
- Details of any workings which have closed, been abandoned or mothballed
- Details of progress with any restoration schemes
- Number of enforcement issues addressed
- Usage of Plan policies in the determination of planning applications
- Location of new development relative to the spatial distribution set out in the Plan
- Conformity of new development with the Strategic Principles set out in the Plan
- Mineral tonnage moved by type of transport

Do you agree that this the approach set out in this paper is the correct approach? If you consider that additional or alternative approaches should be adopted please state the terms of your suggestion and state the reasons for doing so.