

Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination

Post Hearings Work Programme Update April 2026

Staffing Resources

- Senior Planner Minerals and Waste commenced work on 13th April 2026 and is now actively assisting with the Minerals Local Plan post hearings work.
- Principal Planner agency support contract has been extended for a further period up to 30th June 2026 and is likely to be extended beyond that up to and through the examination period, including additional hearing dates.

Joint Local Aggregates Assessment

- Following amendments to the LAA to incorporate comments received from the East Midlands AWP, the final 2025 LAA for Derby and Derbyshire has been uploaded to the Derbyshire County Council website, at link below.
[Minerals Local Plan policy monitoring - Derbyshire County Council](#)
- Most survey responses to the 2026 LAA have now been received and are being assessed by officers. Reminders have been sent to remaining operators who have yet to submit their returns.

Calculation methodology & production capacity assessment

- Throughout April, work on the Minerals Capacity Assessment has progressed and has been refined to take into account the new data set out in the completed 2025 LAA.

Proposed Call for Sites

- The Sand and Gravel Call for Sites was published on DCC's website on 9th April until 7th May 2026, as at link below.

[Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan - supplementary call for sand and gravel sites \(spring 2026\) - Derbyshire County Council](#)

- An additional targeted consultation has also been carried out with a wide range of consultees on DCC's consultation database, particularly those who have previously engaged in the Examination Process, to make them aware of the Call for Sites consultation.

- A number of sand and gravel operators have already submitted sites for consideration prior to the end of the consultation deadline.
- However, a number of major sand and gravel operators have contacted the County Council to indicate that they have a site they wish to submit for consideration but require additional time to assemble the supporting information required by the Council to inform the assessment process. Officers consider this to be reasonable and so a decision has been made to extend the deadline for submissions by two weeks until Thursday 21st May 2026.

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment & Site Assessment Methodology

- A progress update meeting took place with Aecom on 23rd April 2026, who presented their work on the sequential test to date. All work progressing to timescales to assess existing allocations and sites previously promoted to the Council through its Sand and Gravel Call for Sites.
- Aecom indicated at the meeting that they would be happy to assess any additional sites that were submitted through the current live Sand and Gravel Call for Sites consultation. Agreed by Aecom that these will be provided by officers once the Call for Sites consultation has concluded.

Main Modifications and Additional Modifications

- Work on drafting Main Modifications has been ongoing throughout April and is nearing completion. Completion of drafting Main Mods is scheduled for 8th May 2026. Work will then commence in w/c 11th May to draft full version of plan incorporating proposed Main and Minor Modifications.

Statement of Common Ground with Minerals products Association.

- Contact made with Chris Herbert of MPA to update him on progress on the Minerals Capacity Assessment and its conclusions and to discuss Statement of Common Ground, with a view to agreeing final version. Meeting to be scheduled in early May to agree SoCG.

Annual Monitoring Report Update

- Work has progressed on the 2024 Annual Monitoring Report throughout April. Target date for completion end of May 2026.

Post Hearing Note on Sand and Gravel Site Assessment Process

- Work commenced in late April on Inspectors' requirement for an explanatory document to be drafted to explain how the sand and gravel site assessment methodology and assessments fit together with the Sequential Test, the SA and the Strategic Environmental Sensitivity work.

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