

Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination

Post Hearings Work Programme Update July 2026

Sand and Gravel Call for Sites

- The Sand and Gravel Call for Sites was published on DCC's website on 9th April until 21st May 2026.
- 7 potential sand and gravel sites have been submitted for consideration and assessment.
- Throughout July work has been progressed by officers on assessing the submitted sites. Comprehensive site assessments have been carried out and completed by the County Council's Conservation and Design Team to assess the landscape and visual impacts, heritage and archaeological impacts and ecological impacts of the proposed sites. Highways impact assessments are anticipated shortly from the Council's Highways Development Management Team.
- Officers will be meeting in w/c 17th August to review the finalised assessments to determine which sites are likely to be most acceptable for proposed allocations in the Plan, which will be subject to consultation in Main Modifications in due course.

Joint Local Aggregates Assessment

- Following completion of the 2025 LAA for Derby and Derbyshire in April, work has been progressed in July on 2026 LAA, now that all the survey responses have been received from operators. A draft of the LAA is being finalised for discussion with the EMAWP.

Calculation methodology & production capacity assessment

- Throughout July, 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 and emerging data from the 2026 LAA, together with a provisional assessment of the implications for capacity and future supply of sand and gravel made through the Call for Sites submissions.

- A number of scenarios have been tested based on varying assumptions about potential implementation and delivery timescales for the Call for Site submissions and the information submitted by operators and follow up discussions with a number of the site promoters.
- The provisional assessment work indicates that more than sufficient capacity could be provided by the Call for Sites submissions (subject to finalising the site assessments) to ensure that the Plan can demonstrate a healthy seven-year landbank of sand and gravel at the end of the Plan period, based on the likelihood that either two or more sites will need to be proposed for allocation in the Plan.

However, due to the fact that the promoted sites either comprise extensions to existing operational quarries or are completely new sites, there is likely to be a time lag before the additional sites could commence operation and the additional supply come on stream. It is considered unrealistic to assume that these sites would become operational before 2030. Furthermore, the latest LAA figures indicate that the sand gravel landbank has already fallen below 7 years and this is likely to remain the case in the short-term between at least 2026 and 2030, pending the new sites coming on stream. As a result, there would continue, for an interim period to be a modest shortfall in the seven-year sand and gravel landbank. Thereafter is anticipated that the seven-year landbank would be maintained up to the end of the plan period.

- Should the above be the case, this would be an issue for consideration through the Managed Aggregate Supply System and to this end, officers are currently considering the need for this to be recognised in the Plan through the Main Modifications.
- A meeting was held with the Minerals Products Association on 16th July 2026, to discuss the emerging outputs and implications of the Minerals Capacity Assessment (see further details below). In principle, the MPA considered that the work the Councils are doing to seek to address the landbank shortfall through the ongoing work on the Plan, is to be supported and acknowledged.

Main Modifications and Additional Modifications

- Work on drafting Main Modifications has progressed throughout July together with work to draft a full version of the Plan incorporating proposed Main and Additional Modifications. This work has been completed as far as is possible, pending the outcome of the Call for Sites assessments process and identification of potential sand and gravel site allocations; outputs from the completion of the Minerals Capacity Assessment; and outputs from the SRFA Sequential Test Assessments.

- Work has particularly focused on how the transition to 2042 can be addressed in the Plan. Advice has been sought from the County Council's Legal Services Team as to whether this can be addressed through the inclusion of a specific policy in the Plan, which would set out the Council's support in principle for existing mineral permissions being extended beyond 2042, as recommended by the MPA.

Statement of Common Ground with the MPA

- A meeting was held with the MPA on 16th July 2026, to discuss the MPAs Statement of Common Ground, particularly in the context of the Council's ongoing work set out above on the LAA, the Call for Sites, the MCA, deletion of the compensatory extraction policy from the Plan with the Peak District National Park Authority and transition to 2042.
- This was a positive and constructive meeting and the MPA indicated their support and recognition for the ongoing work the Council was doing to address the Inspectors' concerns on the Plan following the Examination Hearing Sessions in May 2025, particularly regarding the need for the plan to provide for an ongoing landbank of crushed rock and sand and gravel throughout the plan period and at the end of the Plan period; how the Plan would deal with the transition to 2042; and the deletion of the compensatory extraction policy with the PDNPA from the Plan.
- Overall, officers indicated to the MPA that they considered that the SoCG was broadly acceptable, subject to a few minor tweaks to reflect the ongoing work set out above and subject to seeking legal advice on how the transition to 2042 could be addressed in the Plan. It was agreed that officers would amend the SoCG as the basis for further review by the MPA, with a view to the parties agreeing and signing the Statement in due course.

Statement of Common Ground with the PDNPA

- A SoCG was drafted by officers in July to set out a formal agreed position between the Derbyshire and Derby City Councils and the PDNPA on the deletion of the compensatory extraction policy in the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan and how the associated extraction policy approach in the recently published Peak District National Park Reg 19 Pre-Submission Plan, was compatible and aligned with the proposed policy deletion in the DDMLP. The Draft SoCG was forwarded to officers at the PDNPA on 5th August for review and agreement.
- Officers are also considering whether the proposed deletion of the policy SP8 and compensatory extraction policy and associated references to the Managed Aggregate Supply System (MASS), may require consequential amendments elsewhere in the Plan and whether the policy change may

anticipate any future demand for aggregate provision within Derbyshire and contribute to wider regional supply imbalances.

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment & Site Assessment Methodology

- No further update. A progress update has been requested from Aecom on their Sequential Test work, particularly given their ongoing difficulties with engaging with the EA on the updated flood risk modelling data. A response is awaited from Aecom.

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