

Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination

Post Hearings Work Programme Update October 2025

Staffing Resources

- As reported in the September update, two additional officers have been employed / contracted by DCC to assist in preparation of additional work required by Inspectors. This now results in a staff resource of four senior officers dedicated to progressing the additional work on the Plan.
- Since then, in October approval has been granted by County Council Senior Management to advertise a further vacant Senior Planner post, which will be focussed on minerals and waste planning policy. Job advert anticipated to go live in w/c 3rd November.

Discussions regarding compensatory provision policy approach

- Ongoing liaison with PDNPA officers has continued in October on completion of the Joint Local Aggregate Assessment.
- Indication received from PDNPA that its Draft Local Plan will be published in early November, to include minerals planning policies. DCC has had early sight of proposed policies for mineral extraction in the National Park. A further meeting with the PDNPA is to be scheduled in November once Draft Local Plan has been published to consider implications for compensatory policy approach in Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan.

Statement of Common Ground with Minerals Products Association

- July 2025: Statement of Common Ground received from Minerals Products Association. Dialogue opened with Chris Herbert MPA on SoCG.
- Meeting took place on 14th October 2025 between DCC officers and Chris Herbert of MPA to discuss SoCG. Very positive and productive meeting and indication from DCC that much of the text of the SoCG, particularly on the suggested policy approach on the transition to 2042, was likely to be agreeable to DCC for inclusion in Main Modifications, subject to completion of the Minerals Capacity Assessment and further engagement with the PDNPA. Need for further ongoing engagement was agreed.

Calculation methodology & production capacity assessment

- In September, contact was made with East Midlands Heads of Minerals and Waste Planning Group for good practice examples of Capacity Assessments. Good example provided by Nottinghamshire County Council has been used by DCC officers as basis for Derbyshire Assessment.
- Throughout October, work has progressed on drafting the Capacity Assessment, which is now nearing completion.
- Capacity Assessment is indicating both short term and long-term issue with maintaining landbanks for sand and gravel. However, capacity assessment is indicating no significant issues with short and long term landbanks for crushed rock.
- Capacity Assessment will now form basis for DCC's officers to seek to meet with all major quarry operators in the County in November to discuss future extraction plans and likely future reserves.
- Capacity Assessment has indicated potential need to identify an additional sand and gravel site for allocation. Previous Call for Sites Assessments are now being reviewed to consider whether any previously promoted sites could be allocated through Main Modifications and subject to further consultation.

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment & Site Assessment Methodology

- 21st August 2025: Contact made with Aecom consultants seeking proposal and costings for undertaking update to Derbyshire and Derby Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Sequential Test.
- 2nd October 2025: Confirmation from Aecom that they are able to accept the commission and indicative costs and timescales subject to receiving more detailed proposal.
- Indicative timescales indicate that, subject to finalisation of contractual arrangements, work likely to commence from mid-November for 2 months with likely completion of final Sequential Test Report by end of January 2026.
- W/c 27 October, DCC Procurement Team instructed by Officers to place order with Aecom to progress assessment.

Local Development Scheme

- August 2025: Revised Draft Derbyshire and Derby Minerals and Waste Development Scheme produced by DCC officers.

- Report on MWDS presented to the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals and Waste Local Plans Joint Advisory Committee on 23rd September 2025. Report endorsed by County and City Council Members on JAC for subsequent presentation and agreement by County and City Council's respective Cabinet Members.
- In October, reports have subsequently been drafted by officers of the County Council and City Council to present to their respective Cabinet Members in early November to seek agreement of the MWDS for publication.
- Subject to Cabinet Member agreement, MWDS will be provided to Inspectors and published on Examination webpage.

Main Modifications and Additional Modifications

- Copy of Revised Gant chart for progressing additional work identified by Inspectors was submitted to Inspectors on 3rd October 2025.
- Work on drafting Main Modifications has been ongoing throughout October.

Annual Monitoring Report Update

- In October, work has been progressed on the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report, which has been drafted and completed for publication on DCC's website. Copy will be provided to Inspectors w/c 3rd November.

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31st October 2025.