

Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination

Post Hearings Work Programme Update March 2026

Staffing Resources

- Senior Planner Minerals and Waste appointment made on 26th January 2026, following completion of employment and reference checks. Start confirmed as Monday 13th April 2026.
- Principal Planner agency support contract has been extended for a further period up to 30th June 2026.

Joint Local Aggregates Assessment

- The 2025 Local Aggregates Assessment for Derbyshire, Derby and the Peak District National Park has been finalised and was forwarded to the East Midlands Aggregates Working Party. The AWP circulated the LAA for comments to all the East Midlands Minerals and Waste Planning Authorities on 20th February for comment by 13th March.
- Following amendments to the LAA to incorporate comments received, the AWP confirmed on 2nd April 2026 that it could now be published. Officers are in the process of uploading the LAA to the Derbyshire website (see final version attached).

Calculation methodology & production capacity assessment

- Throughout March, work on the Minerals Capacity Assessment has progressed and has been refined and finalised on the basis of meetings with each of the main sand and gravel operators in February.
- A further updated (April 2026) version of the Capacity Assessment has been produced, taking into account the finalised version of the 2025 Local Aggregate Assessment which has updated the sand and gravel provision rate to 0.96 million tonnes.
- The refined MCA indicates that in ten of the fourteen remaining years in the Plan Period the County Council would have a Sand and Gravel landbank of less than seven years, but more significantly that there would not be sufficient capacity to ensure that output is provided to meet the Provision Rate (of 1.056

million tonnes per annum), and that this would be the case from 2033 onwards, i.e. in the last five years of the Plan Period. As such, although there would be sufficient provision in the plan in terms of allocated reserves to meet the shortfall of 9.01 million tonnes, there would be insufficient capacity to ensure output of at least the Provision Rate and could by 2028 result in shortfall in production of upto 436,000 tonnes per annum, which would continue year on year after 2038.

- The mineral operators have, following the meetings in February, been written to inviting them to comment on the Mineral Capacity Assessment, and advising them that further Call for Sites is now proposed commencing in April 2026.

Proposed Call for Sites

- Preparatory work commenced at the end of February and has continued throughout March to progress the technical requirements and approvals for undertaking a Call for Sites for Sand and Gravel.
- All technical work was completed on 2nd April and the formal Call for Sites consultation will be published on DCC's website on 9th April until 7th May 2026 (see letter and criteria document attached).
- An additional targeted consultation will also be 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.

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

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment & Site Assessment Methodology

- An inception meeting with Aecom took place on 19th March. Indication that project is likely to take two months to complete. All allocated and promoted sites have been plotted by Aecom as basis for assessment. Agreement by Aecom that they are also happy to assess any sites promoted through the Call for Sites and for DCC to provide details to them as and when they are submitted.
- A request for the latest groundwater flooding susceptibility data for Derbyshire and DG5 sewer flooding data, has been requested by Aecom from the County Council, details of which will be provided in due course.

Main Modifications and Additional Modifications

- Work on drafting Main Modifications has been ongoing throughout March and good progress continues to be made, particularly now that agreement has

been reached with the PDNPA to delete the compensatory extraction policy for crushed rock and that the MCA has concluded that an additional site or sites will need to be allocated to meet a 7 year landbank sand and gravel shortfall in shorter and medium term of the Plan.

Statement of Common Ground with Minerals products Association.

- Contact made with Chris Herbert of MPA on 12th March 2026 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.

Annual Monitoring Report Update

- Work has been progressed and completed on the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report, a copy of which is attached. Work commenced in January on the 2024 AMR, which was ongoing in March.

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