

Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan Examination

Post Hearings Work Programme Update December 2025

Staffing Resources

- Advertisement for post of Senior Planner Minerals and Waste finished on Friday 28th November. Interviews took place on Thursday 18th December 2025 of 4 candidates. Successful candidate offered position on 19th December, subject to employment and reference checks.

Discussions regarding compensatory provision policy approach

- Ongoing liaison with PDNPA officers has continued in December on completion of the Joint Local Aggregate Assessment.
- All PDNPA returns complete and exchanged with DCC. All DCC returns complete except from one operator, who is being chased up on DCC's behalf by Mineral Products Association. Draft of text and figures for Joint LAA complete subject to inclusion of figures for one outstanding operator.
- Meeting took place on 5th December of East Midlands Aggregate Working Party, when provisional figures for Joint LAA were communicated by DCC and PDNPA.
- Peak District National Park Draft Local Plan published on 3rd November 2025. Includes minerals planning policies. DCC submitted comments on Plan on 8th December 2025, in which it indicated that it was minded to delete the compensatory extraction policy approach in the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan. DCC considers that PDNPA Policies have been drafted with sufficient flexibility to ensure that 10-year land banks for crushed rock can be maintained in the National Park without reliance on Derbyshire additional provision.
- A further meeting with the PDNPA is to be scheduled shortly to consider implications for compensatory policy approach in both Local Plans.

Statement of Common Ground with Minerals Products Association

- July 2025: Statement of Common Ground received from Minerals Products Association. Ongoing dialogue has continued in December with Chris Herbert

of MPA on SoCG in context of Minerals Capacity Assessment and further engagement with the PDNPA on compensatory extraction policy approach.

Calculation methodology & production capacity assessment

- Throughout December, work has progressed on drafting the Capacity Assessment, which is now almost complete.
- 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 January 2026 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 were reviewed in November to consider whether any previously promoted sites could be allocated through Main Modifications and subject to further consultation. Three potential sites appear worthy of reconsideration at Eggington, Foremark and Swarkstone.
- Details of these sites were forwarded to Aecom in early December for inclusion in the SFRA Sequential Test update (as below)

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment & Site Assessment Methodology

- Contract with Aecom underway in December for undertaking update to Derbyshire and Derby Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Sequential Test.
- Scope of work has been agreed to include three additional sites identified for potential allocation through Call for Sites.

Local Development Scheme

- Report presented to Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Member Meeting for Net Zero and Environment on 4th November 2025, at which agreement was given by Cabinet Member for publication of MWDS subject to agreement by Derby City Council.
- Report was presented to meeting of Derby City Council Cabinet Member on 10th December, for which approval was given to publish MWDS.

- Updated approved MWDS was provided to Inspectors and published on Examination webpage on 11th December 2025.

Main Modifications and Additional Modifications

- Copy of Revised Gant chart for progressing additional work identified by Inspectors has been updated in December, a copy of which is attached to reflect Inspectors' Post Hearings Letter No. 2 to take account of:
 - A period for PINS to consider the work coming out of the SFRA etc before consultation is undertaken
 - An additional hearing session to consider the main mods/evidence
 - Final mods schedule considered by PINS
 - An additional final public consultation
- Work on drafting Main Modifications has been ongoing throughout December and good progress being made.

Annual Monitoring Report Update

- Work has been progressed and completed on the 2023 Annual Monitoring Report. This is being fact checked prior to it being published on DCC's website. Copy will be provided to Inspectors shortly.

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29th December 2025.