

## **North East Derbyshire Local Plan Examination**

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### **HEARING SESSION AGENDA**

**13 November 2018 10am**

1. Inspector's introduction
2. Opening statement by the Council
3. Clarification on any procedural matters
4. Main Matter 1 – Duty to Cooperate (DtC) and Other Legal Requirements
  1. What are the relevant strategic matters in relation to the DtC?
    - The homes and jobs needed in the area
    - Provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development
    - Meeting infrastructure needs including transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply and wastewater, flood risk and energy
    - Health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities
    - Climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment including landscape
  2. Has the Council maximised the effectiveness of the plan by engaging constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with the prescribed bodies on these relevant strategic matters during the preparation of the plan and what form has this taken?
    - Local authorities in the North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Housing Market Area (North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Bassetlaw)
    - Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire County Councils
    - Other adjoining local planning authorities
    - Other prescribed bodies
  3. What outcomes have resulted from the co-operation with the prescribed bodies on any relevant strategic matters and how have these informed the plan's policies?

4. Do the content and timescale for preparation of the plan accord with the latest version of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) (SD1)?
5. Has public consultation complied with the public consultation requirements in the Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SD2a, b, c & d)?
6. Is it clear how the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) influenced the plan's strategy and policies and how mitigation measures have been dealt with? Does the SA test the plan against reasonable alternatives in terms of the scale of employment and housing development and its broad distribution as set out in the spatial strategy? What alternatives were considered in the SA and is it clear why they were discounted?
7. How have the results of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (EB ENV4a) influenced the plan? Will the policies achieve the necessary mitigation to avoid an Adverse Effect on Integrity of the European protected sites as set out in the HRA? Is the Council proposing any modifications to the plan in response to the Appropriate Assessment (EB ENV 4c)?
8. Taken as a whole, will the plan's policies be effective in mitigating and adapting to climate change, including supporting the transition to a low carbon future?
9. Has the preparation of the plan complied with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Part 2 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2012 in all other respects?

5. Main Matter 2 – Local Plan Vision and Objectives (Policy SS1)

1. Are the plan's objectives appropriate and justified by the evidence and will they help to deliver the vision for the plan area to 2034? Are the sub-area objectives soundly based and is it clear how they have informed the plan's policies?
2. Is the plan period 2014 - 2034 justified and is the start of the plan period clear?
3. Is Policy SS1 consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and will it be effective in delivering sustainable development and informing proposals for new development?

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**13 November 2018 2pm**

6. Main Matter 3 – Objectively assessed need for employment and employment land requirement (Policy SS2)
1. Does the plan area represent an appropriate functional economic area for the purposes of assessing the need for employment land?
  2. What are the implications of the District's links with the wider functional economic area of the Sheffield City Region and the Derby, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership area for meeting employment needs in the plan area?
  3. Is the assumption of 3000 jobs growth 2014 – 2035 under the Regeneration Scenario set out in the Employment Land Review Update report (EB EMP2)<sup>1</sup> and Employment Land Review Update – Economic Growth Analysis (EB EMP3)<sup>2</sup> justified and robust? Why was this scenario selected in preference to the baseline job forecasts from Oxford Economics and Experian and how does it compare to historical rates of jobs growth?
  4. Which sectors are expected to deliver an 'uplift' in jobs growth compared with baseline projections, why and is this based on robust evidence?
  5. What interventions by public sector bodies and partners would be necessary to deliver the Regeneration Scenario and how likely are they to be achieved?
  6. Does the plan's Regeneration Scenario have any implications for neighbouring authorities in terms of the labour market, commuting patterns and delivery of their economic strategies and local plans?
  7. Would the jobs created be likely to meet the requirements of the District's working age population? Are there any identified skills shortages?
  8. How has the OAN for employment been translated into a requirement for floorspace and land? Are the assumptions in relation to the following factors clear and are they realistic and justified by the evidence:
    - Site coverage/plot ratio – 40%
    - Loss of employment land to other uses – 1 hectare per year
    - Margin for choice – 3.9 hectares over the plan period

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<sup>1</sup> Note document reference corrected

<sup>2</sup> Note document reference corrected

- Assumptions for job densities in the following sectors:

B1 (offices, research & development, light industry)

B2 (general industry)

B8 (storage and distribution)

9. Overall, will the plan meet the objectively assessed quantitative and qualitative need for employment land over the plan period?
7. Follow up items and close of hearing session