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Unknown.

1.

Should the Council produce a Local Plan Part 2 Review under the existing planning system, or should a single full Local Plan Review be undertaken under the new system? (please tick one option and provide a reason for your answer)

- ☐ Produce a Local Plan Part 2 Review under the existing system
- ☐ Produce a single Full Local Plan under the new system
- ☐ Other

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

2.

Where should the housing needs be met? (Please provide site details including projected delivery timescales and the specific need being met).

Natural England has no specific comments on the location of development but offers the following general advice:

In accordance with the NPPF, local plans should allocate land with the least environmental or amenity value. Natural England expects sufficient evidence to be provided, through the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment, to justify the site selection process and to ensure sites of least environmental value are selected, e.g. land allocations should avoid designated sites and landscapes and significant areas of best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land, and should consider the direct and indirect effects of development, including on land outside designated boundaries and within the setting of protected landscapes.

The Derbyshire Nature Recovery Strategy should be given full consideration in the selection process for allocations and its guidance and recommendations followed.

3.

Are there other mechanisms that the plan should consider to securing housing delivery in addition to allocating specific sites (e.g. identifying indicative broad locations/areas for future growth adjacent to existing

settlements, extending settlement boundaries, supporting certain Changes of Use)? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

4.

Are there any other issues that the Council should consider when ensuring the timely delivery of the right homes in the right places (e.g. policy criteria for looked after children, re-allocating unimplemented employment allocations)? (Please provide an answer to your question)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

Provision of green infrastructure should be considered at the outset of development for the multiple benefits that it provides including the health and well-being of future residents and the protection and enhancement of nature.

5.

What specific accommodation needs should the Local Plan address through allocations (e.g. extra care accommodation for older people, care home provision for looked after children etc.)? (Please provide details)

«No response»

6.

What could the Council do to speed up delivery on strategic allocations? (Please provide details)

«No response»

7.

Should the Council allocate land South of Mackworth for development within the plan period? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

8.

Are there other steps that the Council could take to accelerate housing delivery on other sites? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

9.

Do you agree that settlement boundaries should be drawn around the urban edge of Derby, Drakelow and Stanton and any new allocations?

(Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

10.

Do you agree with the principles for assessing the settlement boundaries, as set out in Appendix 1? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

11.

What issues regarding the settlement boundaries should the Council consider? (Please provide a comment)

«No response»

12.

Do you agree with the retail hierarchy? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

13.

Should the Council redefine the retail centre in Swadlincote as a commercial centre which would allow for a wider range of uses? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

14.

What issues regarding Swadlincote Town Centre redevelopment should the Council consider? (Please provide details)

«No response»

15.

Should the Council define the boundaries of all of the retail areas within the District? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

16.

Should the Council include a locally specific Green Belt policy (beyond the NPPF policy) that defines what appropriate development is within the context of 'disproportionate' and 'limited infilling'? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

17.

If you answered yes to question 16, what should the policy consider?

«No response»

18.

Should the Council undertake a Green Belt review with a specific objective of identifying what, if any, Grey Belt exists within the district? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

It would be useful to know if any areas are identified as Grey Belt.
Consideration of potentially using the Green Belt for habitat banks for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) could also be included.

19.

What other sites and/or options should the Council consider for providing Gypsy and Traveller accommodation? (Please provide details)

«No response»

20.

Are there any other issues that the Council should consider when meeting the needs of Gypsies and Travellers? (Please provide details)

«No response»

21.

Are there any additional policies/other issues that the Local Plan should address? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

22.

Are there any amendments required to the existing policies to reflect implemented changes to national planning policy, policy guidance or Regulations? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

23.

Are there better/alternative mechanisms that the Council should use to

secure the required infrastructure? (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

«No response»

24.

Where there is the potential need for long-term management / maintenance of open space, SUDS or other infrastructure, should the Council introduce a policy requiring these to be adopted by a public authority unless there is clear evidence that this is not feasible. (Please provide a reason for your answer)

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please enter any additional comments

There should be agreement of how these areas will be managed in the future at the earliest stages of the planning process.

25.

Do you have any further/additional comments? (Please provide details)

«No response»