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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

On the basis that the future is uncertain and we don't know what we don't know

Circumstances can (and probably will) change so a Part 2 Plan at least gives you a negotiating stance

2.

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

In Derby inner city - I don't believe they haven't got any spare capacity in brownfield sites and older developed sites

In large urban areas

On Brownfield Sites and NOT in rural, agricultural areas

In Erewash, Long Eaton Centre is in severe decline woth very few shops left. With imagination and innovation this area could be converted to housing development and go aking way to meeting the housing targets

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

This is not really something that can be answered without a detailed, informed and legal insight as to overall UK government, local government and shifting political decisions

Surely SDDC will have data and experience to use all avaiabe mechanism

Innovation and bold decisions are needed such as converting declining towns to more inner city housing - a 'Housing on the High Street' approach with landscaping. Urban housing will bring diversity of retail and leisure services. Is SDDC / Erewash and Derby City brave enough?

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

Reduction of large expensive houses 5 bedrooms + estates

Updating / renovation of old towns and inner cities

Cheaper but better quality and social housing

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)

This is another question that cannot be answered without a detailed understanding of complex issues, available data, legal issues and the threat of ignorant, central government intervention.

Clearly all, upto date accommodation issues must be decided by accurate data that is presumably already within the remit of SDDC

It is worth pointing out that the creation of independent living complexes (eg Richmond Homes at Aston onTrent) will greatly skew figures of migration as new 'incomers' will merely replace deceased residents on a like for like basis ie no change

6.

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

Without detailed nowledge of SDDC staffing, skill levels, budgets, priorities etc how are ordinary people supposed to provide realistic responses?

The obvious and fairly pointless responses have to be
Employ more staff
Increase the budget
Remove excessive bureaucracy
Throw out spurious development applications from companies only interested in profits and not communities

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

It's part of the existing Derby City connurbation
It has an existing traffic flow to and from employment centres
No wholesale disruption to agricultural land
Re-define and increase the green environment rather than destroy it
Existing links to established

There needs to be a greater and more postive awareness that SDDC is essentially a rural district for a reason. It used to be known as the Breadbasket of Derbyshire which I would prefer to the Concrete Jungle

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

This assumes there is a need for housing. Government statistics confirm that the UK birth rate and fertility rates are declining significantly so why all this new housing?

Government statistics June 2025 confirm a sharp decline in net migration

(204,000 freom 690,000) so who and why is pushinh for more housing? Who in SDDC is challenging this assumption. Why is valuable agricualture land being ripped up for bland, dreary, souless estates rather than redeveloping existing towns?

SDDC senior officers and councillors need to be positive, challenging, assertive and fight for our villages and re-development. THOSE are the steps the Council need to take

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

But only if they are held and NOT increased. South Derbysdhire does not need more settlement areas - this will be a charter for a tsunami of 'parasite' developers intent only on profit and noton communities

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

Again, SDDC needs to be bold and innovative

Provide resources and infrastructure that provides employment and support services
Fly the Flag for Swadlincote as a district town to be proud of
It already has easy access and space for enterprise

14.

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

Add some urban housing in the centre

Provide active, advisory and activity community meeting centres for the elderly, the unemployed, young people where practical skills / traning can be encouraged

Creat a sense of ownership and pride in Swad

Investigate the source of dissatisfaction amongst young people to combat crime and OCGs

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

Presumably a plan based on accurate data is better than no plan at all

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

Providing it focuses on restricted or no new housing developments. Improve and increase the green belt for flora, fauna and people

Re-investigate the current Green Belt as there are large areas bordering on Leicestershire and the RiverTrent that should be included, eg the land south of Shardlow to the RiverTrent, Aston / Weston and Trent

17.

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

The importance of agricultural land, the heritage of small rural community villages (going back to the Domesday Book 1086),

Resist & reject the increases of uraban development, the tradition of South Derbyshire being a rural county area

Investigate and act on activity-based centres for 'disadvantaged' people, unemployed, young, elderly, etc

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

Becasue knowledge is better than ignorance

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

Any local plan has to consider community well-being, of feeeling valued and proud to be in South Derbyshire and not living in some amorphous concrete jungle.

SDDC has to resist the current obsession for concrete, has to work with others to combat crime, has to provide leisure and vocational opportunities. I'm sure this is already going on but it needs a bigger profile

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

Well beyond my 'pay-grade' and knowledge to comment!

We're in the mire of an incompetent and out of touch 'government' wher the only certainty is another U-turn

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

Keep local servcies locla
Avoid large-scale bureaucracy

Fight to keep SDDC as a forward-thinking authortythat understands and drives local needs

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

Because local needs can be better achieved, assesed and developed rather than vague national un-focused 'policies'

25.

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

I welcome the opportunity to respond BUT the deadline for responses is very tight after the consultation events

The Consultation at Aston on Trent was very well attended BUT there was no signing-in sheet or counting. I counted over 50 attendees in the half hour we were there and I understand it was busy for the full 3 hours so why no head count?

Some questions are impossible to answer without detailed knowledge or time. You cannot get a considered reponse from such a complex questionnaire. I understand they are detailed issues but I suspect a lot of people won't respond because of the difficulty in understanding the jargon.

I would suggest a serious re-examination of the questionnaire down to simple questions which provide SDDC with an indication of intent or feeling by residents. We all have the democratic right to respond and be consulted but also have the right to understand the basic issues and respond accordingly. Simplify if you genuinely want feedback