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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

«No response»

2.

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

«No response»

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

«No response»

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

«No response»

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

«No response»

25.

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

The Canal & River Trust is the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process, and as such we welcome the opportunity to input into planning policy related matters to ensure that our waterways are protected, safeguarded and enhanced within an appropriate policy framework.

Within South Derbyshire, the Trust owns, operates and is Navigation Authority for some 25km of the Trent & Mersey Canal and 2.5km of the Navigable Upper Trent. The canal network is a multi-functional resource which can help to stimulate regional, sub-regional and local economies and can be used successfully as a tool in improving community health and wellbeing; in attracting and generating investment; in place-making and place-shaping; and in delivering wider public benefit. Inland waterways are acknowledged as significant green infrastructure, but they also function as blue infrastructure, serving as a catalyst for regeneration; a sustainable travel resource for commuting and leisure; a natural health service acting as blue gyms and supporting physical and healthy outdoor activity; an ecological and biodiversity resource; a tourism, cultural, sport, leisure and recreation resource; a heritage landscape; a contributor to water supply and transfer, drainage and flood management. The waterway network also forms part of the historic environment, character, cultural and social focus of South Derbyshire District.

Whilst the Trust does not have any specific comments to make in relation to Questions 1-24, we do recommend that the Review should consider, where relevant and appropriate, how the Local Plan Part 2 might affect the canal network and whether there are opportunities to enhance it, particularly if considering allocating land for development in proximity to canals.