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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

I think speed is important - both as the best defence against speculative

applications and because of the impact of any reorganisation of local government.

2.

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

I believe that the bulk of the housing need should be met around the fringes of the main urban settlements. I think that further development in smaller villages such as Aston and Weston is solely for the financial interests of the house builders. The only exception would be where there is an allocation of affordable housing or homes for older residents.

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

I believe that any imaginative thinking should be welcome. Properly thought through extensions to settlement boundaries and changes to use should be welcomed. But proposals need to be properly supported by infrastructure. In villages like Aston and Weston there are real problems with the local doctors and with road traffic at peak times. Also, any changes to settlement boundaries need to be clear so that they show where it is, and is not, okay to

build.

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

To me it seems that re-allocating surplus employment allocations would make sense provided this does not cause unforeseen issues.

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)

Both of the examples mentioned should be addressed. I would also like to see some way of recognising the needs of first time or lower income house buyers through affordable housing spread across the region.

6.

What could the Council do to speed up delivery on strategic

allocations? (Please provide details)

The only thing I can think of is to ensure that bottlenecks are minimised by ensuring that there will always be sites that are available, suitable and achievable.

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

If the land in that area has already been earmarked for development then I cannot see why this allocation should not happen.

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

I believe this is covered by question 6.

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

I accept that housing requirements have to be met but rural communities need to be protected, separation between villages retained and limits placed on the spread of Derby City.

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)

I have no comments to make.

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

It seems sensible to plan these areas to ensure convenient access to a reasonable range and choice of facilities while helping to reduce travel.

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

I would hope that local representatives would have a greater awareness of what is appropriate within the Green Belt.

17.

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

Is the development strictly necessary for the benefit of the local population?
Does it fit in with the character of the local area?

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

I believe that it would be helpful to clearly define what Grey Belt is and where does it exist.

19.

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

The first question I would ask is what accommodation does the Traveller community need and where does it need to be. I believe that a Traveller park was approved on the edge of Aston but I never see anyone using it.

20.

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

None that I can think of.

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

I believe that the various village communities need to be designated and protected.

Rural transport and road capacity is an issue. There is no point building in rural areas if all it does is leave people isolated or dependent on using cars on already overloaded routes.

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

I cannot answer this question properly.

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

I am unable to properly answer this question.

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

I believe that it is appropriate for these to fall under the control of a public authority. To me this offers the best protection to residents both financially and in practical terms.

25.

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

I cannot stress enough how important it is that infrastructure issues in the smaller locations like Aston and Weston are taken seriously and are address either in advance or in parallel with any development. Even a small number of additional houses will have an impact. There is an obvious issue with the roads through the villages and the doctors surgery at Aston needs relocating and extending. There is also an issue with secondary school capacity locally.