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**South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 Review 2022-2041
Equality Impact Assessment**

1. **Introduction**
	1. This report provides an analysis of the results of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of the South Derbyshire Regulation 19 Local Plan to 2041.

* 1. A Local Plan sets out policies for the built and natural environment, housing, infrastructure, open space, employment, community facilities and more. It

also outlines how appropriate forms of development should occur in the most suitable locations. The Local Plan’s policies and site allocation policies will replace the existing Local Plan Part 1, adopted in 2017.

* 1. This version of the Local Plan sets out a strategic approach to development across South Derbyshire District through to 2041, following the ‘Issues

and Options’ Regulation 18 consultation in 2022 which sought to address the principal, overarching issues to be considered. The Plan was published for an additional public consultation in winter 2024, with the Plan’s policies and site allocations proposed. As part of the local plan public consultation this document have been made available, including the comments received on its contents. There were no comments received to the Regulation 18 consultation specifically addressing the previous iteration of the EqIA.

* 1. The previous EqIA was carried out by members of the planning policy team to assess the potential impacts of the Local Plan on the different groups.

This assessment raised no initial recommendations that any modifications needed to be made to the Plan. This report outlines a further assessment carried out to capture the changes to the Local Plan policies that have been included within the plan following public consultation. This assessment now supports the Regulation 19 version of the Local Plan.

* 1. An EqIA has been undertaken of the South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan Document. The purpose of an EqIA is to assess the likely impact of the policies of the Local Plan on different community groups, and how the needs of such groups have been taken into account in relation to the development of the policies. A previous EqIA was produced for the Local Plan at the Regulation 18 stage. It concluded that there were no significant likely negative impacts on the relevant groups.
	2. As a public sector organisation, the Council has a duty under the Equality Act 2010 and associated Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) to ensure that the

policies within the South Derbyshire Local Plan:

* Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited under the Act;
* Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share relevant protected characteristics and persons who do not share it;

 and

* Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
	1. The EqIA report seeks to identify and make suggestions to diminish any possible negative impacts on equalities that may result from the Publication Version of the Local Plan (Regulation 19) as well as recognising positive impacts. It is presented in the following sections:
* Sections 1-3 set out the purpose of the document and its relationship to the local plan;
* Section 4 presents the baseline information with regard to the population of the District including but not limited to the differences in age, gender and race of residents.
* Section 5 assesses the proposed policies; and
* Section 6 provides a summary and any conclusions and recommendations resulting from the assessment.

**2. Purpose of an Equality Impact Assessment**

2.1 EqIAs are required by law to include a range of equalities issues. To incorporate EqIAs into the plan-making process we also need to consider some of

 the wider issues of social inequality, including deprivation and rural isolation.

2.2 The need for an EqIA to be undertaken originates from the duty placed on Local Authorities to eliminate unlawful discrimination when carrying out its

 functions, and promote equality of opportunity between genders, different racial groups, and other equality groups. It is important to consider who is

 affected by the Local Plan i.e. who are the customers of the service. In theory everyone is, in some way, directly or indirectly affected by the Local Plan.

 However some groups of people are more likely to be affected than others. This would for example include those applying for planning permission (such

 as individuals, business, and developers), those professionally involved in planning, the voluntary sector and other service providers. There are therefore

 significant differences in the level and the way different people are affected by the Local Plan, and what they expect that service to be.

2.3 The Local Plan has been produced through the collection of evidence and working with key partners in the public and private sector. The Publication

 Version of the Local Plan has undergone several rounds of public consultation as outlined in the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement. The

 policies in the Local Plan have been assessed for their relevancy to the characteristics protected by the Equality Act and the positive or negative impacts

 of them on these characteristics.

2.4 Therefore, the following equality areas are used in a matrix to determine whether the Publication Version of the Local Plan to 2041 has potential

 implications in relation to the protected characteristics:

 • Age

 • Disability

 • Gender reassignment

 • Marriage and civil partnership

 • Pregnancy and maternity

 • Race

 • Religion or belief

 • Sex

 • Sexual orientation

 • Other protected and/or socially excluded groups (i.e. former prisoners and low-income individuals/families)

2.5 The matrix as set out in Appendix 1 identifies where the Publication Version of the policies are compatible with, and/or where there might be potential

 conflict, or barriers, that may have a negative impact on the identified protected characteristic groups and equality areas.

**3. The Publication Version of the South Derbyshire Local Plan**

3.1 The Publication Version of the Local Plan has been prepared for the period to 2041. The Plan is currently progressing towards the Regulation 19 stage

 and was consulted on between October and December 2024.

3.2 An initial assessment was carried out by members of the planning policy team under the Council’s Equality Assessment to assess the potential

 impacts of the Local Plan on the different groups. This assessment raised no initial recommendations that any modifications needed to be made to

 the Plan. This report outlines a further assessment carried out to capture the changes to the Local Plan policies and assess additional policies that have

 been included within the plan following public consultation. This assessment now supports the pre-submission version of the Local Plan.

3.3 The Local Plan Regulation 19, focuses principally on strategic matters, setting out policies, proposals, and future challenges. These strategic

 matters seek to address the strategic priorities for South Derbyshire firstly by setting out policies which guide the Local Plan’s policies and

 proposals. It also sets out the spatial strategy which is the overall strategy to guide the pattern and type of development. Strategic proposals

 are explained, including achieving high quality of design, supporting sustainable development, supporting regeneration of town centres, ensuring

 sufficient provision to meet the needs for housing, employment, infrastructure alongside conserving and enhancing the natural, built and historic

 environment.

3.4 The document sets out the proposals on the strategic site allocations and development management policies. Following the Regulation 19 consultation on

 the Publication Version of the South Derbyshire Local Plan, the next stage in the plan-making process will include examination by a qualified Inspector.

 Main Modifications to the plan submitted for Examination may be subject to further EqIA following this stage.

 These policies will be used to determine planning applications and will cover topics such as the provision of specific infrastructure. More information

 regarding the timeline of the Local Plan can be found on the Council’s latest Local Development Scheme.

3.5 The main groups on whom the policies in the Publication Version of the Local Plan will impact include:

 • Residents;

 • Service users;

 • People wishing to move to South Derbyshire;

 • Tourists and Visitors;

 • Business owners; and

 • Developers.

**4. Baseline Information**

4.1 Data has been gathered to create a baseline of information and evidence from which to determine how the Publication Version of the Local Plan may

 affect people in South Derbyshire District.

4.2 Data is based on a range of sources, including from the Office of National Statistics (ONS)[[1]](#footnote-2), Nomis[[2]](#footnote-3) and the latest Derbyshire County Council Small Area

 Population Forecasts (SAPF)[[3]](#footnote-4) Much of the data is based on the most recent Census (2021).

Age (and Population)

4.3 It is estimated that South Derbyshire currently has a population of 108,063 (based on 2023 Area Summary Profile data)[[4]](#footnote-5). The 65-year-old and older

 cohort increased by 37.4% from 2011 to 2021[[5]](#footnote-6). This cohort will expand from 20,100 (18.8%) to 32,408 (24.2%). According to ONS data from 2018, the

 population of South Derbyshire is expected to age in line with national projections, with the Old Age (85+) group expected to increase from 2,300 in 2021

 to 5,091 in 2041, an increase of 221%. This cohort will increase from comprising 2.1% to 3.8% of the population.

Table 1: Population Data for South Derbyshire District[[6]](#footnote-7)[[7]](#footnote-8)



Disability

4.4 The Equality Act, 2010, states that a person has a disability if he or she ‘has a physical or mental impairment’ which has ‘a substantial and long-term

 adverse effect on [his or her] ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’[[8]](#footnote-9). According to disability figures taken from the ONS[[9]](#footnote-10), in South Derbyshire,

 approximately 7% of the population have a disability, a decrease from 9.1% in 2011.

Gender Reassignment

4.5 The 2021 Census for the first-time asked adults (16+): ‘is the gender you identify with the same as your registered sex at birth?’ It was determined that

 95.1% of South Derbyshire residents responded affirmatively to this question. No more than 0.05% of residents selected a definitive category, with 4.63%

 not answering the question.

Marriage and Civil Partnership

4.6 The ONS figures also state that South Derbyshire District Profile recorded that 49.2% of all people 16 and over in South Derbyshire were married or in a

 civil partnership. This is a decrease from 52.9% in 2011. This proportion is similar to regional and national averages, with those who had not been married

 or in a civil partnership increasing from 34.6% to 37.9 nationally.

Other protected and/or socially excluded groups

4.7 The District is ranked 218th out of 317, (where 1 is the most deprived) by the Indices of Deprivation 2019 (Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2019 (IMD)

 ranking with levels of social deprivation varying across Swadlincote and the various settlements. Woodville has the highest levels of social deprivation,

 with the villages being generally less deprived. Of the 68 neighbourhoods assessed in the District, three were scored in the second to lowest decile in

 England. The settlement areas also have very different perceived levels of affluence (represented by average house prices). The District has an

 unemployment percentage for the period ending December 2024 of 3.8%. This compares to most Derbyshire unemployment rates, which vary between

 3.0% in Derbyshire Dales to 4.9% in Derby, with the national unemployment rate being 4.4 per cent (ONS 2025). The percentage of residents identified

 as being disabled and who reported that their ability to carry out day-to-day activities is ‘limited a lot’ in the District is 7% (a decrease from 9.1% in 2011).

 The percentage who are disabled and who reported that their ability to carry out day-to-day activities is ‘limited a little’ is 10.4%, statistically unchanged

 from 10.4% in 2011. Overall, in 2021, 47.6% of residents described their health as “very good”, increasing from 45.4% in 2011.

Pregnancy and maternity

4.8 South Derbyshire had 1,088 births in 2021[[10]](#footnote-11). The birth rate is 10.7 per 1,000 of the population. This is lower than the Derbyshire average of 9.9, and also

 lower than the national average of 10.3.

4.9 Teenage conception rates per 1000 women, under the age of 18 (between 15 to 17 years old) are relatively low in South Derbyshire against the national

 average, at 1.0 in 2022, compared to 2.1 nationally.

Race and Ethnicity

4.10 White ethnic people make up 93.1% of the population in South Derbyshire as of 2021[[11]](#footnote-12), a slight decrease from 95.7% in 2011. This is comparable to

 Derbyshire at 96.3%, and much higher than the national average of 81%. In South Derbyshire, 1.8% of the population are of mixed ethnicity, 3.6% are

 Asian, 0.8% are black and 0.7% are from other ethnic groups.

Religion or belief

4.11 At the time of the 2011 Census, the majority of South Derbyshire residents (64.7%) classified themselves as Christian. This figure had decreased to

 47.4% in 2021, with those reporting no religious affiliation having increased from 26.8% to 43%. Sikh is the second largest group, increasing from 1.5% to

 2.1%. This is followed by Islam (0.7%), Hindu (0.5%), Buddhist (0.2%) and Other (0.5%). A further 5.5% did not state their religion[[12]](#footnote-13). When compared

 with national statistics, the proportion of those reporting no religious affiliation is 36.7%, somewhat lower than locally. Conversely, South Derbyshire has a

 higher concentration of Sikhs and lower number of Muslims than are observed across England (0.9% and 6.7% respectively).

Sex (Gender)

4.12 Male residents in South Derbyshire make up 49% of the population and female residents 51%[[13]](#footnote-14). This essentially mirrors from the Derbyshire average

 where males account for 49.1% and females 50.9% of the population. Nationally the breakdown is similarly 49% and 51%.

Sexual orientation

4.13 As of the 2021 Census[[14]](#footnote-15), the number of people identifying as non-heterosexual is 8.2% of the population. 5.85% did not answer, 1.3% were gay or

 lesbian and 0.9% were bisexual.

**5. Publication Version of the Local Plan 2041 Policy Assessment**

5.1 The Publication Version of the Local Plan 2041 (Regulation 19) focuses on strategic matters. This EqIA assesses the proposals and policies in the Local

 Plan.

5.2 Policies, including the strategic policies, within the Plan are subject to assessment to identify any potential impact on different equality target groups. The

 potential impact could be negative, positive or neutral, or it may be considered that there will be no impact on the groups. The full assessment is provided

 at Appendix 1.

5.3 This section firstly provides context regarding the protected characteristics and target groups and how, in principle, they might be impacted by local plan

 policies. Secondly, the key elements of the plan are assessed in terms of the potential impact on the protected groups.

Age

5.4 How and where new development is located may affect different age groups in varying ways. The accessibility of new development may have implications

 for some people more than others and some age groups might be impacted more (or less) than others. For example, for older age groups, proximity of

 new housing and other development to services, such as health and social care, convenience shopping and community facilities may be especially

 important and/or the means to access these provisions safely and easily via public transport. Conversely, accessing quality jobs, training and education

 opportunities, as well as establishing a place on the property ladder, is more likely to be a key issue for younger people. Access to pre-school provisions,

 play areas and healthcare is likely to more important to households with young families. Although all age groups are likely to be impacted, the potential

 exists for some age groups to be impacted by local plan policies more than others.

5.5 Provision of appropriate and more flexible accommodation types, in the right locations to meet needs, is important to all in the community and can be

 influenced by local plan policies. However, this issue tends to be magnified at either end of the age spectrum. For the older age groups, the provision and

 location of suitable lifetime homes, retirement, sheltered housing and/or extra care housing may be much more important than for other age groups. At the

 younger end of the age range, access to affordable housing can be key to enabling young people to live independently from family and in establishing

 their own home in the area.

Disability

5.6 The Local Plan 2041 will guide the location and shape of future development in the District. For disabled people, isolation from services, public

 transport options and/or communities as well as an undersupply of more specialist or flexible types of housing can be a barrier to living independently and

 to health and wellbeing. There are a wide range of needs within this category, and it is recognised that the Plan can play a role in helping to meet specific

 specialist needs, in providing an accessible, healthy and inclusive communities, open spaces, facilities and a public realm that is appropriate and

 accessibly for all who want to use them.

Gender Reassignment

5.7 The Equality Act provides protection for transgender people, defined as people who propose to, has started, or completed a process to change their

 gender. Local Plan policies should seek to respond to the needs of all in the community, avoid discrimination and support inclusivity.

Marriage and Civil Partnership

5.8 Married or civil partnership couples could potentially face barriers through the size of homes, access to suitable facilities and services. A lack of local

 economic opportunities could potentially force longer commutes to economic opportunities outside of the District.

Other protected and/or socially excluded groups

5.9 These can include those experiencing higher than typical levels of social ostracization and/or economic difficulties. Often formerly institutionalised

 individuals such as former prisoners and those who earn lower than average incomes face challenges not experienced by those not falling under such

 categories.

Pregnancy and maternity

5.10 A proportion of the population will be pregnant at any time and/or looking after babies and very young children. They may have health, socialisation and

 childcare requirements, including around access to pre- and post-natal care, childcare and health services. They may be more likely to be seeking

 affordable accommodation that is suitable for a young or growing family, with access to facilities, schools, and open spaces. These needs have

 implications for how our environment, infrastructure, housing and communities are planned and are relevant to the scope and policies of the Local

 Plan.

Race and ethnicity

5.11 For the purposes of the Act ‘race’ can mean your colour, or your nationality (including your citizenship). It can also refer to your ethnic or national origins

 and heritage, which may not be the same as your current nationality.

5.12 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople are often undercounted in official censuses, due in part to their nomadic lifestyle. The Derby, Derbyshire,

 Peak District National Park Authority and East Staffordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (July 2023) addressed such concerns.

 This ethnic minority group have specialist needs in terms of spatial planning and access to services and sites, which have been addressed through

 provisions in the Local Plan. The specific needs of this community have been included in specific Policies, such as H22, to ensure the needs of this

 group are addressed in the Plan.

Religion or belief

5.13 People of different religions and faiths may face barriers to accessing suitable places of worship, which may have requirements in terms of location,

 space and built form/function. The Local Plan can influence the protection and location of community facilities and services and can therefore influence

 opportunities for religious groups to practice their religion and worship.

Sex (Gender)

5.14 The pattern and location of development may have some impacts with regard to gender. The lives of older women are often different to those of older

 men. On average, women live longer and are more likely to be working later in life. These factors will also impact on how the Local Plan can have

 regard to other protected characteristics (including Age and Disability).

5.15 Traditionally, working-age women have been more likely to have varied working patterns compared to men, with one or more part-time jobs, and may

 leave the labour market earlier, perhaps to care for children. Therefore, the need for access to public transport, proximity to workplaces and the

 avoidance of isolated locations are all considerations in planning to meet the needs of women.

Sexual orientation

5.16 The Act seeks to protect bisexual, gay, heterosexual and lesbian people. Known barriers for these groups may include isolation in rural areas, which can

 be stronger for minority groups, the effect of hate crime and a lack of good support networks, especially for older people.

Assessment of Proposals and Policies on Equality Groups and Characteristics

5.17 The policies of the Local Plan Regulation 19 are assessed in Appendix 1 to this report, with regard to any potential impact on the different

 equality target groups described above.

5.18 Outcomes of the assessment have been feed into an Assessment which has been completed as part of the Committee report which is included at

 Appendix 2.

**6. Summary and Conclusions**

6.1 This Equality Impact Assessment demonstrates that in broad terms, the local plan policies identified within the Regulation 19 version of the Local

 Plan are considered to have a positive impact upon protected characteristics, as well as on the population of the District as a whole. There are some

 positive impacts identified within the matrix for certain age groups, the elderly, disabled, pregnant women and racial/ethnic groups. Many of the policies

 within the Plan will benefit the wider community in South Derbyshire and not specifically those with protected characteristics.

6.2 It should be noted that where policies are judged to have a neutral impact, this is because the policy will have a positive impact on the community, across

 all groups, rather than any specific group. None of the Local Plan 2041 Regulation 19 policies have been found to have a negative impact on any

 specific characteristic or group, or to introduce barriers to the target groups. Therefore, no modifications to any of the policies are required or

 recommended at this stage. Many of the policies will benefit the wider community across South Derbyshire.

6.3 Further EqIA assessment(s) may be undertaken if additional consultations are undertaken. Changes to the Publication Version of the Local Plan may be

 required through the Examination process It is therefore vital that the EqIA continues to be undertaken alongside plan preparation to ensure that any

 impacts are identified and acted upon, as necessary, and incorporated within the Publication Version of the Local Plan.

**Equality Impact Assessment Matrix\***

**South Derbyshire Local Plan**

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| **Code/Colour** | **Impact identified across equality groups** |
| Positive | Any impact likely to be positive, to an identified group or groups |
| Neutral | There is a comparable or positive impact across all groups, with no differential impact identified |
| Negative | The likely impact on a specific group or identified groups would be negative |
| Uncertain | The impact is uncertain at this stage |

\*Note that policies being carried forward from the previously adopted plan (i.e. H2, H3, H4….) have not been reassessed.

|  |  |  |  | **Equality** |  | **Groups** |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Policy** | **Age** | **Disability** | **Gender Re-assignment** | **Race and Ethnicity** | **Religion and Belief** | **Sex (Gender)** | **Sexual Orientation** | **Marriage and Civil Partnership** | **Pregnancy and Maternity** | **Other protected and/or socially excluded groups** | **Explanation** |
| [Policy REV1: Review of the Local Development Plan](#_Toc190435494) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | While the regular reviewing of the Local Plan may assist with broadly addressing the needs of equality groups, there is no specific mechanism within the policy to consider such individual implications.  |
| Policy S1: Sustainable Growth Strategy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy establishes the commitment to provide additional housing over the Plan period, accounting for the needs of various individuals and groups such as those requiring specialist housing and increasing the availability of dwellings - including those considered affordable, for those seeking to become first-time home buyers. This relates to additional Policies such as S4, H20, STRA1, STRA2, STRA3 and H22.  |
| Policy S3: Environmental Performance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy will provide broad enhancements to the quality of development. However, these are unlikely to provide specific benefits to such groups other than those who will find larger spaces more accessible, lower income households and younger residents who may have additional space than would otherwise be provided.  |
| Policy S4: Housing Strategy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy reiterates the commitment to provide additional housing over the Plan period, accounting for the needs of various individuals and groups such as those requiring specialist housing and increasing the availability of dwellings for those seeking to become first-time home buyers. This relates to additional Policies such as S1, H20, STRA1, STRA2, STRA3 and H22.  |
| Policy S5: Employment Land Strategy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy will improve the opportunities for employment for various cohorts, as well as linking to sustainable modes of transport such as the Derby-Crewe railway line and the East Midlands Freeport/Strategic Rail Freight Interchange.  |
| Policy S6: Sustainable Access |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy will improve the opportunities for employment for various cohorts, as well as linking to sustainable modes of transport and enhancements for active travel opportunities and public transport access.  |
| Policy S7: Retail |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy commits to support the vitality of Swadlincote Town Centre and to provide urban extensions to Derby City with retail components, thereby improving access to those who may otherwise struggle to travel longer distances.  |
| Policy S8: Green Belt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The protection of existing Green Belt land as well as a commitment to improve public access to it and its connectivity to the region will benefit various groups.  |
| Policy STRA1: Infinity Garden Village  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The mixed-use allocation proposes to provide various types of housing (including a retirement village and gypsy/traveller pitches), which will increase opportunities for residents, employment, social infrastructure and access to Green Infrastructure. |
| Policy STRA2: Land South of Mickleover |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The mixed-use allocation proposes to provide various types of housing (including a retirement village and gypsy/traveller pitches), which will increase opportunities for residents, employment, social infrastructure and access to Green Infrastructure. |
| Policy STRA3: Former Drakelow Power Station |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The mixed-use allocation proposes to provide various types of housing and retail space, which will increase opportunities for residents, employment, recreational facilities and access to Green Infrastructure. |
| Policy FLG1: Future Location for Growth South of Mackworth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This future location identified for strategic, cross-boundary growth will result in (among other aspirations) a neighbourhood centre, transport improvements, educational facilities and green/blue infrastructure improvements.  |
| Policy H1: Settlement Hierarchy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim.  |
| Policy H2: Land north of William Nadin Way, Swadlincote |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim. |
| Policy H3: Land at Church Street, Church Gresley |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim. |
| Policy H4: Land at Broomy Farm, Woodville |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim |
| Policy H6: Drakelow Park |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim |
| Policy H7: Land at Hilton Depot, Hilton |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim |
| Policy H11: Land north east of Hatton |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim |
| Policy H13: Boulton Moor (South East of Derby) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim |
| Policy H15: Wragley Way (South of Derby) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy H16: Primula Way, Sunny Hill |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy is being amended to include additional highway infrastructure improvements and is considered to be likely to result in relevant benefits for local residents and road users.  |
| Policy H18: Hackwood Farm, Mickleover |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact is assumed for the interim. |
| Policy H19 Land West of Mickleover |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period.  |
| Policy H20: Housing Balance & Custom/Self-build |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy is being proposed to have updated housing types, with greater regard to current housing market needs including affordable dwellings. Additional requirements are specified for wheelchair adaptable standards and self/custom housebuilding. Further information is provided regarding anticipated older people’s housing needs.  |
| Policy H21: Affordable Housing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy is not proposed to change significantly, however, the need for affordable rental homes and overall affordable housing requirement have increased.  |
| Policy H22: Gypsies and Travellers and for Travelling Showpeople |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | An updated summary of accommodation needs has been provided, demonstrating the continued commitment to provide such dwellings and pitches.  |
| Policy E1: Strategic Employment Land Allocation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Additional allocations have been incorporated to reflect updated need. The Strategic Rail Freight Interchange/Freeport will assist with not only employment opportunities, but also access to public transport and enhanced blue/green infrastructure and recreational use.  |
| Policy E2: Other Industrial and Business Development |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy E3: Existing Employment Areas |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy has been amended to provide greater protection for existing employment areas and will therefore assist with safeguarding existing employment use.  |
| Policy E6: Woodville Regeneration Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Additional consideration of National Forest planting requirements has been incorporated. The benefits of the National Forest are considered to affect multiple groups.  |
| Policy E7: Rural Employment Development |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Negligible changes are proposed. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy SD1: Amenity and Environmental Quality |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy SD2: Flood Risk |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Negligible changes are proposed. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy SD3: Sustainable Water Supply, Drainage and Sewerage Infrastructure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy has been amended to reflect the commitment to work with Historic England, as well as to avoid increasing the contribution of pollutants to local water resources and infrastructure. Requirements have been updated regarding River Mease Special Area of Conservation (SAC) protections and mitigation requirements. Improved water management techniques can have extensive benefits across relevant groups.  |
| Policy SD4: Contaminated Land and Mining Legacy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy has been amended to refer to up-to-date terminology and to avoid the unnecessary duplication of requirements elsewhere in the Plan.  |
| Policy SD5: Minerals Safeguarding |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Negligible changes are proposed. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy SD6: Sustainable Energy and Power Generation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Additional requirements, such as potential heritage impact assessments as well as highways safety guidance have been updated.  |
| Policy BNE1: Design Excellence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Streer layout guidance has been updated to provide hierarchy of movement considerations which will be advantageous to a variety of individuals and groups. This will also enhance public transport accessibility. Furthermore, reference to the National Forest, Sport England and the Natural England’s latest relevant guidance documents have been incorporated.  |
| Policy BNE2: Heritage Assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Negligible changes are proposed. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy BNE3: Biodiversity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The updated Policy provides greater consideration to multiple types of woodland and additional reference to on-site Biodiversity Net Gain. Further Green Infrastructure features have been included and additional consideration of SAC impacts has been incorporated.  |
| Policy BNE4: Landscape Character and Local Distinctiveness |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The updated Policy provides greater consideration to multiple types of woodland and updated guidance on the protection of Best Most Versatile (BMV) land. |
| Policy INF1: Infrastructure and Developer Contributions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The wording of the Policy has been updated to reflect stronger requirements for infrastructure and developer contributions for development applications.  |
| Policy INF2: Sustainable Transport |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy is proposed to give greater consideration to active modes of travel and public transport. The provision of electric vehicle charge points has been added as a consideration, as well as cycle storage facilities.  |
| Policy INF3: East Midlands Intermodal Park Strategic Rail Freight Interchange/ East Midlands Freeport |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The Policy has been updated to refer to its allocation, reference to the potential provision of passenger rail and well as other minor amendments.  |
| Policy INF4: Transport Infrastructure Improvement Schemes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Negligible changes are proposed. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy INF5: East Midlands Airport |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy INF6: Community Facilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | This Policy is not being proposed to be amended in this version of the Plan. Therefore, a neutral impact beyond the adopted Plan is assumed for the interim period. |
| Policy INF7: Blue and Green Infrastructure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | The updated Policy provides greater consideration to multiple types of woodland and additional reference to on-site Biodiversity Net Gain. Further Green Infrastructure features have been included as well as additional Green Infrastructure provision requirements. |
| Policy INF8: The National Forest |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Updated wording has been included to reflect current conditions across the National Forest and the latest applicable guidance.  |
| Policy INF9: Open Space, Sport and Recreation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Open space provision as part of school developments has been amended to include greater accessibility.  |
| Policy INF10: Tourism Development |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Updated wording has been included to reflect current conditions across the National Forest and the latest applicable guidance. Furthermore, the protection of overnight holiday accommodation has been bolstered through additional requirements.  |

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