

## South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 adopted

A blueprint that will guide the future building of homes in South Derbyshire has been officially adopted.

The South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 addresses development requirements over the period 2011 to 2028 and considers how 12,618 additional homes in that period, as well as 53 hectares of new employment land, will meet needs.

Following a series of hearings and public consultations, a Government Inspector has ruled that the plan is 'sound' and legally compliant – paving the way for the District's elected councillors to give it their backing too.

South Derbyshire District Council met last night (Monday, June 13) to approve it and the Plan is now a formal document ready for planning teams to use.

Council Chief Executive Frank McArdle said: "The Local Plan Part 1 is all about guiding and shaping the future of our District in a sustainable way, so it's a vitally important document to have in place.

"Officers have worked extremely hard to get it to this point. Their expertise has been invaluable and we're very grateful to them for helping to get things over this final hurdle.

"The document will help us to move forward with a focus on our Corporate Plan themes of people, place and progress as we seek continuous improvement for South Derbyshire."

Part 1 of the Plan was originally submitted in August 2014, with subsequent hearings held in November 2014, October 2015 and December 2015, which included joint sessions with Amber Valley Borough Council and Derby City Council.

The Plan sets out the first housing and employment allocations since the 1998 Local Plan.

The second phase of consultation on the Local Plan Part 2, which will allocate sites in the District for developments of fewer than 100 homes and identify local green spaces to be protected, as well as more detailed development management policies, will be consulted upon shortly.

The aim is to submit Part 2 to the Inspector by the end of this year, with a planned adoption in summer 2017.

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