

Core Strategy Update

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I write further to our telephone conversation last week regarding the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Joint Core Strategy. As requested please find outlined below an update on progress on preparing the Joint Core Strategy.

As you are aware consultation on the Joint Core Strategy Draft Plan was undertaken between 3rd June and 15th July 2010. It is acknowledged that Tansley Parish Council and a significant number of Tansley residents submitted representations to the Draft Plan, including 172 village questionnaires. In particular comments on the policies relating to the scale and distribution of housing development and the allocation of 30 new dwellings within Tansley were received. All of the comments received to the consultation are currently being considered by Derbyshire Dales District Council and High Peak Borough Council.

It is anticipated that a schedule of the representations received is to be presented to the next Joint Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for 5th January 2011 and consideration given as to whether any changes to policy are required. However, it should be noted that in light of the forthcoming Localism Bill the committee meeting on the 5th January will not consider revisions to the overall housing requirements or the Development Strategy contained within the Joint Core Strategy Draft Plan.

In response to the Governments forthcoming Localism Bill a review is currently being undertaken of the overall housing requirement for the Core Strategy plan area. This will consider the overall housing need and the distribution of the residual requirement across the plan area. At this time I do not anticipate that revised draft housing requirements for the plan area will be available until mid 2011, and this will be subject to public consultation at about this time. Consequently until this work has been completed a revised Core Strategy Draft Plan will not be published for consultation.

Until the review of housing requirements has been completed the distribution of the residual housing requirements across the plan area remains to be determined. This includes the overall housing requirement for Tansley. The specific locations for development around Tansley will be identified through the preparation of a Joint Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD). The Allocations DPD will seek to allocate land for housing in the context of the principles set out in the Core Strategy. The allocation of housing sites will be required to follow a formal process.

Work on the Allocations DPD is currently at an early stage and a number of sites have been suggested for development in Tansley through the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and suggestions from landowners, agents and members of the public. It is possible that there will be some community feedback on sites that have been suggested for development during Feb/March 2011. We will notify you of any consultation events in advance.

I trust you find these comments informative, should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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