

E.V.A.D.E.

Ecclesbourne Valley Against Development Excesses

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Happy Christmas to all our supporters.

Another year passes and E.V.A.D.E. continues to monitor what may or may not be happening with regard to planning and development in the Ecclesbourne Valley area. The wheels at AVBC turn slowly but there is some progress towards a Local Plan (see below)

AVBC Consultation – Summary of Responses & Key Issues

Following the public consultation (see Newsletter 7) on the “**Alternative spatial strategy options for housing and economic growth**”, AVBC has published a ‘Summary of Consultation Responses’ compiled from the 712 representations received. This short document can be found on link:

<https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/alternative-spatial-strategy-options-for-housing-and-economic-growth/>

The document shows the level of support for each spatial strategy option and highlights the key issues that were raised. The original short consultation document can also be accessed from this link.

AVBC Next Steps

AVBC have stated “**it is intended that the policies and proposals to be included in the Pre-Submission Local Plan will be agreed by the Borough Council in June 2022 and that this will then be published in June/July 2022, for a statutory 6-week period, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).**”

E.V.A.D.E. Next Steps

We must remain vigilant as to how the key issues raised in our consultation response are represented in the Pre-Submission Local Plan and take any opportunity to influence this, in alignment with the agreed Aims and Purposes of EVADE (<https://www.ecclesbournevalley.co.uk/evade-aims-and-purpose.html>). We will be asking AVBC for the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Submission Plan and to request amendments if we feel that our objectives are not being fully and fairly represented.

In particular, we will be watching for their attitudes and plans regarding the use of brown-field sites, the preservation of flood plains, and the best use of existing amenities and infrastructure.

Brief Points from the AVBC ‘Summary of Responses & Key Issues’

Scale of Housing and Economic Growth:

- Over half the respondents were in favour of meeting the requirements of the national planning Guidance without falling short or exceeding this level of development .
- Approximately one third of the respondents favoured a lesser level of development.
- A small percentage favoured more development but it has been noted by AVBC that this sector was “mainly prospective developers or their agents”. (Who is surprised by that!)

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Distribution of Housing and Economic Growth:

- Over half of the respondents favoured a focus on growth on the edge of and around the Derby urban area without impinging on the green belt.
- Roughly a quarter of the respondents favoured either:
 - Dispersal of growth away from the main urban areas, ie. development in and around villages
 - One or more significant new developments based on existing urban areas or villages but excluding the green belt.
 - Concentrating development around existing urban areas including the outskirts of Derby, with possible adjustments to the green belt.

You will have noted that one half plus three quarters makes a total of more than one - this is valid as respondents to the consultation were able to support a combination of the distribution spatial options as in our response.

Overall, there are no great surprises in these results. Developers want more building; most others think that we should follow national guidance, doing our duty but not taking on overflow from other areas; those living in urban areas see the attractions of more development in the villages and vice versa; and most of the population would like to preserve the green belt.

To misquote Abraham Lincoln “You can *satisfy* all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot *satisfy* all the people all the time.” We wish AVBC luck in sorting out a solution and will monitor progress with interest.



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