

Planning Policy Context

- 3.1 A full detailed review of the planning policy context is included in Appendix 1. This section provides a succinct assessment of the main planning issues and provides a backdrop from which the Area Action Plan (AAP) can be developed.
- 3.2 The AAP is informed by a range of policy and guidance as illustrated on the diagram below.



National Planning Policy

- 3.3 Of particular importance in the preparation of the Staveley AAP and future regeneration of the Staveley Canal Corridor are the following Planning Policy Guidance notes (PPGs) and Planning Policy Statements (PPS):
- PPS1 Sustainable Development and Climate Change
- PPG2 Green Belts
- PPS3 Housing
- PPG4 Industrial, Commercial Development, and Small Firms
- PPS 6 Planning for Town Centres
- PPS7 Rural Areas
- PPS9 Biodiversity and Geological Conservation
- PPS10 Waste Management
- PPS12 Local Spatial Planning
- PPG13 Transport
- PPG14 Development on Unstable Land
- PPG17 Sports and Recreation
- PPG21 Tourism
- PPS22 Renewable Energy
- PPS23 Planning and Pollution Control
- PPS25 Flood Risk

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- 3.4 Following the enactment of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Regional Planning Guidance has become part of the statutory development plan and has been re-named as the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). All planning documents must now be in general conformity with its policies.
- 3.5 The RSS will inform the Chesterfield Core Strategy, of which the AAP will fall in line with. Since the Core Strategy is in the early stages of production, the RSS provides valuable up-to-date direction on the future development of the Region and Borough of Chesterfield, and as such plays an important role in guiding the AAP.
- 3.6 At a sub regional level, the Saved Derbyshire Waste Local Plan and Saved Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan have been reviewed, the summary of which is provided at Appendix 1.

The Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Community Strategy (2005 – 2015)

- 3.7 The Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Community Strategy (2005 2015) sets out seven thematic themes:
- Crime and community safety
- Economic regeneration
- Environment and Transport
- Healthy Communities and Well-being
- Homes and Neighbourhoods
- Leisure and Culture
- Lifelong Learning
- 3.8 The Community Strategy highlights the importance of creating and improving business and employment opportunities, and making the area more attractive to investors and visitors. Protecting the natural and historic built environment is a key priority, as is the improvement of the housing stock across the borough.

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3.9 Chesterfield Council is currently (March 2009) undertaking the first steps to satisfying the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which are outlined in the Local Development Scheme (LDS). The Core Strategy is at an early stage, with public consultation on options anticipated in March 2009.

- 3.10 The replacement Chesterfield Borough Local Plan was adopted in June 2006 and is now 'saved' for a period of three years until June 2009, although the Secretary of State is likely to allow this to extend for a further three years until 2012. It will be progressively replaced by up-to-date Local Development Documents (LDDs) as part of a new Local Development Framework and remains the Development Plan as outlined below with some supporting material published to strengthen the polices in the interim period.
- 3.11 The Staveley AAP will be prepared in parallel with the Core Strategy, but until the latter is adopted the Local Plan will act as interim guidance. The Core Strategy is the cornerstone of the LDF. It sets out the vision, objectives and spatial development strategy in context of the Regional Spatial Strategy; and gives an overall view of the pattern of development across the borough up to 2026. At present, an issues and options document is being prepared for the Core Strategy and public participation on this stage will commence mid 2009. The Core Strategy is anticipated to be adopted by the end of 2010. Core Strategy development should be monitored to take account of local policy direction to guide the AAP.
- 3.12 The AAP is intended to be identified as a strategic site within the Core Strategy, comprising detailed proposals and policies to guide major change across the area, which will arise following closure of the chemical works, with the principal aims of achieving regeneration and sustainable redevelopment. The AAP is anticipated to be adopted between mid to end of 2011.
- 3.13 The Study Area has a number of relevant policy designations as annotated on the Chesterfield Local Plan Proposals Map (see attached Plan 3.1). A summary of each of these policies is at appendix 1.

Supporting Documents

- 3.14 The following supporting documents are important material considerations for planning applications, and other strategies in the borough and should be taken account of in order to maintain consistency throughout the emerging Local Development Framework. These have been considered in greater detail at appendix 1.
- Five Year Housing Land Supply Position (March 2008)
- Affordable and Special Needs Housing SPD (April 2007)
- Designing Out Crime SPD (June 2007)
- Open Space and Play Provision SPD (September 2008)
- Sustainable Design SPD (October 2008)

