

MINORITY COMMUNITIES DIVERSITY FORUM 12 JULY 2007

Report of Amber Valley District Council

Amber Valley Ethnic Minority Housing Strategy

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 That a (Housing) representative from Amber Valley Borough Council be allowed to attend the Minority Communities Diversity Forum in order to gain an understanding of the needs of minority ethnic groups from within the Derby housing market area.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2. Amber Valley Borough Council is developing an 'Ethnic Minority Housing Strategy' that's purpose is to ensure there is equality in access to housing and housing related services.
- 2.1 Whilst it is recognised that the 'Minority Communities Diversities Forum' is specifically for groups within Derby City, it is hoped that the Forum will give a general insight in to the needs of different ethnic groups.
 - 2.1.2 Although the ethnic make up of Amber Valley (detailed below) is considerably different from Derby City, there is significant partnership work being undertaken by Amber Valley Borough Council, Derby City Council and South Derbyshire District Council to identify the housing needs for the whole Derby Housing Market area, (which incorporates all three Councils).
- 2.2 **Profile of Amber Valley**
 - 2.2.1 Amber Valley is located in the heart of Derbyshire. There is a population of approximately 116,500 with 49,129 households (Census 2001). Taking into account the Amber Valley Structure Plan, past trends and the Housing Needs Survey, the projected figure for newly arising households is 376 per annum until 2010/11.
 - 2.2.2 The Western area of Amber Valley is mainly rural; the Eastern area is a mixture of residential and industrial/commercial areas. There are 4 market towns, Ripley Alfreton, Belper and Heanor.
 - 2.2.3 Amber Valley contains significant areas of deprivation and social exclusion concentrated in the eastern parts of the borough due in part to the decline of traditional industries.
 - 2.2.4 The rural western areas face problems typical of communities with a declining agricultural sector with pockets of deprivation, social and physical isolation.

2.2.5 Amber Valley's population ethnicity is made up in the following way:

White British	113,986	97.87%
White Irish	515	0.44%
Other White	883	0.76%
Mixed White & Black Caribbean	194	0.17%
Mixed White & Black Africans	49	0.04%
Mixed White & Asian	172	0.15%
Mixed other	66	0.06%
Asian or British Indian	247	0.21%
Asian or British Pakistani	30	0.03%
Asian or British Bangladeshi	6	0.01%
Asian or Asian British Other	30	0.03%
Black or Black British Caribbean	59	0.05%
Black or Black British Africans	32	0.03%
Black or Black British other	10	0.01%
Chinese or other ethnic group Chinese	122	0.10%
Chinese or other ethnic group other	70	0.06%

2.2.6 With 98.2% of the population being white British, Duffield is the ward with the highest ethnic mix, Duffield is also an area with some of the highest house prices and people living in Duffield are amongst the highest average earners.

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