



Strategic School Place Planning

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Local authorities have a legal duty to ensure that sufficient school places exist for all children and young people residing within their boundary. The Council very carefully monitors pupil numbers and trends and develops school place planning proposals in response to population changes as well as housing growth linked to Core Housing Strategies.

Core Housing Strategies: School Place Planning

- 1.2 Derby City Council has been working closely with partners in Amber Valley Borough and South Derbyshire District Councils to prepare separate but aligned Core Strategies. The proposals across the three Authorities will include around 33,000 houses across the HMA, with around 18,000 of these properties being located within Derby or on the edge of the City, known as the Derby Urban Area (DUA). A map showing the strategic housing sites in the DUA is attached as Appendix 3.
- 1.3 The housing growth will have a significant impact on infrastructure. Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council are legally responsible for providing education for those pupils residing within their own administrative boundaries. The two local authorities continue to work closely together on school place planning to shape and develop proposals. This is complex as some of the proposed new housing developments cut across the City / County boundaries.
- 1.4 With regard to primary provision, in order to meet this significant growth in pupil numbers, it is anticipated that 8 or 9 new primary schools will be required across the City and County in the medium to long term to meet the needs of the proposed housing growth over the next fifteen years.
- 1.5 In relation to secondary provision, it is possible that a new secondary school will be required in the County to deal with the growth in housing numbers around the City / County boundary. This will remain subject to review and continuing development work as it is possible that a new secondary school may not be required, depending on actual housing growth, timing of new housing, and regularly updated pupil projections. In addition school expansion proposals are likely to be required to accommodate pupils from housing growth.

Population Growth: School Place Planning

- 1.6 City-wide primary pupil numbers have been relatively high over the previous 5 years but, from September 2017, reception numbers were lower and are projected to

stabilise at this level for future year's in-takes.

- 1.7 With regard to increasing secondary school pupil numbers, on 21 June 2017, Council Cabinet approved school expansion proposals for accommodating secondary pupil numbers from September 2019, as set out later in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the strategic school place planning proposals relating to:
- a. population changes and;
 - b. the proposed long-term housing growth arising from the Core Strategies.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Local authorities have a legal duty to ensure that sufficient school places exist for all children and young people residing within their boundary. The Council very carefully monitors pupil numbers and trends and develops strategic school place planning proposals in response to population changes, as well as housing growth linked to the Core Strategies.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Local authorities have a legal duty to ensure that sufficient school places exist for all children and young people residing within their boundary.
- 4.2 The Council very carefully monitors pupil numbers and trends and develops strategic school place planning proposals in response to population changes, as well as housing growth linked to the Core Strategies.

Core Housing Strategies: School Place Planning

- 4.3 Derby City Council has been working closely with partners in Amber Valley Borough and South Derbyshire District Councils to prepare separate but aligned Core Strategies. The proposals across the three Authorities include around 33,000 houses across the HMA, with around 18,000 of these properties being located within Derby or on the edge of the City, known as the Derby Urban Area (DUA). A map showing the strategic housing sites in the DUA is attached as Appendix 3.
- 4.4 Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council are responsible for providing education for those pupils residing within their own administrative boundaries. The two local authorities are working very closely together on school place planning, in close consultation with schools to shape and develop a school place planning strategy. This is, of course, complex as the proposed new housing developments straddle both the City / County boundaries. Pupil projections have been taken into account in developing the emerging school place planning proposals and will continue to be monitored and reviewed.

Core Housing Strategies: Primary School Provision

- 4.5 The City and the County use different thresholds for the requirement of a new primary school on a site which is in line with different pupil yield calculations. Sites of over 750 new dwellings in the City are likely to require a new one form entry primary school whereas sites of over 1,000 dwellings in the County would be likely to trigger the same requirement.
- 4.6 The policy position for Derby City Council is that, for any development with more than 750 houses, the developer will need to provide both land and funding for an on-site primary school. Below this level, it is normally appropriate to consider expanding existing schools. However, if existing primary schools are unable to expand, new schools may still be required.
- 4.7 Across the whole of the DUA, proposals include the provision of 8 or 9 new primary schools within the City and County in the medium to long term.

Core Housing Strategies: Secondary School Provision

- 4.8 In relation to secondary provision, it is likely that a new secondary school will be required in the County to deal with the growth in housing numbers around the City / County boundary. This will remain subject to review and continuing development work as it is possible that a new secondary school may not be required, depending on actual housing growth, timing of new housing, and pupil projections.
- 4.9 Further school expansion proposals may also be required to deal with other housing developments within the DUA. For the majority of the other developments within Derby City, the proposal is for existing catchment area secondary schools to accommodate pupil numbers from new housing, where possible, either through the use of any existing surplus or school expansions, where necessary.

Population Growth: School Place Planning

- 4.10 In order to accommodate growing primary pupil numbers, a primary school expansion programme was implemented in September 2014 and September 2015. Following the primary school expansion programme, it is anticipated that there will be sufficient capacity across the City, as a whole, to deal with primary growth over future years. Growth in primary pupil numbers is now stabilising.
- 4.11 Pupil projections are now showing an increasing trend in secondary pupil numbers. Following a significant level of growth in pupil numbers in the primary sector, proposals have been developed to provide additional secondary school capacity. This is to ensure that there are sufficient secondary places available, with growth in pupil numbers projected for the Year 7 in-take from September 2018, and September 2019. Pupil projections are regularly updated and reviewed and proposals developed as necessary.
- 4.12 School place planning proposals have been developed with a view to creating additional capacity across a number of schools. This is to ensure sufficient secondary places across the City as a whole. In developing proposals, a range of factors have been considered including whether school sites allow for expansion.

- 4.13 With regard to school catchment areas, all Derby schools accommodate pupils both from within catchment area and from outside of catchment area. Appendix 2 sets out percentages of 'in area' and 'out of area' pupils on roll at each secondary school based on October 2017 School Census data.
- 4.14 The table below sets out proposals to accommodate growth in secondary pupil numbers for September 2018 and September 2019. For these schools, the proposal is for the increased admission numbers to apply to Year 7 only, initially, and then roll through the schools gradually year by year.

Academic Year	School Name	Proposed increase in admission number *	Additional places per year group	Additional places across Years 7-11
2018-19	Bemrose School – Secondary Phase <i>(Already approved by Council Cabinet)</i>	180 to 220	40	200
	Derby Cathedral School (New free school)	120 to 180	60	300
2019-20	Derby Moor Community Sports College	266 to 300	34	170
	Murray Park School	220 to up to 330*	110	550
	West Park School	260 to 290	30	150
Total			274	1370

*Admission number is likely to increase on a phased basis.

Schools Capital Programme

- 4.15 The indicative capital costs of delivering the above secondary school expansions from 2019-20 are as follows:

Derby Moor Community Sports College - £1.5m
Murray Park School - £8.5m
West Park School - £1.5m

- 4.16 Approval has been given by Council Cabinet to add these expansion schemes to the Council's Capital Programme and expansion projects are being developed working very closely with the schools.

Derby Cathedral School

- 4.17 With regard to Derby Cathedral School (new free school), the original proposal was for the school to open with an admission number of 120. In view of significantly increasing pupil numbers, the Council has worked closely with Derby Diocesan Academy Trust and the Education Funding Agency on opening Derby Cathedral School with a higher admission number of 180 from September 2018. The higher admission number would eventually result in an additional 300 places for 11 – 16 year olds across the school (an additional 60 places in each of the five year groups).

- 4.18 The Council will be required to make a contribution towards the cost of providing the 300 additional places as basic need funding has been provided to the Council by the Department for Education specifically to increase pupil places.
- 4.19 Pupil numbers and trends continue to be very closely monitored and reviewed and further proposals will be developed, as necessary, to respond to changes in Derby's pupil population.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 School place planning proposals have been developed with a view to creating additional capacity across a number of schools to deal with population growth and to respond to proposals in the Core Housing Strategies. In developing proposals a range of factors have been considered, including whether school sites to allow for expansion.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Basic Need funding is provided to the Council by the Department for Education for the provision of additional school places relating to population growth.
- 1.2 With regard to school places required due to new housing developments, Section 106 funding is sought from developers to provide additional school places. There may be issues with timescales for accessing Section 106 funding and the restrictions on pooling developer contributions, which will require careful consideration. Land acquisition for any new schools, particularly secondary schools, could be challenging. Developers can only be asked for funding to mitigate the impact of their development and not to address any existing issues with schools places.

Legal

- 2.1 Each local authority with responsibility for education has to secure sufficient primary and secondary education to meet the needs of the population of their area, under s.13 Education Act 1996.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

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- 4.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 All school capital programme schemes will be carried out in line with the latest Building Regulations on environmental performance.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 Proposals are as set out in this report.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

- 9.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 This report supports the Council priority outcome of 'Enabling individuals and communities, and Raising achievement and skills'.

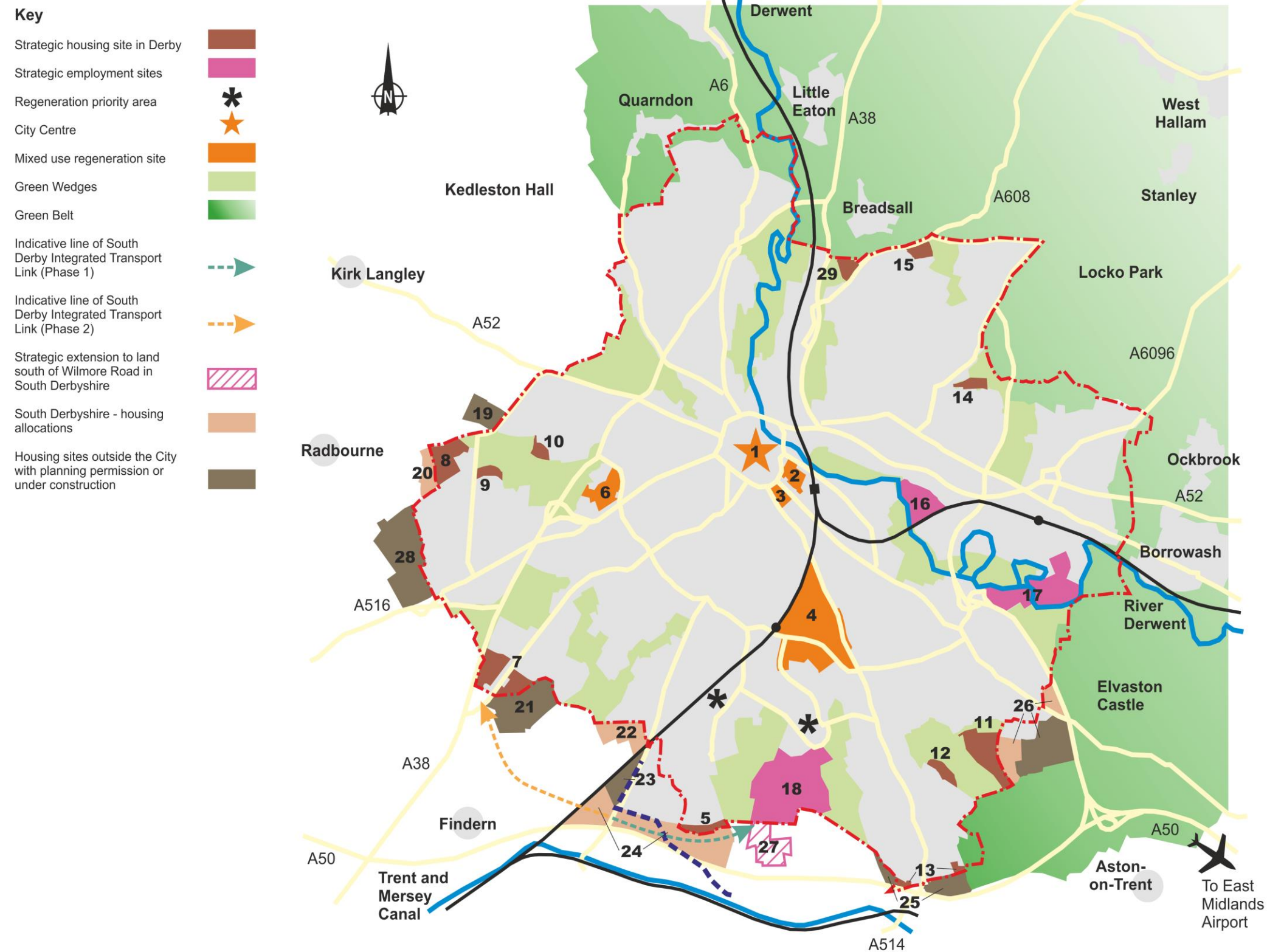
Appendix 2

Catchment area pupils at Derby secondary schools - Years 7 - 13

School	No. of catchment area pupils	% of catchment area pupils on roll	Number of non-catchment pupils	% of on-catchment pupils on roll	TOTAL NUMBER OF PUPILS
Allestree Woodlands School	865	65.4%	458	34.6%	1,323
The Bemrose School	409	53.1%	361	46.9%	770
Chellaston Academy	1,460	87.3%	212	12.7%	1,672
City of Derby Academy	678	77.3%	199	22.7%	877
Da Vinci Academy	491	86.4%	77	13.6%	568
Derby Moor Academy	753	49.9%	756	50.1%	1,509
Lees Brook School	610	53.9%	522	46.1%	1,132
Littleover Community School	1,371	75.9%	435	24.1%	1,806
Merrill Academy	385	52.5%	349	47.5%	734
Murray Park School	491	56.5%	378	43.5%	869
Noel-Baker Academy	848	68.9%	383	31.1%	1,231
West Park School	991	76.0%	313	24.0%	1,304
TOTAL	9,352	67.8%	4,443	32.2%	13,795

Based on October 2017 School Census data

Derby Urban Area Strategic Growth



Derby City	
Site	Dwellings
1 City Centre*	1000
2 Castleward*	800
3 Former DRI*	400
4 Osmaston Regeneration Area*	600
5 Wragley Way*	180
6 Manor/Kingsway*	700
7 Rykneld Road	900
8 Hackwood Farm*	400
9 Onslow Road	200
10 Former Mackworth College*	220
11 Boulton Moor	800
12 Fellow Lands Way*	200
13 South Chellaston*	100
14 Brook Farm*	275
15 South of Mansfield Road*	200
16 Derwent Triangle	Employment (28ha)
17 Derby Commercial Park*	Employment (64.7ha)
18 Wilmore Road/Infinity Park*	Employment (86.8ha)
29 Breadsall Hilltop*	230

Amber Valley/South Derbyshire Urban Extensions	
Site	Dwellings
19 Radbourne Lane*	530
20 Hackwood Farm*	290
21 Highfields Farm*	1040
22 Primula Way*	511
23 Stenson Fields*	487
24 Wragley Way*	1950
25 South Chellaston*	620
26 Boulton Moor*	1948
27 Wilmore Road/Infinity Park	Employment (30ha)
28 Newhouse Farm*	1650

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*Indicates that site partly or wholly has permission or is underway
† Breadsall Hilltop was not allocated in the Part 1 plan but it was intended
to consider it in the Part 2 plan. Now has outline permission.