



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**LEISURE AND DIRECT SERVICES
INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER MEETING
1 August 2007**

ITEM 6

Report of the Assistant Director, Cultural Services

World Heritage Site Action Plan

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report represents an expression of the ambitions which Derby has for the development of its portion of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.
- 1.2 It covers a ten year period from 2007 and it contains a very wide range of projects, some of which are fully funded and underway, some of which are at the very early stage of development with notional costs and embryonic funding packages.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Approval in principle of the action plan as laid out in this report.
- 2.2 To authorise a consultation on the contents of the action plan through the City Council's relevant Area Panels and the Friends of Derby Open Spaces during the coming months, so as to hear the views of Derby people, and collect together further ideas and development concepts for inclusion in the action plan as it develops.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site is one of the jewels in the crown of the East Midlands in terms of heritage. Two recent research reports indicate substantial scope for investing in the economic and tourism potential of the Site, while respecting its unique heritage value.
- 3.2 The World Heritage Site extends from Matlock Bath down the Derwent Valley, over the northern border of the city, as far as the Silk Mill Museum. If the World Heritage site is to reach its proper stature it needs a strong component within the city of Derby. The range of initiatives outlined in the action plan provides a blueprint for this.
- 3.3 The World Heritage Site is important in the stature it confers on Derby and Derbyshire in the eyes of the world. Equally, it is an environment in which Derby people live, work and play. It is important that the work carried out on the Site is sensitive to the needs and ambitions of Derby people as well as the great array of other stakeholders.



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Management Plan for the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site has just been revised. It re-emphasises the position of the Derwent Valley as a unique heritage asset and provides a platform for collaboration through the World Heritage Site Partnership, of which Derby City Council is a member.
- 1.2 The Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership has commissioned an economic development study which examines concepts for developing the economic potential of this unique heritage asset.
- 1.3 For several months now the City Council has benefited from a multidisciplinary officer working group co-ordinating the Council's thinking on our portion of the World Heritage Site within the framework provided by the partnership.
- 1.4 The City Council's World Heritage Site Co-ordination Group has identified as its first task the collation of concepts for development in the World Heritage Site in Derby. This action plan is a result of that work.
- 1.5 World Heritage Site status does not bring with it any specific streams of funding. The partnership has to use the status as a lever to help to win external funding through the normal competitive channels.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 We have examined the option of abandoning long term planning for the Derby portion of the World Heritage site. This would weaken the status of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage site, since UNESCO looks for active development and exploitation of the heritage status as a condition of the site's inscription.

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Background papers: None

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The costings in the Action Plan are largely notional at this stage, and would be further developed and firmed up as projects become established. Funding packages will be heavily reliant on external sources.

Legal

2. In most cases the property and land in this Action Plan belongs to the Council, but where this is not the case, the rights of owners will be fully respected

Personnel

3. None

Equalities impact

- 4 All of the developments contained in this Action Plan will take into account fully the Disability Discrimination Act. A main driver behind the Plan is to increase the attractiveness of the asset, and to facilitate better public access for all.

Corporate Priorities

5. The proposal predominantly comes under the Council's Priorities:
 - making us proud of our neighbourhoods
 - leading Derby towards a better environment
 - helping us all to be healthy, active and independent
 - give you excellent services and value for money

WORLD HERITAGE SITE Ten Year Action Plan 2006-2016

This is a draft developed by the WHS Co-ordination Group with a view to continuous amendment and revision over years to come. **It is not a list of commitments, but a statement of ambition.** All completion dates are dependent on funding being made available.

Project Name, objective and Lead Officer	Potential or actual Funding Streams	Provisional Cost	Timescale	Comment
Darley Park Barn Convert into a base for sport and nature exploration in and around the Park. <i>Gail Thornton</i>	Big Lottery - secured	£700,000	Building completed July 2007. Activity starts September 2007	Started on site November 2006
Darley Park Stables Convert to Visitor Centre and Creative Industries workspace. <i>Andrew Morgan</i>	Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership and EMDA	Feasibility Study £40,000. Full project £1,500,000	Feasibility Study starts December 2007. Project complete 2010,	£20,000 sought from DDEP towards a feasibility study. Possible match by Derby City Council
Improvement of Darley Park, Derwent Park, Parker's Piece, Darley Playing Fields and Chester Green Restoration and re-shaping of Parks and other open spaces	National Lottery	£1,000,000	Start 2012 Complete 2016	No funding source is immediately available
River Banks Create a strategy for the management of the river banks. <i>Andrew Morgan/Dave Slinger</i>	DEFRA Environmental Action Fund	£10,000 for initial feasibility study	Start 2012. Complete 2016	Funding being sought
Darley Abbey Mills Create and implement a Conservation plan <i>Harry Hopkinson</i>	emda/Blueprint	£5m	Complete 2010	<i>Recommended as a high priority in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan</i>
Opening of Darley Abbey Mills Cuts and Races Reinstatement of historic water courses together with reintroduction of water turbines for power generation. <i>Harry Hopkinson</i>	DTI and DEFRA	£750,000	2010	Featured in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan, December 2005 <i>Recommended as a low priority in the DVMWHST Economic Development Plan</i>

Darley Abbey Mills Vehicular and pedestrian access New bridges, roads, parking and pedestrian routes around the Mills site. Transport study required to ascertain feasibility <i>Kully Raju</i>	DDEP Under consideration within Local Transport Plan 2 and 3	£25k for feasibility study, full project estimate £6.5m	2016	Featured in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan, December 2005 <i>Recommended as a medium priority in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan</i>
Darley Abbey Tollbridge Restoration. <i>Harry Hopkinson</i>	Not identified	£20,000 for initial feasibility study		Bridge is in private ownership. There are no eligible funding streams at present
Toll Booth Restore and bring back into use. <i>Harry Hopkinson</i>	Not identified	£20,000		Toll Booth is in private ownership. There are no eligible funding streams at present
Nutwood Creation of a nature reserve. <i>Alf Bousie/Dave Slinger</i>	National Lottery	£50,000	2009	Friends of Derby Open Spaces are preparing a Lottery bid December 2007
Public Art Develop public art along the Derwent <i>Harry Hopkinson</i>	Not identified	£250,000	Complete 2010	A range of concepts and funding options is being examined
River Bus To create a riverboat link between the Silk Mill and Darley Abbey Mills. Includes landing stages and purchase of boat. <i>Andrew Hopkin</i>	DDEP	Capital: Boat £150,000. Landing stages £150,000 each. Running costs: self financing	Complete 2012	Featured in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan, December 2005 <i>Recommended as a high priority in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan</i>
Silk Mill Museum Complete revamp to tell the story of Derby and to explain the context of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. <i>Anneke Bambery</i>	Heritage Lottery Fund, Capital receipts, Trusts, charities and sponsors	£10.9m	Complete 2012	Stage One HLF bid due to be submitted November 2007 <i>Recommended as a high priority in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan</i>
Cathedral Green New bridge, landscaping <i>Nick Corbett/Andrew Morgan/Neil Besley</i>	Growth Points Programme – secured	£.3.6m	March 2008	Funding awarded November 2006 <i>Recommended as a high priority in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan</i>
Interpretation Create an interpretation plan for the components of the WHS in Derby <i>Harry Hopkinson</i>	Heritage Lottery Fund	Not yet costed	2010	Includes the use of public information panels, print and web-based resources

Bridges, Footpaths and Cycleways Development of access routes on both sides of the Derwent from Darley Abbey Mills to the City. Transport study required to ascertain feasibility/design Centre. <i>Andrew Morgan</i> <i>Kully Raju</i>	DDEP Under consideration within Local Transport Plan 3	£25k for feasibility study. Full project cost £250,000	Complete 2016	Featured in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan, December 2005. The development of this project will be in the work programme of the DVMWHS Economic Development Programme Co-ordinator <i>Recommended as a low priority in the DVMWHST Economic Development Plan</i>
Traffic Management Programme Resulting from tourist and visitor facilities development, including Car Parks Transport study required to ascertain feasibility <i>Kully Raju</i>	Under consideration in Local Transport Plan 2 and 3	£25k for feasibility study. Full project estimate not yet known	2016	<i>Recommended as a medium priority in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan</i>
Appoint an Economic Development Plan Programme Coordinator and set up a development programme for the whole of DVMWHS <i>Alan Smith</i>	Secured from DDEP	Awaiting confirmation	Appointment takes effect in August 2007	<i>Recommended as a high priority in the DVMWHS Economic Development Plan</i> Awaiting final funding agreement