

## **ALTERNATIVE' LOCAL PLAN."**

### INTRODUCTION

Derbyshire Dales District Council is well on the way to producing a Local Plan covering development in Derbyshire Dales over the next 15 years. The section on housebuilding has been undertaken in exactly the same way the planners have always worked – adding new housing estates to existing towns and villages and doing nothing to improve educational, medical, communication and transport needs.

Anything goes, as long as the new housing estates can get access onto the already cluttered A6. In some cases, even that's not necessary.

- **DARLEY DALE'S ALTERNATIVE.**
  1. Scrap all the existing attempts to squeeze estates into existing villages, and build a completely new "Model Village" in the south of the District.
  2. Derbyshire Dales has a very low population density (people per acre) compared with neighbouring authorities, but this is poorly divided between a very dense "Central" Area (Matlock, Darley Dale, Wirksworth) and a very low density "Southern" Area (south of Ashbourne).
  3. By building a new village of, say, 2,500 homes (or more if felt appropriate) in the south of the District, we would relieve the pressure on the A6 and towns and villages near it, and bring added prosperity to the south of the District, by providing improved schooling, medical facilities, shopping centres and leisure facilities.
  4. Modern town planning principles relating to eco-design, road layouts, parking, walking and cycling provisions, etc could all be built in to the Model Village.
  5. Closeness to the A50 or A52 will provide access to employment opportunities in Uttoxeter and Derby, and would also provide access to city shopping.
  6. We have provided Derbyshire Dales District Council with a sample advertisement of farms for sale in the South of the District, and we have spoken to national house building developers who have expressed a warm interest in participating in this project.
  7. So far, the District Council has refused to entertain our proposal, or to even discuss it with us. We hope that by presenting them with the results of this survey they may take more notice.
- **WHAT NOW?**

Please show whether or not you support Darley Dale Town Council's alternative Local Plan, by completing the above questionnaire . If you would like to, we invite you to say why you feel as you do in the Comment boxes. Thank you for taking part.

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ps. You might like to send your views to our MP Patrick McLoughlin email: [patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:patrick.mcloughlin.mp@parliament.uk)