



Darley Dale Cricket Club

Honorary Patron - The Duke of Devonshire

Planning Policy
Derbyshire Dales District Council
Town Hall
Matlock

23/03/2018

Dear Sir Madam

Darley Dale Neighborhood Plan - Comments by Darley Dale Cricket Club

Background

Darley Dale Cricket Club was established in 1863 and has since that time provided a continuing and important part of life in Darley Dale. We are a community club with over 130 playing members of all ages, together with many volunteers, families and supporters with a vibrant junior section with links to many local schools. We see ourselves as a community club offering many facilities and opportunities. We have enjoyed the support of the Town Council and community for many generations.

Our ground and its setting in the valley floor, with its views of the surrounding hills has been described many times as one of the most beautiful in Derbyshire. We are very fortunate to have such a lovely facility and we will do all we can to keep it that way.

Overall Response to the Neighborhood plan

This is very supportive of the Town Council and way the plan has been put together and its content. The club has been increasingly concerned over the last few years with the creeping urbanization of Darley Dale, the loss of open spaces, the continued development along the A6 and the generally very poor quality of approved development in this lovely area.

Whilst we are broadly very supportive, we have a number of key issues and suggestions set out below.

Whilst having the plan is a good thing the real test will be in implementation and whether the District Council, under great pressure from development, will be able to uphold these standards.

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Topography

Para 30,31

Fully support the sentiments in these two paragraphs.

Para 36

This is a bit underwhelming. The valley floor and the river are a crucial and important piece of the landscape majesty of the valley, not just obliquely referenced as an area that is in the flood zone so it can't be built on!

Landscape Character

Para 43/Map 4

The valley floor and the river and its habitat are not even mentioned in this section. This is a very disturbing omission given its beauty. The valley bottom and the river should feature as an outstanding part of Darley Dale landscape character.

Community Objective 1.

Fully support

Protecting the Landscape Character of Darley Dale

Diagram I

Very supportive as this recognizes properly the value of the river corridor. Why is this not stated also in the landscape character map?

Generally, very supportive of all the Protecting the Landscape Character Policies.

Protecting the Setting of the PDNP.

Very supportive

The Important of Good Design in Residential Development

Whilst recognizing that the vast majority of development in Darley Dale will be residential, should the NP not be insisting that all development should be of a high design standard? Recent non residential development [as well as most of the residential applications] have been an abysmally low standard. Why should non residential development be held to a different standard? The new surgery for example is welcomed as a new

health facility, but it is of a very mediocre design standard – we should expect better. Interestingly the new surgery would probably fail on all the key design principles set out in the NP.

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Fully support.

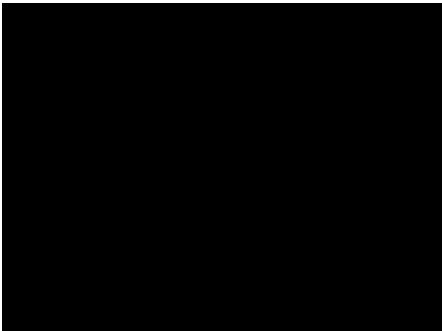
Enhancing the Provision of Community Facilities

Welcome this very strongly and the cricket club will continue and wishes to play an even stronger role in the future.

Implementation

Very supportive of the intentions. However, the success of the plan will be mainly dependent upon its implementation by the District Council as planning authority.

Our continuing concern is the ability, skills and resources of the District Council to promote good quality development, improve the design standards of applications and reject those which fall below the standard.



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