Dear Clare Francis,

I seem to be unable to access your website to comment on the Darley Dale Neighbourhood Plan so am writing directly to you.

I am unhappy about this Plan which seemingly has cost a lot of money and a long time to produce and I would like to make the following comments:

- The majority of the Plan deals principally with the central & northern part of the Parish – the southern part of Darley Dale is hardly mentioned
- There is little attempt to identify areas for the development of more homes or for encouraging light industry and businesses to help create jobs and work opportunities
- The consultation was not inclusive processes were limited, with the southern part of the parish having few opportunities to learn about the plan. Additionally, few voluntary groups were consulted
- No executive summaries of the Plan were available with residents having limited opportunity to consult the proposed Plan
- Some of the questions posed in questionnaires for residents were angled to ensure they fitted with known political views. There was inadequate promotion to ensure a substantial uptake for the residents questionnaires.
- Considering the substantial amount of money expended and the length of time it has taken to produce this Plan the resulting document is disappointing. It seems to concentrate on the historical shape of Darley Dale and has made little attempt to dovetail its thoughts to blend with Derbyshire Dales District Council Local Plan. A lost opportunity to look creatively to Darley Dale’s future.