

Hearing Position Statement by the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

Relating to **Matter 11 Environment**

11vi Is the Plan consistent in its references to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and Buffer Zone?

The Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership is concerned that the restriction of development that impacts on the rural setting of the WHS, in its buffer zone isn't being equitably applied through the WHS in Amber Valley. This is illustrated by Bullsmoor allocation being removed from the plan, yet the allocation for housing for Whitehouse Farm remaining, despite a comparable negative impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site.

Neither of the Council's proposed Main Modifications or Additional Modifications would resolve this concern and make the Plan sound.

Deletion of the Whitehouse Farm allocation for housing would appropriately protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, a commitment made by HM Government on signing the UNESCO World Heritage Convention.