

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Notice of Withdrawal of Development Plan Document

The Woods Mill Area Action Plan

Under section 22(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and in accordance with section 37 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, High Peak Borough Council gives notice that on the 10th January 2008 the Woods Mill Area Action Plan Development Plan Document was withdrawn. The Woods Mill Area Action Plan will therefore not be submitted to the Secretary of State. All relevant documentation will now be removed from Council offices, libraries, Customer Service Centres and the Council website.

Advice from the Planning Inspectorate suggests that, unless there is a strong policy framework in place on which a new DPD can hang upon, then they are unlikely to be able to consider a DPD in advance of a Core Strategy and the document is likely to be found "unsound". The Area Action Plan Preferred Option would result in a re-designation of the current employment site at Woods Mill and an extension of the existing regeneration area. As a result, the Area Action Plan would not be in line with current planning policy. Consequently, there is no existing policy framework on which to hang the proposed policies.

The Council remains fully committed to the comprehensive regeneration of Woods Mill, and the withdrawal of the Area Action Plan will allow the Planning Department to more effectively support this objective. The findings from the Preferred Option stage of the Document process will feed into the development of an Interim Planning Statement.

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