EXAMPLES OF MATERIAL AND NON-MATERIAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Material, i.e. a valid reason to comment on a planning application

- Compliance with national and local policies, including supplementary planning documents such as The Peak District Design Guide
- 2) Design and appearance of the development
- 3) Layout and density of buildings
- 4) Local needs e.g.housing provision
- 5) Planning history of the site
- Overshadowing/overbearing presence near a common boundary that is to the detriment of neighbours
- 7) Overlooking/loss of privacy. (Public visual amenity, not loss of private individual's view)
- 8) Loss of light
- 9) Light pollution
- 10) Health/crime fears
- 11) Highway issues: traffic generation, vehicle access, road safety
- 12) Car parking provision
- 13) Capacity of infrastructure, e.g. public drainage system or spaces in schools
- 14) Noise and disturbance resulting from use, including proposed hours of operation
- 15)Smells
- 16)Loss of trees
- 17) Impact on nature conservation interests and biodiversity opportunities
- 18) Effect on listed buildings and Conservation Areas
- 19) Impact on archaeological finds or sites
- 20) Risk of flooding
- 21)Landscaping
- 22) Ensuring equal access to buildings/sites ,e.g. for people with disabilities
- 23)Local economy/jobs
- 24) Preserve community life
- 25) Viability
- 26) Cumulative impact

Non-material (issues that cannot be considered when making a planning decision)

- Problems arising from the construction period of any works, e.g. noise, dust, construction vehicles, hours of working (covered by Control of pollution Acts)
- "better site" or "better uses"
- Change from a previous scheme
- Speculation about what the applicant may/may not do next
- Commercial competition
- Moral/religious objections
- Loss of view
- Devaluation of property
- Matters controlled under Building Regulations or other non-planning legislation e.g. structural stability, drainage details, fire precautions, matters covered by licences etc.
- Character of applicant
- Private issues between neighbours, e.g. land/boundary disputes, damage to property, private rights of access, covenants etc.

The kind of constraints that get listed on the planning portal about most development in our area.

- EA flood zone 2
- EA flood zone 3 (this is a higher level of flood risk than zone 2)
- World Heritage site
- Special Landscape area
- World Heritage Buffer Zone
- Conservation Areas
- Basic radon Area

Some specific planning references that often impact on developments here.

EN29 Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

In the WHS, all development will be required to enhance or preserve its character or appearance

In the buffer zone, all proposals must preserve or enhance the setting of the world heritage site including views into and out of the site

EN30 Archaeological and heritage features

Planning will not be approved for developments that would result in disturbance to, or have an adverse impact on:

- a) a scheduled monument or other nationally important remains or their setting
- b) any other known archaeological or heritage features of major importance and their setting

EN15 Flood Risk

EN7 environment

- a) Design of the development is appropriate with regard to type and distribution of wildlife habitats
- b) Landform and natural drainage patterns
- c) Presence and pattern of historic landscape features

Biodiversity and impact on nature conservation. E.g. we have grass snakes, bats, great crested newts, water voles, certain birds, plants, insects, fungi; the list is endless!