

North East Derbyshire District Council - Growth Summary – 2019/20 Half year update

Unlocking Our Growth Potential

In 2014 the Council committed to a strategy to focus on unlocking the potential to deliver growth for the district. Through the Growth Strategy and the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 the Council set out its ambition to create a sustainable high performing economy. The Council established three strategic priorities to unlock our growth potential. A summary of the progress against these priorities for 2019/20 (April to September 2019) is as follows:

1. Supporting Enterprise: maintaining and growing the business base

- A total of 19 businesses engaged directly with advising on issues such as building refurbishment, planning, financial assistance, Growth Hub referral, start-up advice etc.
- Well attended business networks were held in April, May, June, July and September in venues at Eckington, Wingerworth, Clay Cross and Dronfield.
- NED Business Growth Fund: The fund has now closed to new applications although monitoring will continue. 18 successful applications have been awarded a total of £59,549.76 and are contracted to generating £71,244.30 match funding and to deliver 23.65 FTE jobs, which is a unit cost of £2,518 per job. 15.4 FTE jobs are now in place, with others in the process of recruitment as projects develop.
- BNED LEADER: The programme has now approved 37 projects totalling £1,236,034.15. These projects are committed to generating £1,616,173.35 match funding and creating 68.82FTE jobs, which is a unit cost of £17,960 per job. The programme closed nationally to new applications on 30th September 2019 and no further applications will be considered. Focus for the programme will now be directed to monitoring, claims, site inspections, evaluation, LAG visits and preparations for closure in March 2021.

2. Enabling Housing Growth: increasing the supply, quality and range of housing to meet the needs of a growing population and support economic growth

- The Avenue - First phase of housing progressing well, first residents now living on the development. OPE masterplan complete. Avenue site is part of the North Derbyshire Manufacturing Zone, which is currently the subject of a Mobility Study, Local Development Order study, and a Commercial Development Design Guide. Taylor Wimpey development progressing well - planning application received for phase 2 of the development, for housing and retail.

- Egstow Park - First phase of housing advancing well with many units sold and occupied. Pre-application discussions continuing for Phase 2 of housing. Discussions also underway for first phase of housing at the eastern edge of the site (Market Street). Egstow Park also forms part of the Manufacturing Zone. Awaiting full application for Costa Coffee.
- Callywhite Lane expansion - Watching brief maintained regarding potential opportunities arising from HS2. The Callywhite Lane expansion area is contained within the Manufacturing Zone as above.
- Coalite - Meetings continue to be held of both the Project Operations Group and the Project Control Board for the former Coalite Chemical Works site. Two public consultation events were held on 14 May 2019 at Arkwright Centre and Bolsover Assembly Rooms, which were well attended and positive comments were received. Bolsover Land Ltd presented on the development scheme to the D2N2 Board (in July 2019) and the Bolsover Skills & Employment Partnership (September 2019) which were very well received. Consultants appointed to undertake the Coalite Innovation Park Enabling Delivery study, with inception meeting held with the working group (August 2019). Revised planning application for the NEDDC site submitted (September 2019).
- Through the promotion of the E.ON empty property scheme, 21 empty properties have been referred to the service and E.ON are working with the owners; to bring these properties back into use. 1 property has been renovated and is now occupied. 4 properties have been completed and the drainage works outside the properties are being finalised. These properties have been advertised for sale on Right Move and 1 has already been sold subject to contract. The remaining 15 properties are in the process of being brought back into use by E.ON and the Council, it is expected that the majority of these will be fit for occupation by the end of March 2020.

3. Unlocking Development Potential: unlocking the capacity of major employment sites

- Officers continue to work with the developers on the key sites at Biwaters, The Avenue, Markham Vale and Coalite to bring forward these strategic sites.

The following is a more detailed breakdown of some of the performance measures against our Growth priorities.

NEDDC Growth Indicators (2019/20 – Half year update)

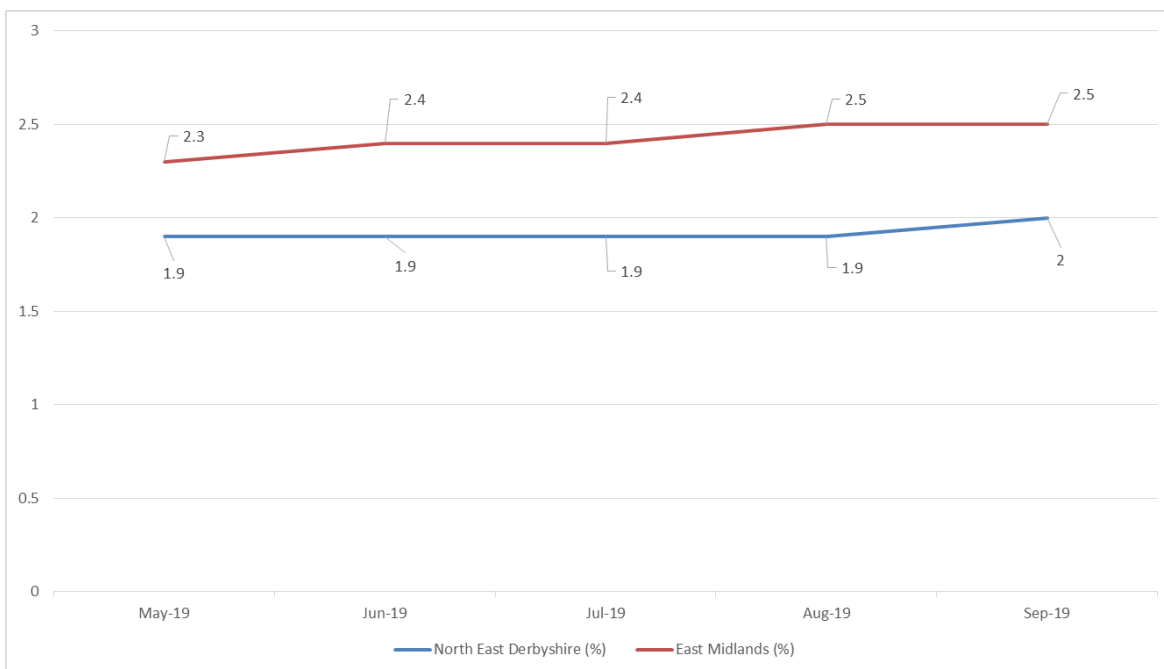
2018/19 Outturn	No	Description	2019/20 Mid-year update	19/20 Target	Status
Planning Indicators					
£255,963	1.	Major Planning fees received (PI)	£284,853		▲
£246,776	2.	Minor Planning fees received (PI)	£148,891		
£502,739	3.	Combined Minor and Major Planning fees	£433,744	£350,000	
100%	4.	Process all major planning applications 10% better than the national minimum (50%) (CPT)	93% (14 out of 15)	60%	▲
92% (242 out of 262)	5.	Determining "Minor" applications within target deadlines (PI)	90% (116 out of 128)	70%	▲
96% (475 out of 497)	6.	Determining "Other" applications within target deadlines (PI)	95% (230 out of 242)	85%	▲
2230 dwellings (8.6 years supply) 1 st April 2019	7.	Supply of available and deliverable housing sites at 1st April (5 year supply)	2230 dwellings (8.6 years supply) 1 st April 2019		
0 ha of newly allocated employment land + 5,439 m2 (net) within urban areas / existing employment areas	8.	Area of new employment floor space built (hectares / square metres)	See 2018/19 for latest update. 2019/20 data available June 2020		

Housing Indicators					
£71,220	9.	Amount received in additional New Homes Bonus from the government (a former corporate plan target)	Available April 2020	No longer a CPT	
59	10.	Work with partners to deliver an average of 100 affordable homes each year (CPT)	Available April 2020	100	▲
12	11.	Bring 10 empty properties per year back into use by March 2020 (CPT)	2	10	▼
Business Indicators					
98.17%	12.	% of business rates collected in year	59.4%	97.7%	▲
£1,535,282	13.	Business growth as measured by gross NNDR (a former corporate plan target)	Available April 2020	No longer a CPT	
64.7%	14.	Percentage of NNDR arrears collected	24.6%	55.4%	▼
£ 1,594,983 (+3.57%)	15.	Change in rateable value of commercial property in the district	Available April 2020	-	
£1,151,744.08	16.	Level of income generated through letting property owned by the Council but not occupied by the Council	£598,156.73	£1,088,750	▲
£829,020.50	17.	Commercial Property financial performance in line or exceeding budget forecast.	£421,244.08	£808,750	▲
£322,723.58	18.	Coney Green financial performance in line or exceeding budget forecast.	£176,912.65	£280,000	▲
15	19.	Number of Business Growth Fund grants awarded	18	18	▲
£51,079	20.	Value of Business Growth Fund grants awarded	£59,549.76	£66,500 Programme closed	▲
31	21.	Number of BNED LEADER grants awarded (scheme total)	37	18 Scheme closed	▲
£1,142,050	22.	Value of BNED LEADER grants awarded (scheme total)	£1,236,034.15	£659,217	▲
18	23.	Apprenticeships started	6	11 FTE	▲
40	24.	25 businesses supported through Key Account Management by March 2020 (CPT)	14	25	▲
District Information					
1.8% NEDDC 2.2% East Mid 2.7% GB	25.	Out-Of-Work Benefits Claimant count - Age range 16 – 64 (See graph and note)	2% NEDDC 2.5% East Mid 2.8% GB	-	-
£224,031	26.	Average house price (See graph)	£216,044	-	-
	27.	Average earnings	See Appendix		
	26.	Qualification and Occupation levels	See Appendix		

Exceptions

<p>Bring 10 empty properties per year back into use by March 2020 (CPT)</p>	<p>As of September 2019 2 long term empty properties have been brought back into use this year.</p> <p>Through the promotion of the E.ON empty property scheme, 21 empty properties have been referred to the service and E.ON are working with the owners; to bring these properties back into use. 1 property has been renovated and is now occupied. 4 Properties have been completed and the drainage works outside the properties are being finalised - these properties have been advertised for sale on Right Move and 1 has already been sold subject to contract. The remaining 15 properties are in the process of being brought back into use by E.ON and the Council and it is expected that the majority of these will be fit for occupation by the end of March 2020.</p> <p>The contract with E.ON is being reviewed at Cabinet in November 2019 and it has been proposed to extend this for another year, due to the success of the scheme. In September, the empty property officer gave a presentation to empty homes professionals at the National Empty Homes Conference (which was attended by over 100 delegates) along with E.ON; to demonstrate how the scheme works and to celebrate NEDDC's success. The presentation and scheme received widespread praise (being the first of its kind in the UK) and a number of authorities are keen to emulate the scheme in their area.</p> <p>The empty property officer is working in partnership with Environmental Health to enforce the sale of a problematic property in Clay Cross. Due to the complexities of this specific case, it is expected that the property will be sold within the next 6-12 months. Assuming the Council are successful with the sale of this property, the result will be publicised to deter owners from leaving their properties empty.</p> <p>The Council is considering a proposal to purchase 6-7 private empty properties, to bring them back into use by leasing them to Housing Associations who provide support. It has been identified through a Housing Needs Study, that there is a need for more supported accommodation across the District. The Council will be going back to Cabinet in November, to get a decision on this scheme.</p>
<p>Percentage of NNDR arrears collected</p>	<p>The debit for previous years has actually increased during this year due to retrospective changes to rateable values.</p>

Out of Work Benefits Claimant count (Age range 16 – 64) - not seasonally adjusted (September 2019)



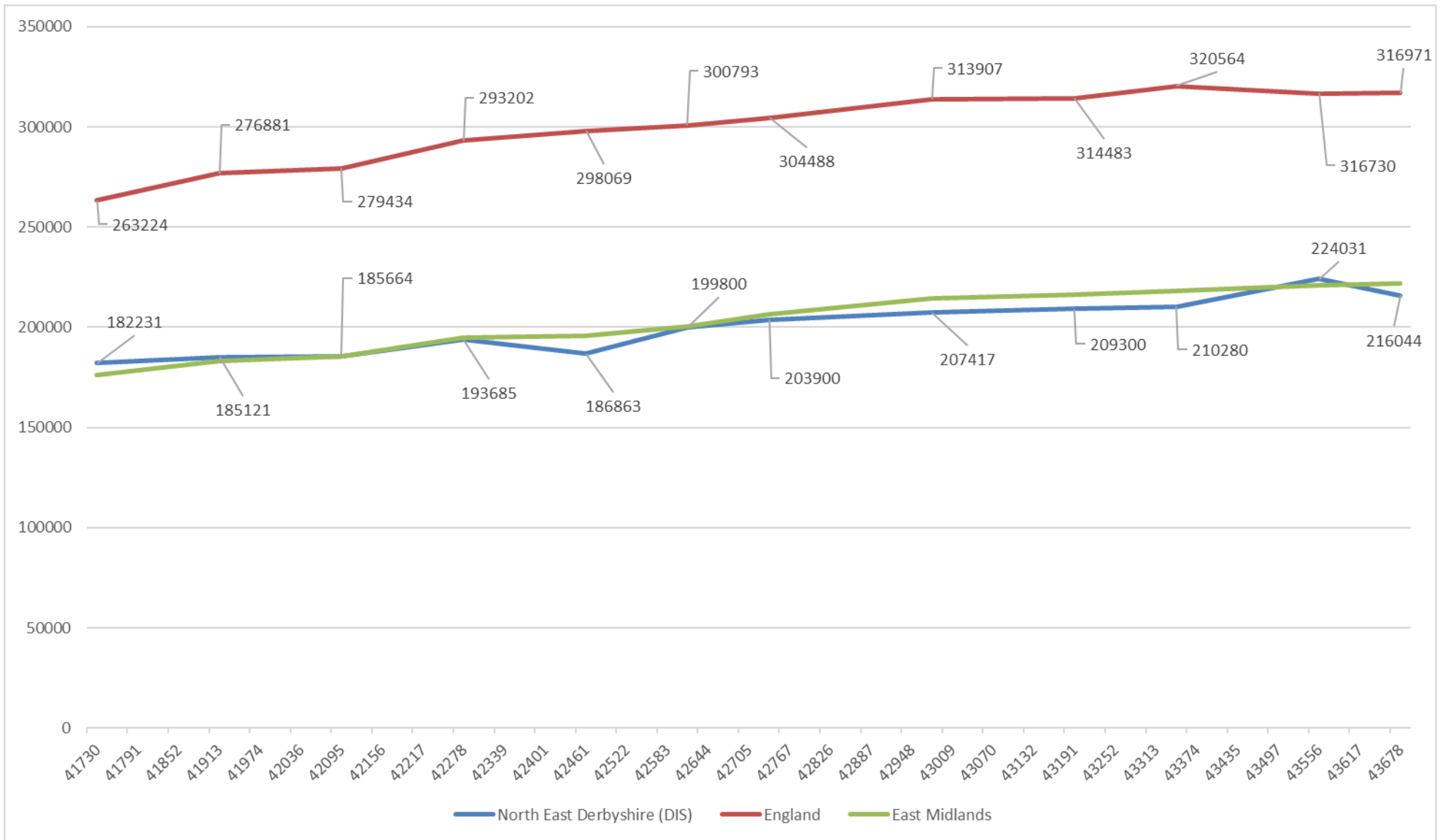
Out-Of-Work Benefits Claimant count Age range 16 - 64

The Claimant Count is the number of people claiming benefit principally for the reason of being unemployed. This is measured by combining the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and National Insurance credits with the number of people receiving Universal Credit principally for the reason of being unemployed. Claimants declare that they are out of work, capable of, available for and actively seeking work during the week in which the claim is made.

Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. As Universal Credit Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise.

Source: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

North East Derbyshire, East Midlands and English average house prices (2014 up to August 2019)*



Source: Hometrack - Housing Intelligence System

Average earnings

Earnings by place of residence (2019)

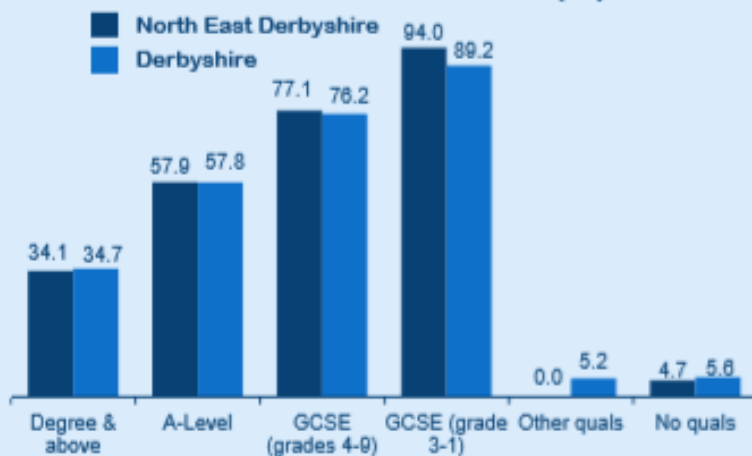
	North East Derbyshire (pounds)	East Midlands (pounds)	Great Britain (pounds)
Gross weekly pay			
Full-time workers	567.6	547.4	587.0
Male full-time workers	631.0	590.3	632.0
Female full-time workers	498.9	476.1	528.9
Hourly pay - excluding overtime			
Full-time workers	14.07	13.63	14.88
Male full-time workers	15.35	14.23	15.44
Female full-time workers	13.47	12.49	13.99

Source: ONS annual survey of hours and earnings - resident analysis

Notes: Median earnings in pounds for employees living in the area.

Adult skill levels in North East Derbyshire (2018)

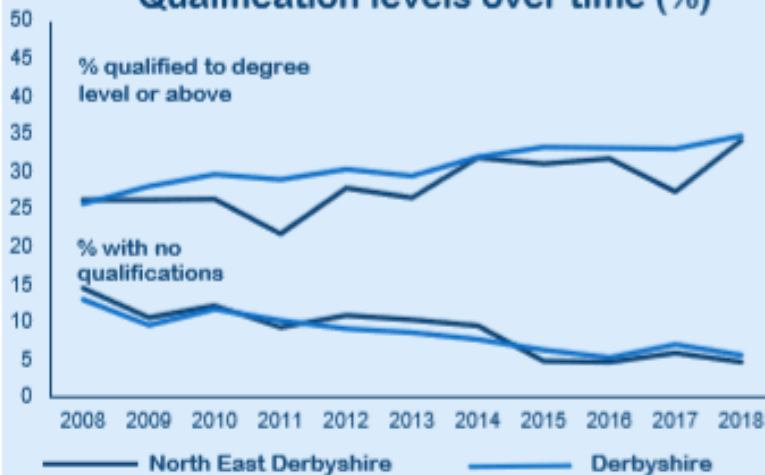
Qualification levels (%)



The qualification levels of North East Derbyshire's working age population (aged 16-64 years) have greatly improved over the last ten years since 2008

when the proportion of people qualified to degree level or above was 26.2% and 14.5% of people had no qualifications. Currently **34.1%** of the district's residents hold a degree (or higher) and just **4.7%** have no qualifications.

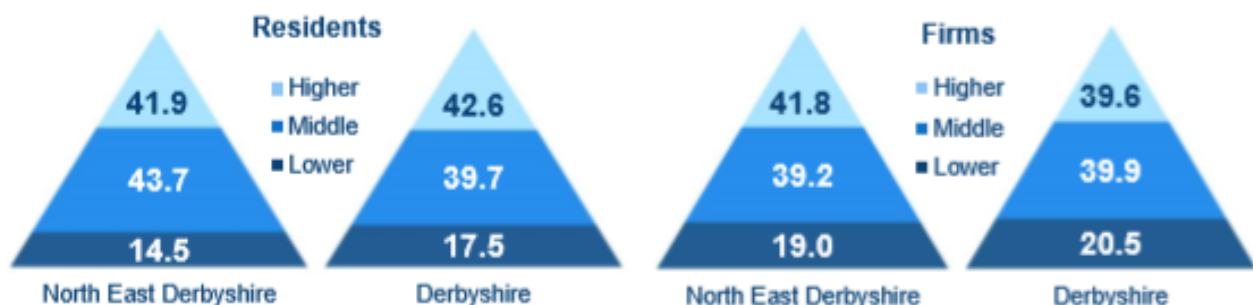
Qualification levels over time (%)



There is no significant skills gap at degree level and above with a similar number of North East Derbyshire residents with higher level qualifications compared to Derbyshire.

The proportion of the workforce qualified to degree level or above varies by nearly 20% points across the county, from 48.2% in Derbyshire Dales to 28.7% in Bolsover and Chesterfield.

Occupation Levels (%)



Slightly fewer residents in North East Derbyshire work in higher level occupations than across Derbyshire

The occupational profile of North East Derbyshire's firms is different to that of North East Derbyshire residents with similar numbers in higher level occupations but more in lower level occupations