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**Broxtowe
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Dear Jeremy

Erewash Core Strategy Review, Draft Options for Growth, January 2020

I write on behalf of Broxtowe Borough Council, Gedling Borough Council, Nottingham City Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council. I note that Erewash Borough Council are to consider the "Draft Options for Growth" as the first stage of your Core Strategy review, at the full Council meeting on 23rd January 2020.

Whilst we recognise that decisions affecting Erewash are matters for your Council, we do believe there is a danger of missing a huge opportunity to continue the effective joint strategic planning of our areas. Setting out a preferred strategy for growth without the engagement of the other local planning authorities in the Housing Market Area significantly increases the risk of delays and costs to our collective strategic planning processes. This risk is amplified as there are a handful of critical matters that are currently not fully known that will have a bearing on HMA wide housing requirements. These include a decision on the government's final position on the standard method of calculating housing need, viability issues, what if any uplift is appropriate in relation to HS2 once a decision is reached by government on this, and infrastructure issues across the HMA. The partner Councils strongly believe that it is by continuing our joint working arrangements that these issues can be effectively addressed in line with all of our Councils' shared and longstanding commitment to the benefits of joint working on strategic planning through our Joint Planning Advisory Board. Publishing a preferred strategy in this way risks undermining the progress made in recent years to align our planning processes.

We will of course respond to the invitation to comment on the document in due course, but we feel that in making this decision to effectively pre-empt a wider strategy encompassing the whole area, it is important that the Borough Council recognises the strength of feeling amongst its Greater Nottingham partners in this respect.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Hyde OBE
Chief Executive



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