

Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport

Friday, 10 June 2022 at 10:00

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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Nottingham City Council

Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport

**Minutes of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 11 March 2022
from 10.30 am - 12.20 pm**

Membership

Present

Councillor Linda Woodings (Chair)
Councillor John Ogle (Vice Chair)
Councillor Matt Barney
Councillor Jim Creamer
Councillor Michael Edwards

Absent

Councillor Rosemary Healy
Councillor Sally Longford
Councillor John Wilmott

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

James Ashton - Transport Strategy Manager, Nottingham City Council
Matt Gregory - Head of Planning Strategy and Building Control, Nottingham City Council
Stephen Pointer - Team Manager, Planning Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council
Kevin Sharman - Team Manager, Transport, Nottinghamshire County Council
Phil Wye - Governance Officer, Nottingham City Council

31 Apologies for absence

Councillor Rosemary Healy – on leave
Councillor Sally Longford – unwell

32 Declarations of interest

None.

33 Minutes

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2021 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

34 Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan

Stephen Pointer, Team Manager Planning Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council, presented the report informing the Committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan, highlighting the following:

- (a) an online “Waste Summit” was held on Friday 11th February to highlight the publication of the Draft Waste Plan. This was attended by around 50 people representing Councils, the District Councils, adjoining planning authorities, representatives of the commercial waste sector and other interested parties;

- (b) all comments in the consultation will be considered carefully, and the Plan will then be further amended as needed before being formally published for final representations to be made. This is expected later in 2022 and in Spring 2023 the Plan will be submitted for independent examination before being adopted by each Council, currently scheduled for later in 2023;
- (c) following a request from the Committee to visit the Amazon Fulfilment Centre in Ashfield District to see and discuss how packaging is managed, a visit has been organised in April.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (d) any planned development at the Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station site should be encouraged to make use of the hot water generated for heating or energy generation. The plans are at an early stage;
- (e) the Plan has a provision for a maximum of waste going to landfill, but this could perhaps be even more ambitious with increased recycling and new technologies;
- (f) anaerobic digestion should be expanded as a way of recycling food waste. The upcoming Environment Act should include provisions for this.

Resolved to

- (1) note progress on the production of the Waste Local Plan;**
- (2) prepare a letter to be sent to Uniper and the Chair of the Planning Committee at Nottinghamshire County Council with the concerns that this Committee has around the Ratcliffe-on-Soar plans.**

35 Transport Update

James Ashton, Transport Strategy Manager, presented the report and highlighted the following:

- (a) car travel has recovered to pre-covid levels more quickly than other modes transport with general traffic levels are now at 90% of normal. Bus patronage rose slowly throughout 2021 and stabilised during the autumn of 2021 at around 75-80% of normal, and tram patronage stabilised at around 60% of normal throughout the latter part of 2021;
- (b) Wind Mobility Ltd (Wind) announced an upgrade of its e-scooter fleet in Nottingham and Derby, as part of a new package of measures to meet the city council's improvement plan, replacing its original model with the LINK e-scooter from Superpedestrian. The deployment of LINK e-scooters is part of a £3m investment by Superpedestrian designed to help Wind address the most common complaints seen in the e-scooter trial so far, including pavement riding, incorrect parking, damaged e-scooters and safety concerns for people with visual impairments;

- (c) regular in-person training schemes, and online training have been introduced as part of the agreed Action Plan, along with increased fines. E-scooter patrollers have been rebranded Compliance Officers and will focus more intensively on engaging with pavement riders, and a Community Manager will be appointed to engage with grass roots representatives. The operator's performance will be monitored at monthly performance meetings;
- (d) School Streets have been introduced at eleven schools as part of the Active Travel Fund program. A number of surveys are being carried out with local residents and parents to provide feedback on the schemes, such as awareness of schemes, benefits of schemes, any additional measures needed and mode of travel to school for children before and after the schemes were introduced.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (e) there is a problem with private e-scooters which are not regulated in the same way as the WIND scooters, and are actually illegal to drive on public highways. The previous fleet of e-scooters has been shipped to other countries for further use;
- (f) the number of accidents caused by e-scooters is actually very low compared to the number of vehicles, but there is a public perception that they are dangerous and other pedestrians must feel safe around them;
- (g) some cycle routes in the county area do not seem necessary where the road is safe to cycle on without them being segregated. However, the routes must be of a certain standard to receive funding from the Department for Transport.

Resolved to note the contents of the report

36 Joint Planning Advisory Board Update

Matt Gregory, Head of Planning Strategy and Building Control, presented the report on the work of the Joint Planning Advisory Board, and other strategic planning matters within the remit of the Committee.

Further details of Planning Reform are anticipated in spring 2022. Although the Government has now published the Integrated Rail Plan confirming an HS2 station at Ratcliffe upon Soar, there are many details which still need clarification.

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

37 Levelling Up White Paper

Matt Gregory, Head of Planning Strategy and Building Control, presented the report on the Levelling Up White Paper which was published by the Government on 2nd February 2022. The White Paper seeks to address regional disparities and contains a number of focus areas including living standards, transport infrastructure, education and skills, housing and local leadership. Mr Gregory delivered a presentation to the Committee and highlighted the following:

- (a) the first nine areas invited to begin negotiations for county deals for devolution include Nottinghamshire and Nottingham. There are 3 tiers of possible devolution with tier 3, a single institution or County Council with a directly elected mayor across a functional economic area or whole county area, being the Government's preferred option;
- (b) the White Paper states that local communities will continue to have a meaningful say on individual planning applications and that local plans will be made simpler and shorter. There is a push for more Neighbourhood Plans, especially in urban areas;
- (c) the government will support transformational developments in the 20 areas of the country taking part in its regeneration programme. It is unknown if this will include Nottingham or Nottinghamshire;
- (d) funding for housing delivery is to be focused on brownfield sites and away from London and the wider south east, which is long overdue as it is sites in the midlands and north that experience the most challenges in terms of development viability.

The following points were made during the discussion which followed:

- (e) there are variable amounts of Neighbourhood Plans across the county, with Bassetlaw having the most. They do not override District Council plans but can give further options and detail such as the location of new housing. They have not been effective in urban areas to date as the options for development sites are narrower;
- (f) there is no specific reference to climate change or environmental issues in the White Paper. It is important that planning authorities be given the powers to insist on higher environmental standards from developers.

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

38 Joint Committee Work Programme

Resolved to note the work programme.

Meeting:	JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
Date:	10th June 2022
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The County and City Councils are preparing a single joint Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy adopted by both Councils in December 2013. An initial consultation on the new Local Plan, including a 'Call for Sites' was completed in May 2020 . Underpinning the Plan is a Waste Needs Assessment which assesses the pattern of waste likely to be generated by households, commercial/industrial and construction/demolition sectors over the period to 2036, looks at available capacity and what is needed in terms of future capacity.
- 2.2 The Draft Waste Plan was approved by Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Council in January 2022. The Draft Waste Local Plan was consulted on between the 7th February and 4th April 2022.
- 2.3 To highlight the publication of the Draft Waste Plan an online "Waste Summit" was held on Friday 11 February 2022. This was attended by around 50 people representing both Councils, the District Councils, adjoining planning authorities, representatives of the commercial waste sector and members of local Councils and other interested parties. Presentations were given by AECOM who prepared the Waste Needs Assessment, the County Council, Enviva, a waste and recycling commercial operator and Veolia who manage waste on behalf of the County Council.

3 CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Officers are currently analysing the representations we received on the Draft Waste Local Plan, and the Plan (and its evidence base) will then be further amended as needed before being formally published for final representations to be made. This is expected later in 2022 and in Spring 2023 the Plan will be submitted for independent examination before being adopted by each Council, currently scheduled for later in 2023.
- 3.2 A total of 275 representations were received on the Draft Waste Local Plan from a total of 40 respondents, including statutory bodies, members of the public,

environmental groups, other Nottinghamshire Districts and Boroughs and Parish Councils.

- 3.3 In general the Draft Waste Local Plan was well received and many of the Objectives and Policies have been supported. The key issues that arose related to ensuring the Waste Plan takes into account the most up to date figures on all waste streams, that our recycling targets appear to be unrealistic and suggested changes to wording of policies to ensure they are fit for purpose, protect the natural and built environments and reflect national policies and Laws. Further specific comments are outline below:

- There should be further reference to the Historic Environment in the Overview of the Plan area, to include key heritage assets and how local archaeology will be considered when planning for future waste facilities.
- Waste data should be updated to reflect the 2020/21 household waste recycling rates of 40.4% for the County and 23.9% for the City. Further, the failure to meet the nationally set recycling target of 50% in 2020 should be acknowledged as this is key context for the WLP, providing some reality to the subsequent aspirations.
- The Waste Local Plan need to meet the draft Environmental Bill, that will come into law in Autumn 2023, minimum 10% biodiversity net gain (BNG), this should be maximised for any new waste development in the future.

4 Future Arrangements

- 4.1 A further Waste Local Plan Member Working Group will be arranged in due course to allow Officers to explain the outcome of the consultation with Members and to discuss the Final Draft of the Waste Local Plan. This will be scheduled for Autumn 2022.
- 4.2 Nottingham City Council are currently drafting their Municipal Waste Management Strategy which is schedule to go out to consultation by September 2022. This strategy will need to be taken into account when finalising the Waste Local Plan.
- 4.3 Councillors have expressed an interest in viewing a waste management facility It proved difficult to obtain convenient dates in the Autumn and this needed to be deferred owing to the priority which needed to be afforded to arranging a meeting of the Councillor Working Party to discuss the Waste Local Plan. Officers will explore dates for a future visit to an energy from waste operation and a private sector recycling company.
- 4.4 A visit to the Amazon Fulfilment Centre at Summit Park in Ashfield District was carried out on the 20th of May 2022. This provided a fascinating insight into the operations of a large warehouse, particularly in connection with the arrangements for packaging products for despatch and the way Amazon has to balance the demands of their vendors with the company's desire to reduce packaging and become net zero in their operation. Councillors were able to

question Amazon senior managers closely about how they operate and what more they might do to reduce the level of packaging which needs to be recycled and assist the Councils in promoting recycling. The whole operation at Sutton Park which only opened in August 2020 showed how a major new employer in Nottinghamshire is managing its waste and becoming “net zero” in its operation. We learnt a great deal and were able to suggest ways in which Amazon might promote better recycling. The company representatives offered further liaison as needed.

5 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 5.1 That the Joint Committee note the progress on the production of the Waste Local Plan.
- 5.2 That a joint letter be sent to Amazon on behalf of both Councils to thank them for the visit and set out ways in which Amazon as a leading online retailer might assist waste authorities by reducing the level of packaging used in their shipments and encourage customers to recycle all packaging received.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 6.1 None.

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Meeting:	JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
Date:	10 June 2022
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

LEVELLING UP AND REGENERATION BILL

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Government published the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill on 11th May 2022. The Bill follows the Levelling Up White Paper (2021) and the Planning White Paper (2020) and includes a number of changes to the planning system. Whilst the Bill covers a range of topics, this report will focus on summarising the changes which relate to strategic planning. It should be noted that, for a number of items, further detail is still to be produced and will be subject to secondary legislation. The contents of the Bill may also change as it proceeds through the legislative process.
- 1.2 The changes are expected to begin to take place from 2024, once the Bill has royal assent and associated regulations and changes to national policy are in place.
- 1.3 This report provides the Committee with a brief summary of the key implications of the Bill for Strategic Planning.

2.0 Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill and Strategic Planning

Local Plans

- 2.1 Local plans will be given more weight when making decisions on applications through imposing a new duty on decision makers to make planning decisions in accordance with the development plan and national development management policies unless material considerations strongly indicate otherwise.
- 2.2 The ‘duty to cooperate’ contained in existing legislation will be repealed and replaced with a more flexible ‘alignment test’ set out in national policy. It is unclear at this stage what this test may involve.
- 2.3 To incentivise plan production and ensure that newly produced plans are not undermined, the requirement for authorities to maintain a rolling five-year supply of deliverable land for housing will be removed, where a plan is up to date (adopted within the past five years).

- 2.4 Regulations will be updated to set clear timetables for plan production with the expectation that they are produced within 30 months and updated at least every five years. During this period, there will be a requirement for two rounds of community engagement before plans are submitted for independent examination. There will also be new guidance on community engagement in planning, which will describe the different ways in which communities can get involved. Any new digital engagement tools will sit alongside existing methods of engagement, such as site notices and neighbour letters.
- 2.5 There will be a series of 'Gateway' checks during production to help to spot and correct any problems at an early stage. New Local Plan Commissioners may be deployed to support or takeover plan-making if local planning authorities fail to meet their statutory duties.
- 2.6 Policies on issues that apply in most areas (such as general heritage protection) will be contained in a suite of National Development Management Policies, which will have the same weight as plans so that they are taken fully into account in decisions. Further consultation will be undertaken regarding what these policies will cover. This will also include revising the National Planning Policy Framework so it is more streamlined and focuses on setting out the principles to be taken into account in plan-making.
- 2.7 Local planning authorities will have a new power to prepare 'supplementary plans', where policies for specific sites or groups of sites need to be prepared quickly or to set out design standards. These plans will replace supplementary planning documents.
- 2.8 Digital powers in the Bill will require more standardised and reusable data to inform plan-making and there will be a new duty for infrastructure providers to engage in the process where needed.
- 2.9 There is to be a set of national development management policies which will help local plans focus on making specific proposals. These will be given the same status as the development plan in any decision, which is a major shift in planning practice.

Spatial development strategies

- 2.10 The Bill creates a new power for at least two local planning authorities to produce a Spatial Development Strategy (SDS). These will be known as participating authorities. The power is available to all local planning authorities that aren't Combined Authorities, Mayoral Combined Authorities, or part of Greater London. The power is optional and can be used in a similar way to mayoral powers. Members of the Committee will be aware that Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council have submitted initial proposals to negotiate a combined devolution deal including proposals for an East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority.

Design Codes

- 2.11 The Bill will require every local planning authority to produce a design code for its area. These codes will have full weight in making decisions on development, either through forming part of local plans or being prepared as a supplementary plan.

Developer Contributions

- 2.12 The Bill will replace the current system of developer contributions with a locally determined Infrastructure Levy. Levy rates and minimum thresholds will be set and collected locally, and local authorities will be able to set different rates within their area. The Government states it is committed to the Levy securing at least as much affordable housing as developer contributions do now.
- 2.13 The Bill will require local authorities to prepare infrastructure delivery strategies. These will set out a strategy for delivering local infrastructure and spending Levy proceeds. The Bill will also enable local authorities to require the assistance of infrastructure providers and other bodies in devising these strategies, and their development plans.
- 2.14 It is understood that the Government will adopt a “test and learn” approach to implementation - rolling it out steadily and piloting it in certain local authorities first. The Levy has the danger of funding infrastructure retrospectively as it is based on the eventual sales value of the development so will only be payable when the development is completed. Developers will still be able to use S106 to deliver “in kind” contributions through delivery of on site infrastructure which will be deductible from the Levy.

Environmental Assessments

- 2.15 Strategic Environmental Assessment (including Sustainability Appraisals) and Environmental Impact Assessment will be replaced by ‘Environmental Outcome Reports’. Local Plans will be tested against a set of environmental outcomes which have yet to be determined. To create more certainly, make worthwhile and measurable process.

Other Matters

- 2.16 Neighbourhood plans will have greater weight in planning decisions. The Bill also allows parish councils and neighbourhood forums to produce a simpler ‘neighbourhood priorities statement’ which the local authority will be obliged to take into account when preparing its local plan.
- 2.17 The Bill also includes new ‘street vote’ powers, allowing residents on a street to bring forward proposals to extend or redevelop their properties in line with their design preferences. Where prescribed development rules and other statutory requirements are met, the proposals would then be put to a referendum of residents on the street, to determine if they should be given planning permission.

- 2.18 The Bill enables the creation of Locally Led Urban Development Corporations which will have the potential to be designated as the Local Planning Authority for both plan-making and planning decisions.
- 2.19 The Bill will give heritage elements with uncertain status in planning more statutory significance – world heritage sites, battlefields and historic gardens.
- 2.20 The Bill also seeks improvements to planning enforcement measures to tighten up time limits from 4 to 10 years to achieve a successful enforcement resolution with the prospect of unlimited fines for those who do not comply.
- 2.21 The Bill will enable and foster the greater digitisation of the planning service to improve accessibility and involvement in the planning process.

Timescales

- 2.22 The Government will put in place a transition plan for Local Planning Authorities based on the expectation that the changes set out in the Bill, once enacted will begin to have effect from 2024. It is understood that the Bill will go into Committee stage before the summer recess and DLUHC are hoping that the Act will receive Royal Assent in 2023.

3 RECOMMENDATION(S)

3.1 That the Joint Committee note this report.

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Meeting:	Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport
Date:	10 June 2022
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board Update

1 Summary

- 1.1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of aligned Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, and the implementation of projects funded through the partnership. This report updates the Joint Committee on the work of JPAB, and other strategic planning matters within the remit of the Committee.

2 Background

- 2.1 The last meeting of JPAB was held on 6 June 2022, given the proximity of that meeting to this Joint Committee, the latest available approved minutes are from the meeting held on 10 December 2021 are included below. The meeting agenda papers are available to view at <http://www.gnplan.org.uk/about-gnpp/joint-planning-advisory-board-meetings/>.
- 2.2 The meeting on 7 June 2022 had not happened at the time of writing this report, but the agenda includes a recommendation to progress the Strategic Plan for Broxtowe, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe. If agreed the Strategic Plan will be prepared on the basis of each council meeting its own housing need as determined by the Government's standard method (plus appropriate locally determined buffer), except for Nottingham City. The Strategic Plan will provide for the City to meet as much of its housing need plus 35% uplift as it can, as set out in the Nottingham City Capacity Paper "The Standard Method for Assessing Housing Need in Nottingham City" which was presented to the March meeting of JPAB. It is not proposed for the City Council's remaining unmet need to be met elsewhere in Greater Nottingham.
- 2.3 The main risk associated with this approach is that an Inspector may find the Strategic Plan not sound at examination, leading to either a revised housing distribution or withdrawal of the Strategic Plan. However, the unmet housing need is part of the 35% uplift, and therefore not evidenced in terms of actual local housing need, nor in terms of delivery. The National Planning Practice Guidance also references the 35% uplift and states that "This increase in the number of homes to be delivered in urban areas is expected to be met by the cities and urban centres themselves, rather than the surrounding areas, unless it would conflict with national policy and legal obligations." Whilst the National Planning Policy Framework is national policy, and includes the need to positively prepare local plans "so that unmet need from neighbouring

areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development”, provision elsewhere in Greater Nottingham would entail development in the Green Belt, which the Government has made clear can only happen in exceptional circumstances. In addition, the government’s consideration of the local housing delivery target may review the approach to the 35% uplift with greater sensitivity to local challenges and evidence

- 2.4 If this approach is agreed by JPAB, it is proposed that a ‘Preferred Approach’ version of the Strategic Plan be prepared, which would focus on the strategy, housing provision, and the strategic sites required to meet the housing provision. The aim would be to consult on the Preferred Approach in the autumn, and publish a full Pre Submission version of the Strategic Plan in the summer of 2023 prior to submission for examination later in the year.
- 2.5 Other items considered included the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, Aligned Core Strategy Monitoring, the Joint Board’s budget for 2022/23, and updates on Homes England Capacity Funding and on the Joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan.

3 Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the contents of this report.

4 Background papers referred to in compiling this report

- 4.1 JPAB Papers, 6 June 2021

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APPENDIX 1

**ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING
ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14
DECEMBER 2021 VIA MS TEAMS**

PRESENT

Ashfield: Councillor M Relf
Broxtowe: Councillor M Radulovic (Chair); Councillor D Watts
City: Councillor L Woodings
Gedling: Councillor J Hollingsworth
Erewash: Councillor M Powell (Vice Chair)
Nottinghamshire County: Councillor N Clarke; Councillor R Jackson
Rushcliffe: Councillor R Upton

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Christine Sarris
Broxtowe: Tom Genway; Ruth Hyde; Dave Lawson
Derbyshire County: Steve Buffery
Erewash: Oliver Dove; Adam Reddish
Gedling: Alison Gibson; Mike Avery
Growth Point: Matthew Gregory; Peter McAnespie; Mark Thompson
Nottingham City: Paul Seddon
Nottinghamshire County: Sally Gill; Stephen Pointer
Rushcliffe: Richard Mapletoft

East Midlands Councils: Andrew Pritchard (presentation)

Observers

Ian Allcock	Greg Hutton
Leanne Ashmore	Steve Freek
David Bainbridge	Suzi Green
Sienna Barbour	Gary Lees
James Beverly	Cllr Wayne Major
David Blackadder-	Rob Millbank
Weinstein	Richard Naylor
Adrian Cox	Richard Pitt
Joe Drewry	Jonathan Protherone
Tom Dillarstone	Ryan Simpson
Robert Galij	Angela Smedley
Rob Gilmore	Paul Stone
P Goldsmith	Phillipa Ward (notes)
Chris Gowlett	Rob Webster
Suzi Green	Colin Wilkinson
Katie Hancock	
Kevin Hard	

Apologies

Broxtowe: Ryan Dawson

Derbyshire County: Councillor Carolyn Renwick

Erewash: Steve Birkinshaw

Nottingham City: Councillor Sally Longford; James Ashton

Nottinghamshire County: Adrian Smith

Rushcliffe: Andrew Pegram; Andrew Ashcroft

EMDevCo: Ken Harrison

Environment Agency: Nick Wakefield

1. Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 June 2021 were approved. Matters arising would be covered under agenda items during the meeting.

4. Joint Planning Advisory Board Terms of Reference (Matt Gregory)

- 4.1 MG advised that the Board reviewed its Terms of Reference (ToR) periodically to ensure that they remained relevant and up to date. The ToR were attached to the report with minor changes highlighted in yellow. These were agreed.

Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to REVIEW the current Joint Planning Advisory Board Terms of Reference, and proposed amendments, and CONSIDER whether further changes are required.

5. HS2 and the Integrated Rail Plan (Andrew Pritchard)

- 5.1 AP presented a summary of the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) and its effects on the East Midlands, particularly in relation to East Midlands Parkway and Toton. A timeline showed the confirmed projects over a 25-year period up to 2045. Individual schemes would need to be assessed on a business case by the Treasury.
- 5.2 There are proposals for extending the Maid Marion line subject to a business case and a shuttle service from East Midlands Parkway to Toton.

- 5.3 The implications of the IRP have meant that the site at Staveley will no longer be required and will need to be repurposed. Studies including “Access to Toton” and the HS2 Growth Strategy will need to be reviewed. The next steps will be a study by Network Rail for “Options to Leeds” which will look at the most effective way to run HS2 trains to Leeds.
- 5.4 The Chair called on the Government to fulfil its obligations to Toton. Reference was made to the Motion (below) which was being proposed at Broxtowe’s Full Council:

“Following the announcement of the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) this Council expresses its concern regarding future funding of the East Midlands Levelling Up agenda.

- a) *In the light of the changes announced by the IRP Broxtowe Borough Council calls on the government, through the East Midlands Development Corporation, to fully fund the review of the business case for the Toton Masterplan and the HS2 growth strategy to ensure:*

1. *A clear fully funded connectivity package for Toton to include:*
 - *tram connectivity to a new station*
 - *the provision of wider transport improvement connectivity to the areas of Eastwood and Kimberley to ensure level up these areas and connect them to skills and economic growth opportunities*
 - *wider road infrastructure improvements for Toton including improvements to Bessel Lane and connectivity to the A52 and M1.*
2. *The fully funded delivery of the full aspiration of the Toton/Erewash Valley environmental vision of networked green and blue infrastructure.*
3. *A national centre for biodiversity at Toton.*
4. *A national skills centre at Toton.*
5. *The delivery of the full ambition of high quality jobs and economic growth at Toton rather than a watering down of this ambition in favour of more or lower quality housing development.*
6. *The delivery of well integrated high quality spacious environmentally sustainable homes in accordance with the original masterplan vision.*
7. *Electrification of the Midlands Main Line as an immediate priority.*
8. *The revised HS2 east link now infers the line will stop at East Midlands Parkway. Previous Midlands Connect proposals were that there should be a 'heavy' rail link from*

Parkway to the airport to facilitate passenger connection, which would be supported. This Council also supports an alternative proposal to run trains out of Nottingham via Ilkeston which will enable a station to be built at Toton. There would have to be a significant review of traffic movement in the Trent Junction area.

- b) *Further to the announcement of the HS2 built at Parkway, the line for the HS2 is reserved for potential future development and has reserved the line proposals. This has caused considerable concern in communities across Broxtowe and neighbouring authorities because of the blight that continues because of the reserved line. This Council therefore calls on the government to make a definitive decision on the future of HS2 leg northern link to end the uncertainty and bring to a conclusion any further speculation."*
- 5.5 LW expressed her disappointment that the Eastern Leg to inter-connect major cities in the north had been cancelled. She continued that there had been previous promises of electrifying the Midland Mainline but these had all been cancelled. She queried whether freight capacity would increase to reduce road congestion and made reference to more ecological friendly transport such as bi-mode trains.
- 5.6 AP confirmed that there was serious activity by DfT which was looking at new technology which would facilitate electrification.
- 5.7 MP believed that electrification was the right way but constraints were difficult, particularly where there are level crossings. Extra capacity on the lines also caused difficulties at existing level crossings. The existing railway station at Long Eaton has very short platforms. He was aware that continuing to safeguard parts of the eastern leg was causing blight.
- 5.8 AP reported that Long Eaton station was not in danger of being closed or bypassed by electrification. Level crossings are an issue but will be looked at as part of the programme. Safeguarding parts of the eastern leg is what has been reported by Government. The "Access to Leeds" study will take up to two years to complete.
- 5.9 MRelf queried the benefit of HS2's connection to London via Birmingham if not electrifying the Midland Mainline (between Nottingham and Sheffield). He was more concerned about improving connectivity (in a northerly direction as well) and not just journey times to London. On the map it was not clear whether the Nottingham Interchange was at East Midlands Parkway or whether it would be at Nottingham train station. There is a need to look at local traffic routes and the wider implications.
- 5.10 AP explained that journey times indicated in the IRP from Nottingham to Birmingham would be less than 30 minutes via HS2 and that it would be a quicker route via Birmingham to travel to Euston. The Erewash line is an option for Access to Leeds electrification which is a more direct route north than the existing mainline. The HS2 route into East Midlands Parkway,

including the connections to Nottingham and further north, require further technical work. He confirmed that there could be a local train station at Toton.

- 5.11 MRelf queried the purpose of providing frequent services from East Midlands Parkway using Intercity trains to either transport people into city centres or as an interchange for Intercity trains. If there is a different hub split where do you send local traffic? If there is little difference in journey time then he questioned the cost of £15bn being spent on the HS2 line when this could be better spent improving other rail routes.
- 5.12 AP responded that East Midlands Parkway was an interchange point but further work is still required regarding local connections. The cost of the HS2 to London from East Midlands Parkway via Birmingham is estimated at £7bn. It is recognised that there is very poor connectivity at present across the Midlands (Nottingham/ Derby/Birmingham).
- 5.13 AP announced that the Levelling Up White Paper will be published after Christmas. Legislation will follow and be included in The Queens Speech in May 2022.

Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to NOTE the publication of the Integrated Rail Plan and the need to consider the implications in relation to strategic planning.

6. **Joint Planning Advisory Board Communications Strategy**
(Mark Thompson)

- 6.1 MT explained that the Board agreed at its June 2021 meeting to prepare a Communications Strategy to help engage the public and various stakeholders in Strategic Planning preparation. It would explain the wider discussions and progress being made and how The Board works in partnership with key stakeholders and statutory consultees.
- 6.2 He referred to the use of a joint database for consultations to make it easier to submit comments and direct the public to the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership website and use of social media to improve communications for the Strategic Plan.
- 6.3 He continued that at the public consultation for Toton and Chetwynd Barracks more visuals were introduced including videos and documentation was simplified with non-technical summaries.
- 6.4 MT advised that to improve communication with people in between consultations that a briefing note would be provided for councillors who do not sit on JPAB to explain the role of the partnership to them and what work has been completed to date and by working together how we have managed to achieve that.

- 6.5 The Chair confirmed that respective councils should be kept up to date with the changing landscape especially with the IRP and that communication was absolutely essential.

Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to:

- 1) AGREE the Briefing Note at Appendix 1 be circulated to all Councillors within the partner councils; and**
2) AGREE the contents of the Communications Strategy at Appendix 2, and its publication on the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership website.

7. Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Update (Matt Gregory)

- 7.1 MG reported that work on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan continued with two councillor workshops which were held in September and October, following two previous workshops at the beginning of this year. The outcomes from those respective workshops were intended to assist in the distribution of development across the area. Councillors felt that they were unable to offer a preferred strategy due to uncertainties about the Government's planning reforms, including reform of the standard methodology, and the ongoing uncertainty of HS2 and the development at Toton but would continue with evidence based work.
- 7.2 The Government's planning reforms in the Levelling Up White Paper are expected early 2022. This include changes as to how housing supply is determined for the Greater Nottingham area.
- 7.3 EBC under Regulation 19 would publish their Local Plan version in early 2022. MP stated that the Regulation 19 plan was due in January 2022 but will now be published in February 2022 to allow for the Plan to be taken to Council.
- 7.4 ADC's Regulation 18 consultation has now concluded. Their Local Plan is now paused, awaiting more certainty on planning reforms.
- 7.5 Following the Councillor workshops in September and October it was requested to send a letter to the Secretary of State to express their concern about Nottingham City's inability to fulfil all of its 35% uplift through the standard methodology and the need to provide funding to help facilitate the delivery of brownfield sites. A copy of the letter has been attached as an appendix to the report which was signed by members of JPAB.
- 7.6 DW considered that there was very little response from members of the public to the Strategic Plan consultation. He would like to see an improvement in future consultations.
- 7.7 The Chair confirmed that the Communications Strategy was prepared to encourage public responses for consultations and by keeping councillors

informed with any changes in proposals for a better understanding and dialogue.

- 7.8 RU was concerned that we may still be unable to reach an agreed approach even once a decision regarding planning reforms and updated housing numbers are known and once the implications of the IRP are understood.

Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to NOTE the progress with Strategic Plan preparation in Greater Nottingham.

8. Homes England Capacity Funding projects monitoring (Peter McAnespie)

- 8.1 PMc gave an update on the Capacity Funding for Quarter 2 Period 5. He explained that the remaining funding for EBC would be reallocated from Stanton to land south west of Kirk Hallam. He advised that the outstanding project monies for GBC would be allocated to fund a new post.

Joint Planning Advisory Board resolved to Recommend that Executive Steering Group NOTE this report and the details set out in Appendix 1.

9. Waste and Minerals Local Plans Update
(Stephen Pointer/Steve Buffery)

- 9.1 Nottingham/Nottinghamshire

SP reported that NCC were working with Nottingham City Council on their Draft Joint Waste Local Plan which will proceed through the council's process for consultation from the end of January to Easter 2022. A Joint Waste Steering Group of members was held recently and will continue to develop the Greater Nottingham Duty to Co-operate obligation for the Waste Local Plan.

- 9.2 Derby/Derbyshire

SBuff reported timescales for their Draft Minerals Local Plan consultation. Following a Joint Advisory Committee with DCC and Derby City Council, it would run from the middle of January for a period of eight weeks. Their Joint Waste Local Plan evidence base is now complete. Following the Joint Advisory Committee in January, the Draft Joint Waste Local Plan will be out for consultation in February 2022.

- 9.3 The Chair thanked both councils and said that he would like to see the two consultations carried out over the same time period.

- 9.4 NC confirmed that the Joint Plans will be consulted over a period of six to eight weeks and would seek to address a comprehensive wide range of issues including climate change.

Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to NOTE the progress with the Nottinghamshire/Nottingham and Derbyshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans.

10. **Future Meetings 2022**

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 8 March	2.00 pm	Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting
Tuesday 7 June	2.00 pm	Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting
Tuesday 27 September	2.00 pm	Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting
Tuesday 13 December	2.00 pm	Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting

11. **Any other business**

11.1 The Chair respected the honest responses to the problems we faced and praised the work of officers for an informative meeting. He wished the joint working to continue with frank discussions in the future for proposing environment sustainability; East Midlands jobs; social mobility; transport and the way we live.

11.2 The Chair passed on his Christmas wishes to everyone.

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.05 PM

Meeting:	JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
Date:	10 June 2022
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

JOINT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

1 SUMMARY

- 3.2 To consider the Committee's work programme from September 2022 to March 2023.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Joint Committee work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
- 2.2 The attached work programme includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items may be added to the programme as they are identified. It is proposed that a more comprehensive review of the purpose and terms of reference of the Committee should take place in 2022/23 with a report to the Committee in September 2022.
- 2.3 The proposed work programme to March 2023 is attached for the consideration of the Committee.

3 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 That the Joint Committee's work programme be noted and consideration be given to any future items.
- 3.2 That Joint Committee identify any work areas where partnership working between the two authorities would be mutually beneficial.

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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT
WORK PROGRAMME: JUNE 2022 TO MARCH 2023**

Report Title	Brief summary of agenda item	For Decision or Information?	Lead Officer	Report Author
June 2020				
Mineral and Waste Local Plan Update	To provide an update on progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan and the Joint Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Waste Local Plan.	Information	Stephen Pointer	Stephen Pointer
Transport Update	To provide an update on key sustainable transport issues (including rail issues) for the Greater Nottingham area.	Information	Chris Carter/Kevin Sharman	Rasita Chudasama/ Kevin Sharman
Joint Planning Advisory Board Update	To provide an update on the work of JPAB.	Information	Matt Gregory	Matt Gregory

Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill	To provide a summary of the strategic planning aspects of the Bill.	Information	Stephen Pointer	Stephen Pointer
September 2022				
Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update	To provide an update on progress with preparing the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Waste Local Plan	Information	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory
Transport Update	To provide an update on key sustainable transport issues (including rail issues) for the Greater Nottingham area.	Information	Chris Carter/Kevin Sharman	Rasita Chadasama/ Kevin Sharman
JPAB Update	To provide an update on the work of JPAB.	Information	Matt Gregory	Matt Gregory
December 2022				
Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update	To provide an update on progress with preparing the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Waste Local Plan	Information	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory

Transport Update	To provide an update on key sustainable transport issues (including rail issues) for the Greater Nottingham area.	Information	Chris Carter/Kevin Sharman	Rasita Chadasama/ Kevin Sharman
JPAB Update	To provide an update on the work of JPAB.	Information	Matt Gregory	Matt Gregory
Review of the Terms of Reference of the Committee	To provide a comprehensive review of the purpose and function of this Committee	Decision	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory
March 2023				
Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update	To provide an update on progress with preparing the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Waste Local Plan	Information	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory
Transport Update	To provide an update on key sustainable transport issues (including rail issues) for the Greater Nottingham area.	Information	Chris Carter/Kevin Sharman	Rasita Chadasama/ Kevin Sharman

JPAB Update	To provide an update on the work of JPAB.	Information	Matt Gregory	Matt Gregory
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