Meeting: **Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport**

Date: 12 April 2024

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 5 March 2024, the latest available approved minutes (dated 12 December 2023) are appended to this report. All JPAB meeting agenda papers are available to view at https://www.gnplan.org.uk/meetings/.

Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

- 2.2 JPAB received a presentation on the forthcoming Greater Nottingham Housing Need Assessment, prepared by Iceni consultants. The Assessment will be a key part of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan evidence base, and its principal purpose is to recommend amount and type of affordable housing required by each authority, to form the basis of planning policies in the Greater Nottingham strategic Plan.
- 2.3 JPAB received an update on the progress of preparing the Strategic Plan. This highlighted areas where evidence was still being prepared, such as Transport Modelling, carbon reduction in new development, biodiversity net gain and Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- 2.4 Subject to the successful completion of these evidence base projects, the aim is to publish the regulation 19 version of the Plan in summer 2024, to allow for formal representations.
- 2.5 In terms of other Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, Ashfield District Council undertook a regulation 19 consultation on its draft Local Plan, which closed on 29 January 2024. Responses are now being considered. The Erewash Local Plan is currently at examination, hearing dates are anticipated shortly following the completion of further consultation work requested by the Inspector.

- 2.6 The next meeting of JPAB is on 4 June 2024.
- 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, 5 March 2023.

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APPENDIX 1

ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023 VIA MS TEAMS

1 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Renwick and R Jackson.

Present at the meeting:

Broxtowe Borough Council: Councillor M Radulovic MBE (Chair)

Gedling Borough Council: Councillor J Hollingsworth (Vice-Chair)

Rushcliffe Borough Council: Councillor R Upton

Ashfield District Council Councillor M Relf

Nottinghamshire County Council Councillor N Clarke

Officers in Attendance:

Ashfield: Christine Sarris

Broxtowe: Ruth Hyde, Dave Lawson and Mark Thompson

Erewash: Oliver Dove

Gedling: Alison Gibson and Mike Avery

Nottingham City: Paul Seddon

Nottinghamshire County Council: Stephen Pointer and Jonathon Smith

Derbyshire County Council: Alison Richards and Steven Buffery

Rushcliffe: Richard Mapletoft, Leanne Ashmore

Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership Matt Gregory, John King and Karen Shaw

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor M Radulovic declared he had a planning interest but was not related to the Joint Planning Advisory Board area.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2023 were approved as a correct record.

4 PRESENTATION ON GREATER NOTTINGHAM STRATEGIC HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT

Members noted a presentation provided on the Greater Nottingham and Ashfield Housing Needs Assessment. The Housing Needs Assessment considered the size, type and tenure of housing required for different groups in the community to be reflected within planning policies. For affordable housing, the study identified the overall need and considered the appropriate tenures based on household type, income and local rents and property prices. This information would be used to inform strategic plan policies.

5 GREATER NOTTINGHAM STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

The Committee noted the progress made on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, Erewash Core Strategy Review and Ashfield Local Plan. The Distribution and Logistics Preferred Approach had revised the residual need across the Nottingham Core and Outer Housing Market Area and the approach had identified the Former Bennerley Coal Disposal Area and Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station as sites that would make a considerable contribution to meeting the need. Comments had been received from statutory consultees, Parish Councils, several landowners, and residents. A full Pre Submission (Regulation 19) version for the Strategic Plan would be published prior to submission for examination.

An update was provided to Members on the Erewash Core Strategy and Ashfield Local Plan.

6 LEVELLING-UP AND REGENERATION ACT UPDATE

The Joint Planning Advisory Board noted the changes to plan making bought about by the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. The Government had announced that the levelling Up and Regeneration bill had now received Royal Assent on 26 October 2023. As part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 Local Planning Authorities would be required to have a design code in place covering their entire areas. The area wide codes would act as a framework for detailed design codes to come forward, prepare for specific areas and be led by either the Local Planning Authority, Neighbourhood Planning groups or by developers as part of planning applications. There were significant implications for Local Planning Authorities to carry out within the Act.

7 WASTE AND MINERALS LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

The Joint Planning Advisory Board noted the progress made with the Nottinghamshire/Nottingham and Derbyshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans.

The County and City Councils were preparing a single Joint Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy. The plan would go through independent examination and subject to modifications would be adopted by both Councils mid-2024. Work on updating the Joint Mineral and Waste Local Development Scheme was in progress for the Derbyshire/Derby Councils.

A query was raised at the meeting with the extraction of gypsum at the Ratcliffe site.

8 HOMES ENGLAND CAPACITY FUNDING PROJECTS MONITORING

Members noted the progress made on Homes England Capacity Funding Projects. Erewash Borough Council repurposing of £98,622 funding, initially secured for Stanton Regeneration site had been approved for studies in accelerating housing delivery on land south West of Kirk Hallam. The final remaining elements of the funds were Gedling Borough Council with projects still to be confirmed and Nottingham City Council to the Waterside.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The dates of the next meetings would be circulated separately. The dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 5 March (14:00)
- Tuesday 4 June (14:00)
- Tuesday 24 September (14:00)
- Tuesday 10 December (14:00)

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at the meeting.