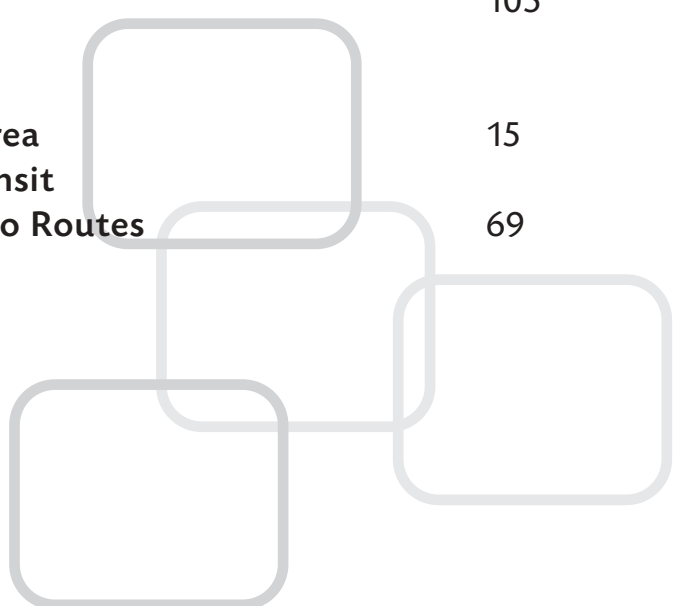




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# Introduction

This Joint Structure Plan sets out strategic land use policies to guide the scale and location of development in the Plan Area. The Plan covers the scale and broad location of housing and employment land, the protection and enhancement of the environment, transport, recreation and tourism, and shopping. Local plans prepared by the District Councils (apart from Minerals and Waste in the administrative County) provide detailed policies and show proposals on a Proposals Map.

The Plan period is 2001-2021 and the Plan takes into account East Midlands Regional Planning Guidance [RPG] approved by the Secretary of State in 2002. The Plan divides the Plan Area into three parts for policy purposes, reflecting the sub-areas used in RPG – see Figure 1.

This Plan when adopted will replace the current County Structure Plan, adopted in November 1996, and provide the framework for more detailed local plans, the Local Transport Plans and for general development control guidance. The 1996 Plan has an end date of 2011, so the Joint Structure Plan will influence and cause a reassessment of uncommitted development proposals set out in adopted local plans and emerging local plan reviews to 2011.

This is the first time that the Structure Plan preparation has been a joint venture and the two Councils set up an advisory Joint Committee to assist County and City Councillors in this process. The joint working arrangements have operated well as is evidenced by this Plan.

The Plan takes as a key objective the need to achieve sustainable development. The achievement of this objective will not be easy and will not be secured by a single Plan; nevertheless, the Joint Structure Plan is a significant milestone in this direction.

If new planning legislation is enacted next year, as promoted by the Government, this will be the last Structure Plan for the geographic County. In future, strategic planning will be undertaken by the East Midlands Regional Assembly who may consider preparing Sub-Regional Strategies for the Nottingham/Leicester/Derby area and for the north Derbyshire/west and north-west Nottinghamshire areas.

This is the Deposit draft version of the Plan which will act as the basis for discussion on selected issues at the Examination in Public before an independent Panel. The Panel will prepare a report and the County and City Councils will consider the recommendations of the Panel and other matters. If appropriate, proposed modifications would then be approved by the two Councils and representations invited upon those modifications. The Councils would

then consider the representations and make any further modifications. The adoption procedures would then be commenced and final adoption is likely some time in 2005.

The two Councils recognise that difficult and sensitive decisions have to be made, decisions that could and should not be avoided or ignored. Not everyone will be pleased with the policies in the Joint Structure Plan and it is important as part of the democratic process that the full breadth of views of all concerned are gained in this Plan preparation process so that the final adopted Plan can be based on a comprehensive framework.



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