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| Meeting: | Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport |
| Date: | 8 September 2023 |
| 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 2023, the latest available approved minutes (dated 7 March 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 Due to the date of the last JPAB preceding the Joint Committee meeting, the deliberations of that meeting were reported to the last Joint Committee. However, subsequent to the last JPAB meeting, it is deemed prudent to undertake a further “Preferred Approach” consultation, focusing solely on strategic logistics development.
- 2.3 As part of the evidence base for the Greater Nottingham the Strategic Plan, the Councils commissioned a Logistics Study which estimated the level of need for logistics development and identified “Areas of Opportunity” where distribution and logistics development should be located. Following this study, the Councils undertook a “Call for Sites” during the Autumn of 2022.
- 2.4 The Councils have now undertaken an assessment of all potential sites and reviewed the supply of sites coming forward from existing and likely commitments, in order to determine the remaining residual need. Following the assessments, a Preferred Approach to strategic distribution and logistics has been developed, and will be subject to a consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, commencing in September 2023 for a six week period, following approval from all the Councils.
- 2.5 Responses to this consultation will be considered as part of preparing the next version of the Strategic Plan which will be the Publication Draft

(Regulation 19). Consultation on this is anticipated to be undertaken in early 2024

- 2.6 In terms of other Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, Ashfield District Council are preparing a Publication (regulation 19) version of the Ashfield Local Plan, and Erewash Borough Council submitted their Core Strategy Review for examination and are awaiting confirmation of dates for the hearing sessions.
- 2.7 The next meeting of JPAB is on 26 September 2023.

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, 7 March and 9 June 2023

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APPENDIX 1

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| ITEM 5 | MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2023 VIA MS TEAMS |
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PRESENT

Broxtowe: Councillor M Radulovic (Chair);
Gedling: Councillor J Hollingsworth
Erewash: Councillor M Powell (Vice Chair)
Nottingham City: Councillor P Kotsonis
Nottinghamshire County: Councillor N Clarke, Councillor R Jackson

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Christine Sarris
Broxtowe: Ruth Hyde; Dave Lawson; Mark Thompson; Becky Hatton
Derbyshire: Alison Richards
Erewash: Oliver Dove; Adam Reddish
Gedling: Alison Gibson; Mike Avery, Graeme Foster
Growth Point: Matt Gregory; John King
Nottingham City: Paul Seddon; Karen Shaw
Nottinghamshire County: Steve Pointer; Jonathan Smith
Rushcliffe: Leanne Ashmore; Richard Mapletoft
Apologies

Ashfield: Cllr Williamson
Broxtowe: Cllr David Watts, Ryan Dawson
Derbyshire County: Steve Buffery
Nottingham City: Councillor Sally Longford; Councillor Tony Neal
Nottinghamshire County Council: Adrian Smith
Rushcliffe: Councillor Roger Upton

1. Introductions and Apologies

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

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair wished to place on record that he was involved in a number of applications outside of the JPAB area.

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

Agreed it was a correct record. No matters arising.

4. Presentation on the Strategic Logistics “Call for Sites”

(John King (JK) and Graeme Foster (GF))

- 4.1 GF provided an overview of the Nottingham Core and Outer Logistic Study undertaken by Icenii and outlined the key recommendations from the study.
- 4.2 JK outlined the approach to assessing potential logistic sites. This started with a Call for Sites and JK showed maps for submitted sites within each authority area. He then provided an overview of the assessment criteria which is going to be applied to assess sites.
- 4.3 Cllr Kotsonis queried how archaeology would be considered.
- 4.4 JK confirmed archaeology was part of the criteria and that statutory consultees, such as Historic England, would also have input.
- 4.5 Oliver Dove clarified that Land South West of M1 Junction 25 is not an existing allocation in Erewash.
- 4.6 Cllr Radulovic outlined his concern about the design of some existing logistic developments and requested that design and sustainability factors are considered as part of the assessment process.
- 4.7 JK stated that once the sites were allocated, policies could outline design and sustainability standards.
- 4.8 Cllr Radulovic stated that developers need to be aware that they will need to accord with set design codes and will have to adhere to the sustainability criteria.
- 4.9 Cllr Powell highlighted that there is existing rail access at Stanton which may help to reduce the impact on existing highways.
- 4.10 Nick Wakefield (Environment Agency) stated that they would support the requirement for design codes.

5. Greater Nottingham Strategic Planning Update

(Matt Gregory (MG) and John King (JK))

- 5.1 MG provided an update on progress with the Strategic Plan. The Preferred Approach consultation closed in February and the comments are now being summarised.
- 5.2 JK provided an overview of the consultation response. Approximately 250 stakeholders responded with 800 individual comments. Key points made included a need to increase the plan period, the need to consider additional sites and a support for the 20 minute neighbourhood concept. Other comments

related to how the housing and employment numbers had been calculated and the distribution of development.

- 5.3 Cllr Radulovic expressed disappointment about the lack of responses regarding sustainability and the environment. He considered this was vital to future planning.
- 5.4 JK considered that this was due to the focused nature of the consultation.
- 5.5 Cllr Kotsonis queried the relationship with work connected to the Integrated Rail Plan and the revised growth strategy.
- 5.6 MG outlined the relationship between the growth model and transport modelling which is currently ongoing. An update should be available in June.
- 5.7 Cllr Clarke outlined that Rushcliffe would not be prepared to meet City's unmet need and agreed with Cllr Radulovic's comments regarding the importance of sustainability in future development.
- 5.8 Cllr Kotsonis expressed disappointment that the Government was proposing that the 35% uplift was to be retained.
- 5.9 Cllr Powell confirmed that Erewash's Core Strategy has been submitted to the Inspector and that they have received questions from the Inspector which have been responded to.

Joint Planning Advisory Board **NOTED** the progress made on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, Erewash Core Strategy Review and Ashfield Local Plan.

6. Homes England Capacity Funding Quarter 3 (Year 6) September to December 2022

- 6.1 MG outlined that the funding was now coming to a close with the majority already spent. A full summary will be provided in June.

Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTED the report and the details set out in Appendix 1.

7. Waste and Minerals Local Plans Update

- 7.1 Steve Pointer outlined progress with the Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Waste Plan with the intention that the final Plan will be presented to both councils in Spring 2023 and published shortly after. They are making sure the plan aligns with the Local Plans in each authority.
- 7.2 Alison Richards outlined that approval was sought from Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils' Cabinets to go out for consultation on the pre

submission Minerals Plan. The consultation has started today for an 8-week period. The intention is to submit the plan later in the year. In respect of the Waste Plan, they are moving towards an issues and options consultation later this year.

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| Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTED the progress with the Nottinghamshire/Nottingham and Derbyshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans. |
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8. **Government Consultation on Reforms to National Planning Policy**

(Karen Shaw)

- 8.1 Karen Shaw presented an overview of the proposed reforms, focussing on points which will have an impact on strategic planning. The next steps were also outlined.
- 8.2 Cllr Kotsonis outlined some key concerns including the removal of Supplementary Planning Documents which would have significant resource implications. The 30-month deadline for preparing plans and design guides are also key concerns if there are not additional resources. The consideration of applicant's behaviour is also not an appropriate consideration for the planning system.
- 8.3 Cllr Radulovic expressed concern regarding the additional costs to small developers and requested that the slides are shared.

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| Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTE the content of this report. |
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9. **Future Meetings 2022/2023**

| DATE | TIME | VENUE |
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| Tuesday 6 June | 2.00 pm | Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting |
| Tuesday 26 September | 2.00 pm | Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting |
| Tuesday 12 December | 2.00 pm | Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting |

10. **AOB**

Cllr Radulovic expressed thanks to officers and Members and emphasised the importance of ongoing cooperation.

A training session should take place to inform new members and officers of the role of JPAB. There should also be a briefing session for Leaders and Deputy Leaders to highlight the importance of joint working.

MEETING CLOSED AT 3:08PM