

Meeting:	<b>Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport</b>
Date:	9 June 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 13 December 2022) are from the meeting held on 7 March 2023 and are included below. The meeting agenda papers are available to view at <https://www.gnplan.org.uk/meetings/>.

#### Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

- 2.2 A 'Preferred Approach' version of the Strategic Plan was published for consultation in January. In total 191 bodies responded, and a total of 830 individual responses/comments.
- 2.2 All documentation associated with the consultation is available at <https://www.gnplan.org.uk/preferredapproach> and in addition to the Preferred Approach itself, the following documents were published to support the proposed consultation:
- Sustainability Appraisal Document
  - Site Selection Report
  - Heritage Assets Assessment
  - Housing Background Paper
  - Assessment of Housing Need and Capacity in Nottingham City
  - Employment Background Paper
  - Green Belt Review
  - Green Belt Background Paper
  - Infrastructure Delivery Plan Baseline assessment
  - Habitats Regulations Assessment Review Paper
  - Report of Consultation Responses: Growth Options
  - Response to the Growth Options Consultation

- 2.3 Responses to the consultation are currently being considered alongside drafting the next version of the Strategic Plan. Engagement with Duty to Cooperate partners is ongoing, as is liaison with key infrastructure providers.
- 2.4 Many consultees made the point that the end date of the Plan, which was 2038, did not give a 15 year plan period from anticipated adoption date, as is required by the National Planning Policy Framework. Consideration is being given to extending the Plan period to 2041 to conform with national guidance.
- 2.5 Subject to completion of key elements of the evidence base, it is intended to publish a full Pre Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Strategic Plan in late 2023, prior to submission for examination. This timetable may have to flex in response to planning reform, as the Government's response to the recent consultation is expected shortly.
- 2.9 In terms of other Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, it was reported that 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.
- 2.10 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, 13 December September 2022

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## APPENDIX 1

### ITEM 3 - MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2022 VIA MS TEAMS

#### PRESENT

**Broxtowe:** Councillor Milan Radulovic (Chair); Councillor D Watts  
**Nottingham City:** Councillor Pavlos Kotsonis  
**Nottinghamshire County:** Councillor R Jackson  
**Derbyshire:** Councillor Carolyn Renwick  
**Erewash:** Councillor M Powell (Vice Chair)  
**Gedling:** Councillor J Hollingsworth  
**Rushcliffe:** Councillor R Upton

#### Officers in Attendance

**Ashfield:** Christine Sarris  
**Broxtowe:** Ruth Hyde; Dave Lawson; Steve Simms; Tom Genway  
**Derbyshire:** Steve Buffery  
**Erewash:** Oliver Dove; Adam Reddish  
**Gedling:** Alison Gibson; Mike Avery  
**Growth Point:** Matthew Gregory; Peter McAnespie; John King  
**Nottinghamshire County:** Steve Pointer  
**Rushcliffe:** Richard Mapletoft

#### Observers

Simon Atha	Olivia Price
Rosie Blenkinsop	Matthew Pruce
Catherine (Guest)	Jonathan Smith
Tom Collins	Phillipa Ward (notes)
Ian Deverell	Rob Webster
Rob Devon	
Jack Dickinson	
Joe Drewry	
Matt Dugdale	
Robert Galij	
Robert Gilmore	
Chris Gowlett	
Amy Harrison	
Eleanor Higgs	
Greg Hutton	
Joel Jessup	
Helen Knott	

## **Apologies**

**Broxtowe:** Ryan Dawson

**Erewash:** Steve Birkinshaw

**Nottingham City:** Councillors Clarke, Neal and Longford; Paul Seddon

## **Introductions and Apologies**

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

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no official declarations of interest. The Chair wished to place on record that he represented a number of applications within Derbyshire but not within the JPAB area.

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 September 2022 were approved.

Matters arising would be covered under agenda items during the meeting.

4. **Presentation on the 20 Minute Neighbourhood Update**  
(Peter McAnespie/Steve Simms)

- 4.1 It was reported that research had shown that life expectancy had stalled for the first time for over a century due to mental health, diabetes etc. It is difficult to plan and design new places adequately over a range of issues with the decline of high streets and economies. Environments need to be improved to enable everyone to be more physically active. LAs have a key role but have reduced finances and reduced staff.

The 20 minute neighbourhood was created according to the Garden City model devised in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and which has since been rekindled from the Covid 19 Pandemic.

The key features are:

- well connected paths
- community health and wellbeing spaces
- embrace active travel and design
- improved mental and physical health
- improve climate change
- tackle traffic reduction

- local shops and businesses prosper
- local food production and
- places for all ages to interact

Active Design management is the maintenance, monitoring and evaluation process to enable walkable communities.

It was researched in Melbourne, Australia that locals equated a 20-minute walk would represent 800 metres.

SS advised that the 20-minute neighbourhood was included in the current draft Greater Nottingham Plan. The settlement hierarchy was based on a study by Tribal ten years ago to analyse access to allocated settlements and how these areas could be sustainable. The recent study by AECOM analysed travel time thresholds for walking, cycling and bus networks. The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan will contain a design tool to access different layers to connect places.

AECOM have mapped the entire urban area and non-built-up areas to assess more detailed multimode cycling and public transport. The map has been created by NCC and shows the work achieved so far with various layers for essential amenities such as GP surgery, leisure centres, library, green spaces and shopping facilities, access to allotments and local food production.

Sites might be allocated in locations where '20-minute neighbourhoods' are easier to achieve. Masterplans may be needed to help fill gaps in provision. Part 2 plans may also need criteria-based policies, making use of layers for various amenities. Intervention by the highways authority will reconnect street networks and open up links again.

The following aspects would need to be considered.

- Would town centres work with 20 minute neighbourhoods
- What would neighbourhoods look like graphically and how would they overlap
- Where will the money come from
- What facilities are essential or desirable
- How likely would neighbourhoods use public transport
- What facilities we may like and protect from changes of use
- Will cars be banned locally
- Improved datasets and develop new capabilities for dynamic changes eg retail to online

PK thanked officers for their presentation. He suggested making Lenton Abbey a Green City. He asked how we could achieve these goals and develop 20 minute neighbourhoods given the negative effects of the changes to the Use Classes.

PMc accepted that if the densities were high enough it would be more likely to support essential facilities locally. You do not need to include everything to be sustainable for people's daily lives (possibly 4-5 elements from the wish list) with some facilities being accessible further afield such as hospitals and community centres if the catchment area is large enough.

Communities could come together in green spaces and grow their own produce providing enough food for them to be sustainable and help with their wellbeing.

CS was interested in the strategic and public transport and health provision elements. It would need fundamental planning at concept stage how developments would work together to provide a strategic public network. Strategic infrastructure costs should be considered at the outset. She would welcome working together to plan strategically for new public transport infrastructure and health.

MP regarded essential facilities would be for the short term of 5-10 years. He believed that GPs, Post Offices and banks were essential for the older generation.

SS believed that creating high-density areas would increase footfall to make these facilities viable. Retail has rapidly changed and we will need to ensure that we can make a difference for areas to be more liveable, remove cars and introduce more cycling.

MR thanked both PMc and SS. He made reference to closure of a bank in his area which has affected 20,000 people within the locality.

## 5. **Greater Nottingham Strategic Planning Update** (Matt Gregory/John King)

### 5.1 **Preferred Approach**

- 5.1.1 The Preferred Approach paper will be considered through the various partner councils' approval processes with key principles being identified up to 2038 which will contain our consolidated ideas. Consultation on the document is expected to commence imminently once agreed by all partner authorities.
- 5.1.2 GBC resolved to delete one site from their Preferred Approach and now need to reflect the change by GBC's Cabinet. This means that consultation will not take place until 3 January 2023 for a six-week period. We will look at responses to draft a Regulation 19 Plan for formal representations and publish by the middle of 2023.
- 5.1.3 EBC's Local Plan has now been submitted to the Secretary of State and now awaiting details of their Approved Inspector. MP advised that the paperwork

was submitted at the end of November but was not sure when to expect Examination but they are still progressing to timescale as planned.

- 5.1.4 ADC's Local Plan is currently in preparation. CS advised that Cabinet has decided to progress its Local Plan on the basis that no additional settlements will be provided for in the first ten-year period.

## 5.2 Planning Reform

- 5.2.1 MG advised that a draft NPPF would shortly be made available for consultation by government before it is published during 2023. In a Ministerial Statement, housing numbers will be clarified as advisory but not mandatory. A new Performance Framework is intended for delivery of Local Plans. The five-year land supply requirements will be removed if a plan has been adopted for less than five years. The new NPPF will look at development management policies and plan making. Housing delivery test results are not impacting on developers. The new NPPF is expected early in the new year and will be reported at the next JPAB.

## 5.3 Consultation

- 5.3.1 JK provided a demonstration of the online consultation portal for consultees which would be available from 3 January 2023. He highlighted the dashboard which would allow stakeholders to be directed to the interactive documents so that they are able to make comments against each document. It contains links to view documents and is divided into six main chapters.
- 5.3.2 JK illustrated how it was possible to access each local authority's areas and by using tools to zoom into specific development sites this would give a brief description of the proposed site for comment.
- 5.3.3 The online "story board" has been created to help speed up the consultation and analysis process. MR was impressed with the fully comprehensive document.
- 5.3.4 MG explained that the decision by GBC, in response to the future Planning Reform, has removed a small development of 300+ homes. They are not proposing to change their housing target just removing the site from the plan. We may receive comments at consultation stage but we will be able to justify the Plan in front of the Inspector.

<b>Joint Planning Advisory Board was recommended to NOTE the progress made on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, Erewash Core Strategy Review and Ashfield Local Plan.</b>
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6. **Waste and Minerals Local Plans Update**

(Steve Pointer/Steve Buffery)

6.1 **Nottinghamshire/Nottingham**

SP reported that the Nottinghamshire Waste Plan (Regulation 19) being prepared with Nottingham City Council is almost complete. They are reassessing the plan following consultation earlier this year and working with some technical consultants (AECOM) to update the Waste Needs Assessment. They want to ensure that they are making the right assessments avoiding further landfill capacity and to minimise as much waste as possible. The final Plan will be presented to both councils in Spring 2023 and published shortly after.

6.2 **Derbyshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans**

SB advised that both Derbyshire and Derby City Councils met in September 2022 following consultation on a Regulation 18 draft Minerals Local Plan. There were over 800 individual representations which have been logged and summarised. The next stage is seeking approval of the pre-submission Regulation 19 Plan which will be presented to both councils on 19 December 2022 for consultation to be completed by April 2023. The Minerals Local Plan will then be submitted to the Secretary of State later in 2023. Waste Local Plan officers from both local authorities will conduct first stage consultation on the Waste Plan and evidence papers. They will consider the next stage for Issues and Options or Regulation 18 draft plan. Early next year a report will be presented to the Joint Advisory Committee for the next steps and a way forward.

6.3 The Chair thanked officers for their very informative updates and looks forward to seeing the results and the reports.

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

7. **Homes England Capacity Funding projects monitoring**

(Peter McAnespie)

7.1 PMcA advised that the projects were nearing completion. EBC's remaining funding was repurposed on works which are now being undertaken. Once invoices have been received then the grant monies can be released. GBC will need a conversation regarding their remaining £40k and how it will be spent. By the end of the financial year all projects will be completed.

**Joint Planning Advisory Board was recommended to NOTE this report and the details set out in Appendix 1.**



8. **Future funding of JPAB**

(Matt Gregory)

- 8.1 MG explained that the work and running of JPAB could not happen without partner contributions. The last three-year agreement was in 2019 and it is now time to review our funding.
- 8.2 MG was aware of local authorities facing financial challenges and drew attention to item 2.2 of the report for a breakdown of proposed contributions which would remain the same for the forthcoming three years.
- 8.3 The Chair asked for an agreement in principle which was unanimously received.
- 8.4 MG referred to the recommendation to NOTE that each council through their appropriate mechanisms to make the contributions and to show willingness in this way.

<b>Joint Planning Advisory Board was recommended to NOTE the proposals for partner contributions to the future work of JPAB.</b>
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9. **Future Meetings 2022/2023**

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 7 March	2.00 pm	Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting
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