

Meeting:	Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport
Date:	15 December 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 8 September 2023, the latest available approved minutes (dated 9 June 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 The “Preferred Approach” consultation, focusing solely on strategic logistics development, was reported to JPAB, with a presentation including the two sites proposed to contribute to meeting the need for strategic logistics sites identified in the Logistics Study commissioned by the Greater Nottingham Councils together with Mansfield District Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council.
- 2.3 The consultation ended on 7 November 2023, and responses to this consultation are now being considered. They will help inform 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
- 2.4 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 the Inspector has released Examination Guidance Notes, a Draft Hearings Programme and the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions. Hearing Statements have been invited, and are to be received by 12:00 midday on Thursday 30th November 2023.
- 2.5 JPAB received a report on the latest housing completion figures for Greater Nottingham for 202/23. Table 1 below presents the completion figures for each council, and also gives the relevant housing need and local plan target. It shows that Gedling Borough, Rushcliffe Borough and Nottingham City have

exceeded the standard method requirement, whilst Ashfield and Broxtowe Borough's completion figures are lower than the standard method requirement. Gedling Borough and Nottingham City have exceeded its Local Plan target.

Table 1: Housing Completions in Greater Nottingham

	Completions 2022 to 2023	Standard Method 2023	Core Strategy Local Plan target
Ashfield District Council	430	446	N/A
Broxtowe Borough Council	322	388	430
Erewash Borough Council	TBC	384	368
Gedling Borough Council	701	463	480
Nottingham City Council	1,943	1,826	1,190
Rushcliffe Borough Council	1,150	595	1,300

- 2.6 It remains to be seen how the current downturn in the housing market will impact on completions in future years.
- 2.7 JPAB also agreed to respond to the government consultation on “Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: consultation on implementation of plan-making reforms”. A report updating on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill is included in this Joint Committee agenda.
- 2.8 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, 9 June and 8 September 2023

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APPENDIX 1

ITEM 3	MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023 VIA MS TEAMS
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1 INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Broxtowe: Councillor M Radulovic MBE (Chair)
Gedling: Councillor J Hollingsworth (Vice-Chair)
Nottinghamshire County Council: Councillor R Jackson
Derbyshire County Council: Councillor Renwick
Rushcliffe: Councillor Upton

Officers in Attendance:

Broxtowe: Ruth Hyde, Mark Thompson and Dave Lawson
Ashfield: Christine Sarris
Erewash: Oliver Dove
Gedling: Alison Gibson and Mike Avery
Nottingham City: Paul Seddon,
Nottinghamshire County Council: Jonathon Smith
Derbyshire County Council: Steve Buffery
Rushcliffe: Richard Mapletoft, Leanne Ashmore
East Midlands Development Corporation: Ken Harrison
Growth Point: Matt Gregory, John King and Karen Shaw

Apologies were received from:

Nottinghamshire County Council	Councillor N Clarke
Ashfield District Council	Councillors J Zadrozny and M Relf
Nottingham City Council	Councillors Kotsonis and Kandola
Erewash Borough Council:	Councillors A Breene and Steve Birkenshaw

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor M Radulovic MBE declared a non-Pecuniary Interest as he had business with land within Derbyshire.

3 PRESENTATION: BACKGROUND TO AND WORK OF THE JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

A presentation was provided from the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership, highlighting the origin of the partnership, its past, present, and future priorities.

4 JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The board was updated with the latest Terms of Reference for the JPAB that was originally adopted in 2008. The Terms of Reference were subject to period reviews; the latest review was undertaken in 2018.

A query was raised whether the Terms of Reference could be aligned to the cycle of the Borough Elections in 2027. Currently the next review date would be in 2026, 3 years following the meeting of the Board. There was no reason this could not be changed and it was agreed to update the Terms of Reference so that the next review was undertaken in 2027.

RESOLVED that:

(a) the Joint Planning Advisory Board Terms of Reference be approved with the amendment to update the Terms of Reference in line with the cycle of the Borough Elections and review in 2027.

(b) the Chair of JPAB be Broxtowe Borough Council, and the Vice Chair be Gedling Borough Council be approved

5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2023 were approved and there were no matters arising.

6 PRESENTATION: EAST MIDLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

A presentation was provided to the board from the East Midlands Development Company, highlighting progress to date on the creation of an East Midlands Development Corporation, and progressing the three sites of Toton/Chetwynd, Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station, and East Midlands Airport.

7 GREATER NOTTINGHAM STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

The board noted the progress made on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, Erewash Core Strategy Review and Ashfield Local Plan. The end date of the Strategic Plan, 2038 did not give a 15-year plan period from anticipated adoption date and consideration was being given to extend the plan period to 2041 to

conform with national guidance. It was intended to publish a full Pre Submission (Regulation 19) version of the Plan in late 2023 prior to submission for examination. The Government's response to the consultation on Planning reform was expected shortly.

Erewash Borough Council had submitted the Erewash Core Strategy Review to the Planning Inspectorate on 30 November 2022 and have provided written responses to the inspector's questions. A timetable for Examination in Public was to be confirmed.

Ashfield District Council had resolved to move forward the Local Plan reflecting the standard method of housing need that provided a minimum of a 10-year housing supply and to remove the new settlements at Whyburn Farm and Cauldwell Road from the plan. The Council was currently working on completing a work on evidence base study to support the Plan before a Regulation 19 Consultation was undertaken.

A further update was provided to the board with ongoing work including Strategic Transport Modelling, The Infrastructure Delivery Plan, The Town Centres and Retail Study, and the Strategic Distribution and Logistics Background Paper that the Partnership authorities were currently working on together. The policies contained within the Core Strategies had been reviewed and were currently being redrafted. The partnership was currently considering an update of the Housing Needs Assessment as this assessment was over 3 years old and Census data for 2021 had now been published.

8 HOMES ENGLAND CAPACITY FUNDING PROJECTS MONITORING

The Joint Planning Advisory Board noted the progress made on Homes England Capacity Funding Projects. As part of the grant award, the partners were required to provide regular monitoring information and identify key risks, issues and mitigation measures. There was £152,126 outstanding with outstanding amounts with Erewash Borough Council, Gedling Borough Council and Nottingham City Council. Erewash Borough Council anticipated completing their project imminently. The aim was to close the programme in the 2023/24 financial year.

9 WASTE AND MINERALS LOCAL PLANS UPDATE

The Joint Planning Advisory Board noted the progress made with the Nottinghamshire/Nottingham and Derbyshire Waste and Mineral Local Plans. The Nottinghamshire Mineral Local Plan covered the period to 2036 and was adopted by Nottinghamshire County Council at its meeting held on 25 March 2021, the Plan would be subject to its first statutory review in 2026.

Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council were preparing a single joint waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy adopted by both Councils in December 2013. A Draft Waste Local Plan had been updated and Architecture, Engineering, Construction, Operations, and Management, (AECOM)

had been engaged to provide additional support. The final Plan was expected to be presented to both Councils in June and July 2023 for approval.

Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council were preparing a joint Minerals Local Plan. The pre-submission draft had been consulted on and 400 representations received. The findings would be presented to the relevant Councils' committees with the aim to submit the plan towards the end of 2023. The evidence base was being updated in respect of the Waste Local Plan with a future timetable to be agreed.

10 GREATER NOTTINGHAM PLANNING PARTNERSHIP-BUDGET 2023/24

The board noted the budget position at the close of 2022/23 and the partner contributions to the work of JPAB during 2023/24. Any remaining budget was to be carried forward to the next financial year. The 2023/24 partner contributions were now due and would be requested in due course. Any contributions unspent would be carried forward to the next financial year.

RESOLVED that the budget for 2023/24 be approved.

11 FUTURE MEETINGS

The future meetings were noted.

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

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR)

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 3.21pm