

# **Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport**

**Friday, 09 September 2022 at 10:30**

**County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP**

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## **AGENDA**

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## **Notes**

- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
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# **Nottingham City Council**

## **Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport**

**Minutes of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 11 March 2022  
from 10.30 am - 12.20 pm**

### **Membership**

#### **Present**

Councillor Linda Woodings (Chair)  
Councillor John Ogle (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Matt Barney  
Councillor Jim Creamer  
Councillor Michael Edwards

#### **Absent**

Councillor Rosemary Healy  
Councillor Sally Longford  
Councillor John Wilmott

### **Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:**

James Ashton - Transport Strategy Manager, Nottingham City Council  
Matt Gregory - Head of Planning Strategy and Building Control, Nottingham City Council  
Stephen Pointer - Team Manager, Planning Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council  
Kevin Sharman - Team Manager, Transport, Nottinghamshire County Council  
Phil Wye - Governance Officer, Nottingham City Council

### **31 Apologies for absence**

Councillor Rosemary Healy – on leave  
Councillor Sally Longford – unwell

### **32 Declarations of interest**

None.

### **33 Minutes**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2021 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

### **34 Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan**

Stephen Pointer, Team Manager Planning Policy, Nottinghamshire County Council, presented the report informing the Committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan, highlighting the following:

- (a) an online “Waste Summit” was held on Friday 11th February to highlight the publication of the Draft Waste Plan. This was attended by around 50 people representing Councils, the District Councils, adjoining planning authorities, representatives of the commercial waste sector and other interested parties;

- (b) all comments in the consultation will be considered carefully, and the Plan will then be further amended as needed before being formally published for final representations to be made. This is expected later in 2022 and in Spring 2023 the Plan will be submitted for independent examination before being adopted by each Council, currently scheduled for later in 2023;
- (c) following a request from the Committee to visit the Amazon Fulfilment Centre in Ashfield District to see and discuss how packaging is managed, a visit has been organised in April.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (d) any planned development at the Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station site should be encouraged to make use of the hot water generated for heating or energy generation. The plans are at an early stage;
- (e) the Plan has a provision for a maximum of waste going to landfill, but this could perhaps be even more ambitious with increased recycling and new technologies;
- (f) anaerobic digestion should be expanded as a way of recycling food waste. The upcoming Environment Act should include provisions for this.

#### **Resolved to**

- (1) note progress on the production of the Waste Local Plan;**
- (2) prepare a letter to be sent to Uniper and the Chair of the Planning Committee at Nottinghamshire County Council with the concerns that this Committee has around the Ratcliffe-on-Soar plans.**

#### **35 Transport Update**

James Ashton, Transport Strategy Manager, presented the report and highlighted the following:

- (a) car travel has recovered to pre-covid levels more quickly than other modes transport with general traffic levels are now at 90% of normal. Bus patronage rose slowly throughout 2021 and stabilised during the autumn of 2021 at around 75-80% of normal, and tram patronage stabilised at around 60% of normal throughout the latter part of 2021;
- (b) Wind Mobility Ltd (Wind) announced an upgrade of its e-scooter fleet in Nottingham and Derby, as part of a new package of measures to meet the city council's improvement plan, replacing its original model with the LINK e-scooter from Superpedestrian. The deployment of LINK e-scooters is part of a £3m investment by Superpedestrian designed to help Wind address the most common complaints seen in the e-scooter trial so far, including pavement riding, incorrect parking, damaged e-scooters and safety concerns for people with visual impairments;

- (c) regular in-person training schemes, and online training have been introduced as part of the agreed Action Plan, along with increased fines. E-scooter patrollers have been rebranded Compliance Officers and will focus more intensively on engaging with pavement riders, and a Community Manager will be appointed to engage with grass roots representatives. The operator's performance will be monitored at monthly performance meetings;
- (d) School Streets have been introduced at eleven schools as part of the Active Travel Fund program. A number of surveys are being carried out with local residents and parents to provide feedback on the schemes, such as awareness of schemes, benefits of schemes, any additional measures needed and mode of travel to school for children before and after the schemes were introduced.

The following points were raised during the discussion which followed:

- (e) there is a problem with private e-scooters which are not regulated in the same way as the WIND scooters, and are actually illegal to drive on public highways. The previous fleet of e-scooters has been shipped to other countries for further use;
- (f) the number of accidents caused by e-scooters is actually very low compared to the number of vehicles, but there is a public perception that they are dangerous and other pedestrians must feel safe around them;
- (g) some cycle routes in the county area do not seem necessary where the road is safe to cycle on without them being segregated. However, the routes must be of a certain standard to receive funding from the Department for Transport.

### **Resolved to note the contents of the report**

## **36 Joint Planning Advisory Board Update**

Matt Gregory, Head of Planning Strategy and Building Control, presented the report on the work of the Joint Planning Advisory Board, and other strategic planning matters within the remit of the Committee.

Further details of Planning Reform are anticipated in spring 2022. Although the Government has now published the Integrated Rail Plan confirming an HS2 station at Ratcliffe upon Soar, there are many details which still need clarification.

### **Resolved to note the contents of the report.**

## **37 Levelling Up White Paper**

Matt Gregory, Head of Planning Strategy and Building Control, presented the report on the Levelling Up White Paper which was published by the Government on 2nd February 2022. The White Paper seeks to address regional disparities and contains a number of focus areas including living standards, transport infrastructure, education and skills, housing and local leadership. Mr Gregory delivered a presentation to the Committee and highlighted the following:

- (a) the first nine areas invited to begin negotiations for county deals for devolution include Nottinghamshire and Nottingham. There are 3 tiers of possible devolution with tier 3, a single institution or County Council with a directly elected mayor across a functional economic area or whole county area, being the Government's preferred option;
- (b) the White Paper states that local communities will continue to have a meaningful say on individual planning applications and that local plans will be made simpler and shorter. There is a push for more Neighbourhood Plans, especially in urban areas;
- (c) the government will support transformational developments in the 20 areas of the country taking part in its regeneration programme. It is unknown if this will include Nottingham or Nottinghamshire;
- (d) funding for housing delivery is to be focused on brownfield sites and away from London and the wider south east, which is long overdue as it is sites in the midlands and north that experience the most challenges in terms of development viability.

The following points were made during the discussion which followed:

- (e) there are variable amounts of Neighbourhood Plans across the county, with Bassetlaw having the most. They do not override District Council plans but can give further options and detail such as the location of new housing. They have not been effective in urban areas to date as the options for development sites are narrower;
- (f) there is no specific reference to climate change or environmental issues in the White Paper. It is important that planning authorities be given the powers to insist on higher environmental standards from developers.

**Resolved to note the contents of the report.**

### **38 Joint Committee Work Programme**

**Resolved to note the work programme.**

Meeting:	<b>JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT</b>
Date:	9th September 2022
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE LOCAL PLAN**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report informs committee of progress with preparing the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The County and City Councils are preparing a single joint Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy adopted by both Councils in December 2013. An initial consultation on the new Local Plan, including a 'Call for Sites' was completed in May 2020. Underpinning the Plan is a Waste Needs Assessment which assesses the pattern of waste likely to be generated by households, commercial/industrial and construction/demolition sectors over the period to 2036, looks at available capacity and what is needed in terms of future capacity.
- 2.2 The Draft Waste Plan was approved by Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Council in January 2022. The Draft Waste Local Plan was consulted on between the 7<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and included an online "Waste Summit" which was well attended.

### **3 CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 Officers from both Councils are analysing the representations we received on the Draft Waste Local Plan and looking at where there is a case to amend the Plan and its policies as a result. We have arranged with AECOM for additional support to help respond to technical comments made in respect of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Needs Assessment and also to update the Assessment by reference to the latest data on waste flows and also existing capacity.
- 3.2 A total of 275 representations were received on the Draft Waste Local Plan from a total of 40 respondents, including statutory bodies, members of the public, environmental groups, other Nottinghamshire Districts and Boroughs and Parish Councils.
- 3.3 In general the Draft Waste Local Plan was well received and many of the Objectives and Policies have been supported. The key issues that arose related to:
- ensuring the Waste Plan is based on the most up to date data on all waste streams

- ensuring the Waste Plan is informed by a Needs Assessment based on accurate capacity information.
- whether our recycling assumptions are realistic given historic trends and whether the Waste Plan should provide for a scenario in which they are not met
- whether our assumptions about expected landfill and recovery to land are realistic, based on the absence of capacity
- whether the forecasts of need for energy recovery facilities (incineration for heat and power) are therefore appropriate

3.4 It is hoped that a revised Plan and Waste Needs Assessment together with a Schedule of Comments and Responses will be available by the end of October.

## **4 Future Arrangements**

4.1 A further Waste Local Plan Member Working Group will be arranged in due course to allow officers to explain the outcome of the consultation and to discuss the Final Draft of the Waste Local Plan. This will be scheduled for Autumn 2022.

4.2 Nottingham City Council are currently drafting their Municipal Waste Management Strategy which is scheduled to go out to consultation by September 2022. This strategy will need to be taken into account when finalising the Waste Local Plan.

4.3 The final Waste Local Plan will need the formal consent of both Councils before being formally published for formal representations to be made. This is expected later in 2022 or early 2023 and in Spring 2023 the Plan will be submitted for independent examination before being adopted by each Council, currently scheduled for later in 2023.

## **5. Other Matters**

5.1 Councillors have expressed an interest in viewing a waste management facility. It proved difficult to obtain convenient dates last year. Officers will explore dates for a future visit to an energy from waste operation and a private sector recycling company.

5.2 A visit to the Amazon Fulfilment Centre at Summit Park in Ashfield District was carried out on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2022. This provided a fascinating insight into the operations of a large warehouse, particularly in connection with the arrangements for packaging products for despatch and the way Amazon has to balance the demands of their vendors with the company's desire to reduce packaging and become net zero in their operation. Councillors were able to question Amazon senior managers closely about how they operate and what more they might do to reduce the level of packaging which needs to be recycled



and assist the Councils in promoting recycling. The whole operation at Sutton Park which only opened in August 2020 showed how a major new employer in Nottinghamshire is managing its waste and becoming “net zero” in its operation. We learnt a great deal and were able to suggest ways in which Amazon might promote better recycling. The company representatives offered further liaison as needed.

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 That the Joint Committee note the progress on the production of the Waste Local Plan.
- 5.2 That a joint letter be sent to Amazon on behalf of both Councils to thank them for the visit and set out ways in which Amazon as a leading online retailer might assist waste authorities by reducing the level of packaging used in their shipments and encourage customers to recycle all packaging received.

## **6 BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- 6.1 None.

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Meeting:	<b>Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport</b>
Date:	09 September 2022
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 7 June 2022, the latest available approved minutes are from the meeting held on 8 March 2022 and are included below. The meeting agenda papers are available to view at <http://www.gnplan.org.uk/about-gnpp/joint-planning-advisory-board-meetings/>.
- 2.2 The meeting on 7 June 2022 included a recommendation to progress the Strategic Plan for Broxtowe, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe. It was agreed that the Strategic Plan should be prepared on the basis of each council meeting its own housing need as determined by the Government's standard method (plus appropriate locally determined buffer), except for Nottingham City. The Strategic Plan will provide for the City to meet as much of its housing need plus 35% uplift as it can, as set out in the Nottingham City Capacity Paper "The Standard Method for Assessing Housing Need in Nottingham City" which was presented to the March meeting of JPAB. It is not proposed for the City Council's remaining unmet need to be met elsewhere in Greater Nottingham.
- 2.3 The main risk associated with this approach is that an Inspector may find the Strategic Plan not sound at examination, leading to either a revised housing distribution or withdrawal of the Strategic Plan. However, the unmet housing need is part of the 35% uplift, and therefore not evidenced in terms of actual local housing need, nor in terms of delivery. The National Planning Practice Guidance also references the 35% uplift and states that "This increase in the number of homes to be delivered in urban areas is expected to be met by the cities and urban centres themselves, rather than the surrounding areas, unless it would conflict with national policy and legal obligations." Whilst the National Planning Policy Framework is national policy, and includes the need to positively prepare local plans, "so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development", provision elsewhere in Greater

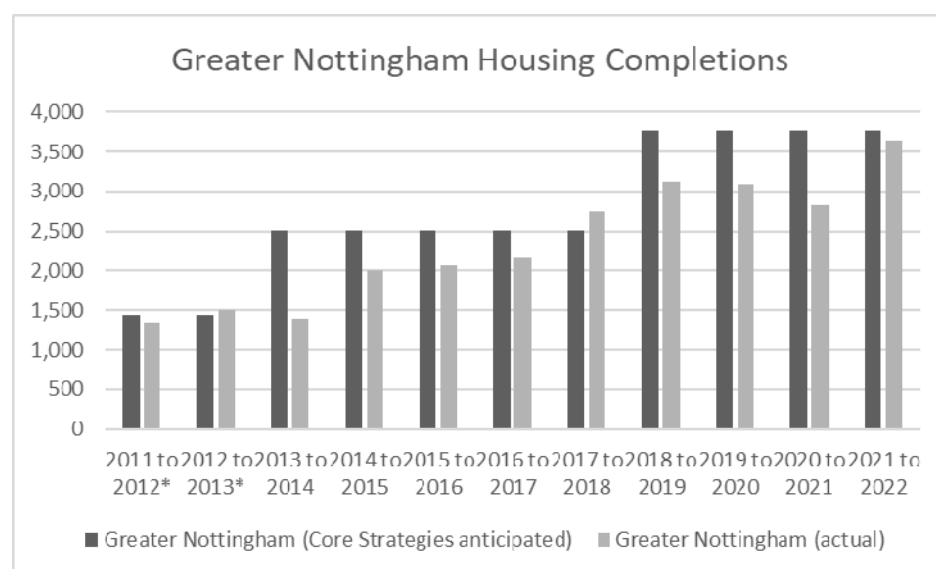
Nottingham would entail development in the Green Belt, which the Government has made clear can only happen in exceptional circumstances. In addition, the government's consideration of the local housing delivery target may review the approach to the 35% uplift with greater sensitivity to local challenges and evidence.

- 2.4 The next meeting of JPAB is on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and the agenda will include a 'Preferred Approach' version of the Strategic Plan, which will focus on the strategy, housing provision, and the strategic sites required to meet the housing provision. The aim would be to consult on the Preferred Approach in the autumn/winter, and publish a full Pre Submission version of the Strategic Plan in the summer of 2023 prior to submission for examination later in the year.
- 2.5 Other items considered included the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, Aligned Core Strategy Monitoring, the Joint Board's budget for 2022/23, and updates on Homes England Capacity Funding and on the Joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan.

#### Housing Completions in Greater Nottingham

- 2.6 Housing completions in the Greater Nottingham area are monitored annually to show progress against housing provision policy set out in the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies. Net completions (ie taking into account demolitions) are shown in Table 1 below. The completions for each authority are set out in Appendix 2.

Table 1 – Net Housing Completions in Greater Nottingham 2011-22



- 2.7 The graph shows that housing completions in Greater Nottingham have gradually risen over the plan period (light grey bars), and are now approaching the level required to meet the housing provision anticipated in the Core Strategies (dark grey bars).
- 2.8 The picture for the individual local authorities is mixed, with most falling below their housing requirements, but the City Council currently exceeding its requirement. Completion levels across the area are expected to continue to rise as sites allocated in Local Plans come on stream.

### **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, 6 June 2021

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## APPENDIX 1

**ITEM 3      MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING  
ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY  
8 MARCH 2022 VIA MS TEAMS**

**PRESENT****Ashfield:** Councillor M Relf**City:** Councillor L Woodings**Gedling:** Councillor J Hollingsworth**Erewash:** Councillor M Powell (Vice Chair)**Nottinghamshire County:** Councillor N Clarke; Councillor R Jackson**Rushcliffe:** Councillor A Edyvean**Officers in Attendance****Ashfield:** Christine Sarris**Broxtowe:** Tom Genway; Ruth Hyde; Dave Lawson; Steve Simms**Derbyshire County:** Steve Buffery**Erewash:** Oliver Dove; Adam Reddish**Gedling:** Alison Gibson; Mike Avery**Growth Point:** Matthew Gregory; Peter McAnespie**Nottingham City:** Paul Seddon**Nottinghamshire County:** Stephen Pointer**Rushcliffe:** Leanne Ashmore; Richard Mapletoft**Observers**

Tom Armfield

Rebecca Bentley

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Ian Deverell

Robert Galij

Rob Gilmore

Marisa Heath

Greg Hutton

Sean Nicholson

Ryan Simpson

Phillipa Ward (notes)

Sandhya Ward

Gina Wynter

## **Apologies**

**Ashfield:** Councillor J Zadrozny

**Broxtowe:** Councillor M Radulovic; Ryan Dawson

**Derbyshire County:** Councillor Carolyn Renwick; Joe Battye

**Nottingham City:** Councillor Sally Longford

**Rushcliffe:** Councillor R Upton

**EMDevCo:** Ken Harrison

**Highways England:** Steve Freek

### **1. Introductions and Apologies**

The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and apologies were noted in the absence of the Chair who is recouping from an operation. Best wishes were asked to be passed onto Councillor Radulovic for a speedy recovery.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 December 2021 were approved. Matters arising would be covered under agenda items during the meeting.

### **4. Broad Marsh Development presentation (Paul Seddon)**

- 4.1 PS provided a presentation of how the former Broad Marsh shopping centre will be developed into a major regeneration site. This would include new homes, offices, commercial development, student accommodation, public realm areas, transport interchange including the existing railway station. Green spaces are central to the vision. Details regarding the Island Site and the Waterside Area were also presented.
- 4.2 NC questioned how the development would be funded. PS responded that some public funding would come from the LUF bid and that there will be a variety of partnerships investing in the £500m project.
- 4.3 JH asked how much of the public view was taken into account and what was the timeframe for developing the majority of the site. She also asked if Listed Buildings would be lost. PS advised that it has been less than two years since Intu went into liquidation and joint plans collapsed. The intention is to keep momentum happening over a decade of development which has already started. The Island Quarter has one Listed Building in the worst condition but developers plan to work with the buildings.

- 4.4 LW liked the Vision and to see progress on site. She was conscious that there were 3,000 submissions from the consultation that people wanted to see more green space areas and to work with the levels of topography from West to East close to the former Broad Marsh shopping centre. This is a real opportunity to maximise the interest in the Caves offering tourism to the City. She believed the communal area where people could gather could be a secondary Old Market Square.

**Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to RECEIVE the presentation on the redevelopment of the Broad Marsh area.**

5. **Greater Nottingham Strategic Update** (Matt Gregory)

- 5.1 MG reported two elements following the Councillor workshops. A decision was made to pause work on the preferred growth strategy due to (i) the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) and (ii) the Planning Reform. For the IRP as yet there are no answers. The Planning Reform is expected in the spring. Information contained within the Levelling Up White Paper is limited but once the information has been consolidated then it is possible to move forward with the Strategic Plan.
- 5.2 The Planning Advisory Service (PAS) has provided project management support and acted as a critical friend on the Strategic Plan suggesting a number of recommendations. In order for the Strategic Plan to progress timely it is recommended that a Memorandum of Understanding be considered by JPAB. The next stage of consultation will focus on preferred sites and will allow comments to be received in advance of a Draft Plan being produced.
- 5.3 There is ongoing work with the Government's approach to affordable housing by introducing First Homes. It is intended that JPAB commissions the work through consultants who prepared the previous report.
- 5.4 EBC and ADC were asked to provide further updates on their respective Local Plans.
- 5.5 MP (EBC) noted the discussion and awaits decision on MoU. EBC will report their revised Growth Options Reg 19 at the next Full Council to be presented by MP. The general public raised concerns/complaints with the use of Green Belt land. Once Council has given approval then this will go out for further consultation, and then progress to submission and examination.
- 5.6 CS (ADC) their Local Plan is still on hold pending responses from government. Questions have been asked to them about housing methodology on Green Belt and greenfield development. They are currently digesting responses from residents and will provide a full and comprehensive response in due course.



- 5.7 LW asked how the MoU protected us against government intervention if we do not have a Strategic Plan as it does not just affect the City. MG explained that each council will commit to meet the timescales in the MoU to ensure the Plan progresses as quickly as possible. With a Plan in place and working in partnership should protect us against any government intervention. LW was concerned if we were behind schedule. MG advised that a large number of councils had paused Local Plan progress but there is uncertainty with the Planning Reform's housing numbers.
- 5.8 LW asked how long do we need to prepare a skeleton timetable whilst waiting for a date when Planning Reform legislation can be confirmed. MG advised that the Planning White Paper forms part of other legislation and will be provided more details in the spring.
- 5.9 AE confirmed RBC's position set out last year that made it clear that they do not anticipate any more housing other than that already committed to. Will look at agreement of MoU if no implication is given to RBC or going to expect anything beyond their existing level of housing.
- 5.10 MG would like to see a working arrangement that ensures commitment when making decisions for councils.
- 5.11 JH endorses item 2.9 and agrees that it is vital for residents and key stakeholders to comment on Plans and fully supports the MoU, whilst it doesn't eliminate risk, it reduces risk.
- 5.12 The MoU should be taken through their respective council's approval processes to give sufficient weight for endorsement by NCity, BBC, GBC and RBC within two months and communicate back to the Board.

**Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to:**

- i) NOTE the progress with Strategic Plan preparation in Greater Nottingham;**
- ii) CONSIDER the Memorandum of Understanding and the resource commitments for each Council (Appendix 1);**
- iii) NOTE the proposed approach to the consultation on the Draft Plan (paragraph 2.13);**
- iv) NOTE the intention to commission further work in relation to First Homes (paragraph 5.3).**

**6. Nottingham City Housing Capacity (Matt Gregory)**

- 6.1. NCity has prepared a Paper about how to maximise opportunities to develop housing within its own area. MG referred to housing need being accommodated within the City as much as possible. It was reported that NCity would be unable to meet the 35% uplift required by Government. NCity housing trajectory shows a

shortfall of approximately 4,500 homes, mostly occurring later in the Strategic Plan period.

- 6.2. MG outlined the steps being undertaken to boost supply including increasing density and being proactive with developers. The City has also allocated over 90 ha of greenfield sites for residential development. In order to boost housing supply in the area it will need extra investment from the private sector and from Nottingham City Homes, which is Nottingham City Councils Arm's Length Management Organisation as well as its partnering company Blueprint from the private sector. Blueprint develops housing on problematic sites, such as at Waterside, which has encouraged other private sector developers to invest in the area.
- 6.3. LW was concerned that NCity did not qualify for any release of grants through the Homes England County Deals.
- 6.4. Sandhya Ward (HE) advised that Homes England worked with site specific mechanisms to influence the affordable housing benefit ratio by working with partners to support projects. The recent Levelling Up White Paper and HE deals will influence where they will work in collaboration with authorities in the future. They have worked with NCity on Broad Marsh and other projects.
- 6.5. JH asked what was the gap for the 35% uplift with 4,500 new homes being required which equated to 280 per annum and how many could NCity provide? What would the minimum amount be required in the Plan period and could the numbers be crammed in by the private sector later. Would the Planning Inspector find the Plan sound and is there a risk if Greater Nottingham didn't have the capacity to do that?
- 6.6. MG will circulate figures to councillors what element of 35% cannot be met. MG made reference to the National Planning Policy Framework which outlines the soundness of a Local Plan. Where a Plan is found unsound evidence will need to be provided. This will have implications for NCity and its surrounding boroughs. We have to maximise development within the City and work with partners elsewhere.
- 6.7. AE (RBC) asked if the shortfall of 4,000 houses had been acknowledged or reduced following a letter written to government to reconsider the 35% uplift.
- 6.8. MG confirmed that no response had yet been received to the letter written to Government. In the annual SHLAA review assumptions were made that windfall allowance and densities could increase together with site suggestions from councillors. MG will circulate figures from the report to members.
- 6.9. LA (ADC) in the wait for Government to align NCity's numbers at what point will a decision be made how we are progressing towards adoption by the end of 2023. MG advised that this will be a Board decision. Further planning information is

expected in the spring which we will need to review and report the announcement on the Planning Reform at the June JPAB meeting.

**Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to CONSIDER the City Capacity Paper.**

7. **Levelling Up White Paper and County Deal** (Ruth Hyde)

- 7.1 RH presented slides showing the benefits of the Levelling Up White Paper which would improve living standards and be able to support areas considered weakest, empowering local leaders and communities.
- 7.2 A list of functions was presented that central government intends to devolve to allow extra powers and responsibilities within Levels 1, 2 or 3 with the most attractive option being Level 3.
- 7.3 Both Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire are preparing Levelling Up business cases for some of the functions. Levels 2 and 3 are more attractive for longer term arrangements. District councils can power the new arrangements but if they choose to veto the opportunity then they would need to think about their implications. D2N2 LEP covers Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire which makes a lot of sense to combine the wider geography area.
- 7.4 A slide showing the comparisons of how Combined Authorities better attract funding from government with strong leadership and power. The East Midlands has missed out on a lot of money that other areas have already accessed. A Combined Authority should have good relationships with its authorities and would ensure alignment across the system and makes good opportunity for resources to attract investment or development of any future HS2 Hub Station connection to infrastructure.
- 7.5 NC commented that RH had explained the County Deal very well and how emphasis was on the money and investment a subject we have been waiting for many years and cannot wait any longer. We need to accept that there is greater investment and options outlined in Levels 2 and 3, with Level 3 being the most attractive. We need to talk through which are District or County Council functions. The County has strategic functions such as transport. This is our opportunity to attract additional investment to Level Up.
- 7.6 AE mentioned that RBC is prepared to engage in meaningful discussions about how local government might be reformed and supports the 12 devolved functions. Districts and Boroughs would still exist which doesn't change much but a wider overview is needed how to deliver a Strategic Growth Plan not just in Greater Nottingham but in the whole of D2N2.

**Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to NOTE the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper, and the preparation of a County Deal for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, and Derby and Derbyshire.**

8. **Homes England Capacity Funding projects monitoring** (Peter McAnespie)

- 8.1 PMc reported that EBC had delayed their capacity funding by five months to April 2022.
- 8.2 AG gave an update on GBC's funding which had an underspend on the transport modelling for the A60 corridor. The money has been repurposed to appoint an Economic and Regeneration Officer who is now in post. Station Road and Burton Road has not incurred any further spending and will be updated at the next JPAB meeting.

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

9. **Waste and Minerals Local Plans Update**  
(Stephen Pointer/Steve Buffery)

9.1 Derby/Derbyshire

SBuffery updated the Board on the Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan which is progressing very well. Since the last JPAB meeting Derby and Derbyshire have commenced their consultations which will last for a period of eight weeks. A consultation regarding the Waste Plan will commence towards the end of spring; it will be a hybrid between 'issues' and 'preferred approach. In April or May they will develop a Statement of Common Ground with partners.

9.2 Nottingham/Nottinghamshire

SP reported that NCC had completed their Minerals Local Plan which was adopted last year and are consulting on a Draft Waste Local Plan with Nottingham City until 4 April. They will look at comments before finalising and submitting the plan before the end of the year. A Waste Summit was held two weeks ago to increase carbon neutrality and reduce waste.

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

10. **Future Meetings 2022**

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

Tuesday 27 September	2.00 pm	Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting
Tuesday 13 December	2.00 pm	Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting

11. **Any other business**

11.1 MP wished to thank participating speakers and would hope that Councillor Radulovic would be able to Chair the next meeting.

11.2 RH thanked MP for Chairing the meeting and advised that Councillor Radulovic was out of hospital and on the road to recovery.

MEETING CLOSED AT 4.05 PM

## APPENDIX 2      Net Housing Completions in Greater Nottingham 2011-2022

	2011 to 2022	2011 to 2012*	2012 to 2013*	2013 to 2014	2014 to 2015	2015 to 2016	2016 to 2017	2017 to 2018	2018 to 2019	2019 to 2020	2020 to 2021	2021 to 2022
Broxtowe Borough Council (Core Strategy anticipated)	3,720	100	100	360	360	360	360	360	430	430	430	430
Broxtowe Borough Council (actual)	2,248	140	67	150	78	101	285	324	301	232	267	303
Erewash Borough Council (Core Strategy anticipated)	4,048	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368	368
Erewash Borough Council (actual)	2,637	222	198	257	222	369	179	173	321	245	208	243
Gedling Borough Council (Core Strategy anticipated)	4,620	250	250	440	440	440	440	440	480	480	480	480
Gedling Borough Council (actual)	3,056	275	227	321	311	174	198	237	286	360	310	357
Nottingham City Council (Core Strategy anticipated)	10,110	475	475	880	880	880	880	880	1,190	1,190	1,190	1,190
Nottingham City Council (actual)	12,411	422	799	463	1,022	947	974	1,393	1,456	1,806	1,407	1,722
Rushcliffe Borough Council (Core Strategy anticipated)	8,050	250	250	470	470	470	470	470	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Rushcliffe Borough Council (actual)	5,598	294	209	199	373	487	528	593	760	494	650	1,011
Greater Nottingham (Core Strategies anticipated)	30,548	1,443	1,443	2,518	2,518	2,518	2,518	2,518	3,768	3,768	3,768	3,768
Greater Nottingham (actual)	25,950	1,353	1,500	1,390	2,006	2,078	2,164	2,720	3,124	3,137	2,842	3,636

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## **Transport Update**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the transport related issues across the Greater Nottingham conurbation. The report gives an update on Gedling Access Road, a Levelling Up Fund bid for Toton Link Road, Devolution and finally the work on re-opening Lady Bay bridge.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

#### **Gedling Access Road**

- 2.1 The Gedling Access Road (GAR) is a new classified road from the B684 at Mapperley Plains for a distance of 3.8km to a junction with the A612 at Trent Valley Road/ Nottingham Road. It was a significant and complex scheme with over 512,000 cubic metres of earthworks required to achieve the desired new road alignment.

The new link of GAR between the B684 and A612 opened to traffic in March 2022. Following on from this, the construction contract continued with the closure of Arnold Lane (section from Mapperley Plains adjacent to the Golf Club) for approximately 4-months, to enable the realignment of Arnold Lane onto the new 5-arm roundabout that has been constructed as part of GAR.

The following changes will now be made on the wider local highway network.

- Speed limit on the section of Arnold Lane that is currently 40mph reduced to 30mph;
- New Gedling Village Area 7.5T Environmental Weight Limit (EWL) introduced, this will replace the previous EWL in place on Burton Road and require modifications to the Calverton, Lambley and Woodborough Area 7.5T EWL;
- The GAR becomes the A6211 and section of the current A6211 declassified.

#### **Post scheme monitoring and mitigation**

It is normal practice that as part of any new major infrastructure that post scheme monitoring is undertaking and that this happens no earlier than 12 months following completion of the works to enable traffic patterns to settle. In the case of GAR, completion of works is August 2022, whilst the GAR was open to traffic from March it was being used as a diversion route for Arnold Lane and these wider works are integral to the final road network and establishing traffic patterns. There are also a number of development sites that will continue throughout 2022 and beyond such as the expansion of Carlton le Willows Academy with a new access off Burton Road (due to be open Autumn 2023), 100+ new dwellings on the Linden Grove development off Burton Road plus the continued build-out of the Chase Farm development off Arnold Lane. All of these will impact traffic behaviours and patterns in the area.

In addition, to normal practice, as part of the delivery of the GAR, there are a number of obligations to carry out post scheme monitoring including:

- D2N2 – As part of the £10.8m funding agreement with D2N2;
- Planning obligation by Unilateral Undertaking (“UU”) pursuant to Section 106 of the 1990 Act for post works monitoring and mitigation

## **Toton Link Road**

- 2.2 Nottinghamshire County Council submitted a levelling up bid to government for £40m to enable the delivery of the Toton Link Road. This proposal will provide a new, multi-connected boulevard joining existing and planned new communities and unlocking vital opportunities for jobs, housing, and investment in the years to come. This will provide combined multi-modal transport connectivity - including active travel, bus, tram, and a future rail station.

The Toton Link Road represents the first step in Nottinghamshire’s ambitions to enable three coordinated large-scale development areas via the East Midlands DevCo (EM Dev Co) programme. Alongside development around Ratcliffe-on-Soar and East Midlands Airport area, the Toton-Chetwynd corridor is part of a once-in-a-generation programme which will deliver benefits from community to economy level. With significant feasibility, planning and public consultation work already carried out, and support of key stakeholders, this proposal will fund a project that can be delivered to an accelerated timescale. It will deliver long-term value, generating economic benefits during construction, and opening land for new residential and commercial development.

The proposal will make a direct contribution to growth and levelling-up by enabling high-quality, sustainable development of homes and commercial space on a site which will benefit from multi-modal connectivity: close to the A52 and M1, directly connected to the NET tram network, and alongside the potential Network Rail station outlined in the Integrated Rail Plan. The Link Road will also include walking and cycling routes that can be well integrated into the adjacent developments.

The new link road would also help to relieve congestion by providing additional highway capacity and network resilience.

Toton Link Road has been designed to improve access and connectivity for all modes of transport, including a better interchange with the NET tram network. The major benefits it would deliver are:

- New highway opens up land for development, including sites at Toton and Chetwynd.
- New highway infrastructure provides further network resilience and relief to congestion points at both Bardills roundabout and B6003 Toton Road.
- Dedicated off-road cycleways and footways provide an attractive environment for walking and cycling.
- Direct access to the Toton Park-and-Ride from the west for all transport modes, providing improved connectivity and more options for people to use the NET tram network. This will help to reduce traffic congestion on the surrounding road network.
- Opportunity to provide new bus routes to better connect people with places.
- Opportunity to extend the link road westwards to connect with the proposed Network Rail station at Toton.



## Devolution

- 2.3 The Government confirmed on 30 August 2022 that a £1.14 billion devolution deal is on offer for the East Midlands, covering Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Derby, and Nottingham. Nottinghamshire County Council has been working closely with Nottingham City Council, Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council on proposals for a historic devolution deal for the area and the creation of a new East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority (EMMCCA). If devolution plans are approved, it would bring in much needed investment, funding and powers with more major decisions being made locally and a bigger voice for the region. Barry Lewis, Leader of Derbyshire County Council, Ben Bradley MP, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, Chris Poulter, Leader of Derby City Council, and David Mellen, Leader of Nottingham City Council, met with Greg Clarke MP, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, on Tuesday 30 August at Rolls Royce in Derby, where the leaders agreed to the devolution deal in principle.

The proposals are subject to public consultation and ratification by the respective councils, and are subject to the passage through parliament of both primary and secondary legislation. The intention would then be that the first election for a mayor for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, would take place in May 2024.

In regards to transport, the EMMCCA will be responsible for an area-wide local transport plan, with a provisional plan to be developed by March 2024 for finalisation once the Mayor is in place. £1m of revenue funding to aid this work is being provided over 23/24 and 24/25. The plan is to include quantifiable measures of carbon emissions and reductions. The MCCA is to set up and coordinate a Key Route Network, which would be made up of some of the busiest and most important roads in our area, so we could better manage our highways. Devolution also provides the opportunity to explore prospects to develop and accelerate new smart integrated ticketing on public transport and powers to run concessionary schemes.

The Mayor will be responsible for a devolved and consolidated integrated local transport budget for the area consisting initially of the local highways maintenance funding (both pot hole fund and highways maintenance block) and the integrated transport block. Government is to work with the EMMCCA to agree an integrated multi-year settlement at the next spending review exploring opportunities to expand this beyond the local highways maintenance funding and the integrated transport block. Next steps for the devolution programme include producing a proposal for wider public consultation this Winter.

## Lady Bay Bridge

- 2.4 Following significant works Nottinghamshire County Council was finally able to re-open Lady Bay bridge to traffic in both directions on 20<sup>th</sup> August. The bridge had to be closed after a lorry crashed off it on Monday July 4, 2022. The bridge was initially closed in both directions for a week before Nottinghamshire County Council reopened part of the bridge in one direction on July 11. Given the local heritage of the bridge, materials were sourced which matched the existing style. The parapet has also been rebuilt to replicate the previous design and with reused materials, wherever possible.

**3    RECOMMENDATION(S)**

3.1    It is recommended that the contents of this report be noted.

**4    BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None

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## **JOINT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 3.2 To consider the Committee's work programme from September 2022 to March 2023.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Joint Committee work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
- 2.2 The attached work programme includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items may be added to the programme as they are identified. It is proposed that a more comprehensive review of the purpose and terms of reference of the Committee should take place in 2022/23 with a report to the Committee in September 2022.
- 2.3 The proposed work programme to March 2023 is attached for the consideration of the Committee.

### **3 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 That the Joint Committee's work programme be noted and consideration be given to any future items.
- 3.2 That Joint Committee identify any work areas where partnership working between the two authorities would be mutually beneficial.

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**JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT  
WORK PROGRAMME: DECEMBER 2022 TO MARCH 2023**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Brief summary of agenda item</b>	<b>For Decision or Information?</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Report Author</b>
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JPAB Update	To provide an update on the work of JPAB.	Information	Matt Gregory	Matt Gregory

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Review of the Terms of Reference of the Committee	To provide a comprehensive review of the purpose and function of this Committee	Decision	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory	Stephen Pointer Matt Gregory
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