

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015 AT 2.00 PM IN THE OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, BEESTON**

#### **PRESENT**

**Broxtowe:** Councillor Steve Barber;

**Erewash:** Councillor Geoffrey Smith;

**Nottingham City:** Councillor Jane Urquhart;

**Nottinghamshire County:** Councillor Steve Calvert;

**Rushcliffe:** Councillor Richard Butler

#### **Officers in Attendance**

**Ashfield:** Ms Christine Sarris;

**Broxtowe:** Mr Steffan Saunders

**Derbyshire County:** Mrs Christine Massey;

**Erewash:** Mr Steve Birkinshaw;

**Gedling:** Mr Peter Baguley;

**Growth Point:** Ms Dawn Alvey, Mr Matt Gregory;

**Nottingham City:** Mrs Sue Flack;

**Nottinghamshire County:** Ms Eilidh McCallum;

**Rushcliffe:** Mr David Mitchell

#### **Observers**

**Environment Agency:** Mr Andrew Pitts;

**General Public:** Mr John Hancock;

**HCA:** Mr Alan Bishop;

**Nottingham City:** Councillor Ian Malcolm;

**Signet Planning:** Mr Paul Stone

**Apologies:**

**Ashfield:** Councillor Steve Carroll;

**Broxtowe:** Mrs Ruth Hyde;

**Derbyshire County:** Councillor Trevor Southerd;

**Gedling:** Councillor Darrell Pulk;

**Nottingham City:** Councillor Alan Clark;

**Nottinghamshire County:** Councillor Jim Creamer

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Councillor Barber Chaired the meeting. He welcomed those attending, introductions were made and apologies noted.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. **Approval of Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

4. **Local Plans Update** (MG)

4.1 MG gave an update for each authority's Local Plan.

4.1.1 **Ashfield**

The Ashfield Local Plan is likely to be approved for consultation in the summer which is very good news. In the meantime work on the Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment for the outer housing market area is being conducted with other partners.

4.1.2 **Erewash**

There have been a suite of SPDs for the Local Plan. Consultation is now closed for the Ilkeston Gateway SPD.

4.1.3 **Rushcliffe**

RBC's Core Strategy was adopted on 22 December which now completes all Core Strategies for the Core Housing Market Area.

4.1.4 **Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City**

The date for the hearing for the legal challenge will be held on 24 March 2015 with a preliminary hearing prior to that date to consider the timing issue relating to Nottingham City Council. GBC confirmed the date for their CIL Examination as 3 March 2015.

- 4.2 The three evidence based commissions for the Retail Study, Employment Land and Plan Wide Viability are well underway. Early reports are anticipated for the employment land and retail studies, conclusions will be reported to future meetings.
- 4.3 Councils within the Core Housing Market Area have submitted a bid for the RTP1 East Midlands Regional Planning Awards, results should be out on Thursday 26 February 2015.
- 4.4 The report updated on progress with strategic sites and a plan was circulated showing the site locations. Regular reports will be presented to the Board on the strategic sites with opportunities to share best practice.
- SB Each authority has its own particular challenges which we can share and learn from. An example is The Boots Company PLC where Broxtowe BC and the City Council have worked together.
- SS Both Councils resolved to support the planning application and are jointly working hard to resolve all the issues of the S106 Agreements and site uses. Would endorse shared practice.
- SBk Stanton application scheduled for consideration at Planning Committee on 25 February.
- RB Need to be aware of the implications of not delivering on our strategic sites.
- SC/JU The South of Clifton site has given RBC and the City Council an opportunity to work together to integrate Clifton into the new housing development.
- SB A good example of cross border partner relationship.

4.5 Presentation from Gedling Borough Council

Peter Baguley gave a presentation to highlight the issues faced by GBC to develop Gedling Colliery/Chase Farm.

The site is a strategic site for housing in GBC's Local Plan on a brownfield site. The main issues include the need for the Gedling Access Road, viability and the topography of the sites. Innovative approaches have been employed to reduce costs such as moving soil from one end of the development site to reprofile the site and to help reduce costs. Viability is still challenging but external funding has been approved for the road. Public consultation was well attended, the application was approved in December

2014 and work is expected to commence on Phase 1 at Arnold Lane in Summer 2015.

- SB Could introduce some light rail tram/train into the development.
- MG A route is safeguarded for the future.
- AB There has been close working with County as Highways Authority.
- SF Some innovative traffic modelling has been encouraged focussing on solutions rather than barriers.
- CS Highways partnership working also helped address challenges over the Rolls Royce site.
- SB The Rolls Royce site straddles three interested authorities – good example of cross boundary issues.
- SC Queried progress with CIL which will be used to support the delivery of the road.
- PB The Hearing should last no more than one day at the GBC building, viability of sites has been carefully considered in developing the CIL charging schedule.
- RB RBC had similarities at Cotgrave where construction has now started. Working well with HCA.
- SB Thanked PB for his presentation. Highlights that there is much to learn from sharing progress across the area.

<b>Joint Planning Advisory Board resolved to NOTE progress on implementation of strategic sites.</b>
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## 5. Programme of Development (DA)

### 5.1 Capital Programme (2014/15)

There are a few projects outstanding: Gedling Country Park; Radford Line Enhancements, expected to be completed shortly and Ilkeston Station has reported slippage due to a revised planning application to take account of the Environment Agency's concern with protected species. Growth Point funding is unaffected.

### 5.2 Revenue

The Revenue budget has been updated to reflect the commissions.

### 5.3 Commissions

It was illustrated that considerable savings are being made for each of the partners involved in studies relating to Retail, Employment Land and Plan Wide Viability/CIL in addition to shared expertise. Table 3 of the report highlighted progress.

<b>Joint Planning Advisory Board resolved to NOTE the report.</b>
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### 6. Combined Authority (MG)

As part of a new type of government institution local authorities will be amalgamating to form Combined Authorities for some council functions. Separate combined authorities are proposed for both the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire areas. Combined Authorities have the potential to benefit from greater powers and control over resources

GS EBC expressed their wish to be consulted on the arrangements for N2.

MG Consultation will follow principal partners around all the local authorities. MG will raise EBC's request with N2 leads.

GS EBC is part of the Nottingham Travel to Work area and in the Nottingham HMA as well. Would like to be included in the draft N2 scheme to ensure matters such as transport and housing are fully integrated and well planned. EBC is seeking representation as a non-constituent member of N2.

MG In theory this is possible as Bassetlaw has a similar issue.

JU Those issues are being addressed. Many similarities with Sheffield and Bassetlaw. There is a good understanding of the issues, the priority will be to establish governance structures.

SC NCC Cabinet met last Thursday where two thirds voted in favour for this approach.

SB BBC will meet on 29 January.

SBk Queried if D2 and N2 processes were working in parallel as EBC have interests in both areas. EBC are approving a Statutory Governance Review and will submit that scheme to Government. However EBC have not yet seen the N2 scheme being submitted to Government despite the close relationship with EBC particularly regarding transport and housing.

SB D2 is ahead of N2. Need to work within framework but should not exclude EBC.

CS Need to look at how JPAB would fit into the process and use its influence.

- SB Boundaries to the north are challenging.
- CM Suggested it might be worth looking at Derbyshire County Council's website which gives helpful information having read the Governance Review. DCC wants to compliment what Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are doing. This meeting is incredibly inspiring regarding joint working.
- SB BBC has a webpage which could encourage others to do the same.
- SBk Sought acknowledgment that concerns re engagement with N2 would be raised.
- MG Will forward a copy of the scheme to EBC and contacts at City and County Councils.

<b>It was resolved that Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTE the report.</b>
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7. **HS2** (SS)

SS attended the HS2 Board meeting on 19 January. The previous meeting agreed to send a letter on behalf of the Board but it was agreed that this was no longer required. In the interim there has been some significant progress made with an agreed position to be presented to Sir David Higgins for his visit on 2 February, endorsing Toton as the preferred location. Key point in the discussion was whether its station location would be something that was accessible. East Midlands Parkway (EMP) was also considered in the recommendation with potential regeneration benefits if Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station is to close. It is hoped that Sir David will indicate emerging thinking and a timetable for final decisions. There is a concern regarding Toton relating to the cost of tunnelling under East Midlands airport and freight interchange. There does not appear to be a reason in principle why Toton or EMP could not follow the same route which is the Breaston alternative to avoid the need for tunnelling. With the perceived benefit for cost not as substantial the tunnel and route speed is greater with Toton rather than the wider loop round Breaston. Issues to be presented to Sir David .

- SB It was an extremely positive meeting. The hope is that Sir David will provide an indication of their current thinking which will assist with plan making.
- GS HS2 – demonstrates the need for EBC to be involved discussions around local connectivity on the boundary between ourselves and Nottingham and Derbyshire.
- JU Working group to be set up which may need to take recommendations to both N2 and D2.

- RB Rapid progress has been made in reviewing options, and satisfied that EMP is now included in the assessment.
- SBk Need a mechanism in place to demonstrate we can deliver and communicate local connectivity solutions. Will need sub area working. Local Transport Plans also need to be integrated.
- DM Clifton site - close cross boundary working taking place.

**It was resolved that Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTE the update and ENDORSE the decision of ESG that it no longer considered it appropriate to send a separate letter to Sir David Higgins regarding the accessibility of the proposed HS2 East Midlands Hub Station locations.**

8. **Any other business**

None.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Councillor Steve Barber announced that the next meeting to be held on Thursday 12 March 2015, at 2.00 pm, Town Hall, Beeston will be his last meeting to Chair due to his retirement from the Council in May.

Date	Venue	Chair
Thursday 14 May	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston	Erewash Borough Council
Thursday 23 July	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston	Broxtowe Borough Council
Thursday 24 September	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston	Broxtowe Borough Council
Thursday 26 November	Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston	Broxtowe Borough Council