

Meeting **JOINT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING AND
TRANSPORT**

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From **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Summary

- 1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of aligned Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, and the implementation of the Programme of Development infrastructure projects. This report updates the Joint Committee on the work of JPAB.

Background

- 2 The last meeting of JPAB took place on 24th September 2015. The minutes of this meeting have not yet been published, however the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15th July 2015, have been published and are appended to this report.
- 3 The JPAB was due to meet on November 26th 2015, but this meeting was cancelled due to a clash with a County Council Full Council meeting. New meeting dates are being arranged for the new year.

Meeting held on 24th September 2015

- 4 The JPAB received two presentations on recently completed study commissions, the first on the Employment Land Forecasting Study, and the second on the Retail Study. Both Studies are key planks of the evidence base re-affirming the Core Strategies in Greater Nottingham, and for the preparation of Part 2 Local Plans.
- 5 Other items considered included an update on Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, which highlighted the low level of housing delivery across Greater Nottingham, in part due to the lack of up to date Local Plan site allocations. JPAB also received updates on the Programme of Development and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund Update.

Recommendation

- 6 It is recommended that the Joint Committee note the contents of this report.

Background Papers referred to in compiling this report

- 7 None.

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Appendix 1

MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) HELD ON 15 JULY 2015 AT BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL

PRESENT

Broxtowe: Councillor P Owen (Chair)

Erewash: Councillor M Powell

Gedling: Councillor J Hollingsworth

Nottinghamshire County Council: Councillor S Calvert and Councillor J Creamer

Rushcliffe: R Butler

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Christine Sarris

Broxtowe: Ruth Hyde, David Lawson

Derbyshire County Council: Christine Massey

Erewash: Adam Reddish, Jim Seymour

Gedling: Alison Gibson

Growth Point: Matt Gregory, Dawn Alvey

Nottinghamshire County: Eilidh Mccallum

Rushcliffe: Richard Mapletoft

Observers

Environment Agency: Andrew Pitts

HCA: Mark Banister

By Post: John Hancock

Signet Planning: Paul Stone

Apologies

Broxtowe: Steffan Saunders

Erewash: Steve Birkinshaw

Nottinghamshire City: Cllr Urquhart, Sue Flack

Nottinghamshire County: Cllr Greaves

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Councillor P J Owen, Chair, welcomed those attending and introductions were made for the benefit of new members to the board.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Cllr Creamer noted that the last minutes should refer to his representing Nottinghamshire County Council not Rushcliffe Borough Council. With this amendment, the minutes of the meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

4. **Presentation – a look back at the work of JPAB**

The Board received a presentation from Matt Gregory and Dawn Alvey respectively.

The scope and complexities of the partnership area was explained and the background to joint working. An overview of governance was provided. It was noted that JPAB was an Advisory Board with each council retaining their own decision making powers. The role of JPAB was to provide overview on strategic planning matters in the Greater Nottingham area, such as future housing and employment.

The board had directly supported the progression and adoption of Core Strategies and the creation of a consistent and robust evidence base which, since the creation of JPAB, has helped successfully defend legal challenges.

MP questioned whether the exclusion of the Derby Districts Councils from the Combined Authority presentation had been an oversight. It was established that it was.

RH there is an opportunity for this group to feed into growth programme/LEP activities.

Members noted that the slides will be circulated separately.

5. **Terms of Reference**

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference should include flexibility for the frequency of meetings which would normally occur quarterly.

Terms of reference to be updated to allow and refer to the potential involvement of Combined Authorities, Highways England and Heritage England.

6. **Local Plans Update**

MG gave a brief update of each authority's Local Plan

Ashfield

ADC has recently commenced work on a new Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment. This consultation process will feed into the ADC local plan.

Broxtowe Borough Council

It was noted that Sir David Higgins had reported that Toton was the preferred site for the proposed HS2 Station.

Cllr Owen - Issues remain over the balance of housing and employment. Alternative approaches to the Broxtowe Core Strategy are under review.

Erewash Borough Council

Cllr Powell - EBC supportive of Toton site and look forward to positive partnership working to maximise benefits. EBC has been working with site promoters within Stanton to develop proposals for the site.

Nottingham City Council

Report sets out current position.

Rushcliffe Borough Council

The legal challenge to RBC's Core Strategy was withdrawn.

MG informed the group that, under government proposals in a recent document called 'Fixing the foundations', Government may set timetables for Local Plan completion, with powers for central government to step in and write Local Plans themselves. Associated forthcoming proposals may require Local Plans to specify a requirement for 'starter homes' in new developments, and zonal systems with automatic planning permission for certain developments. Such sites may be exempt from CIL/S106. CPO powers to be streamlined. More detail on the government's proposals is expected later.

Cllr Creamer – concerns over potential loss of S106.

7. **Programme of Development**

DA set out revenue and capital budget position.

It was agreed to provisionally split the remaining revenue budget over 2 years with a potential allocation to support 4th Trent Crossing feasibility subject to further information to be brought to next meeting.

DA set out the limited funding remaining in the capital budget of approximately £194k – options for potential green infrastructure project to be explored.

8. **Work Programme**

The Board accepted the work programme.

9. **Presentation – Gedling Borough Council Community Infrastructure Levy**

AG gave a presentation on GBC's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This is a charge levied on new builds. The purpose of CIL is to provide funding for infrastructure related to new development. A list of infrastructure requirements within the Gedling area has been created, called the Regulation 123 list, it focuses on strategic infrastructure at Gedling Colliery and Top Wighay Farm. Following viability work and Public Examination, a CIL will be introduced with charges of £0, £45 or £75 per square metre for residential development, depending on location, and £60 per square metre for retail development. Operation of CIL and rates will be reviewed every three years.

Cllr Powell queried as to whether developers may submit early applications prior to introduction of the CIL levy. It was noted that developers had expressed an interest in accelerating developments, but these may be considered premature in advance of the Local Plan Part 2.