

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

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Report

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board Update

1.0 Summary

1.1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of aligned Core Strategies across Greater Nottingham, and the implementation of the New Growth Point infrastructure projects. It is made up of the relevant Portfolio Holders (planning and transport) from all the Greater Nottingham authorities, which, as well as the City and County Councils, are Ashfield District Council, Broxtowe Borough Council, Erewash Borough Council, Gedling Borough Council, Nottingham City Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council, together with Derbyshire County Council.

1.2 The Joint Board met on 7th May and 2nd July 2009. This paper reports back from those meetings.

2.0 Background

Meeting of 7th May 2009

2.1 This meeting received a presentation from the advisory team for Large Applications (part of the Homes and Communities Agency), and considered items on:-

- Aligned Core Strategy update
- New Growth Point Programme of Development
- 2006-based Household Projections

2.2 The notes of this meeting are attached at appendix 1. Members endorsed all the recommendations.

Meeting of 2nd July 2009

2.3 This meeting considered items on:-

- Aligned Core Strategy update
- Planning Application received by Rushcliffe Borough Council in respect of Clifton Pastures
- New Growth Point Programme of Development

2.4 The notes of this meeting are not yet available, and will be circulated with the next Joint Committee agenda papers.

3.0 Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies Issues and Options Update

3.1 A key part of the Joint Planning Advisory Board's work is to oversee and steer the production of the aligned Core Strategies covering Greater Nottingham. Following the recommendation of the Joint Board on 30th March 2009, and approval by the relevant partner Councils, the Greater Nottingham aligned Issues and Options consultation document has now been published, with a view to gathering views and new evidence from the public, stakeholders, developers and any other individuals or bodies. The consultation period will end on 31st July 2009. (The Issues and Options stage is the first public stage of Core Strategy preparation, and allows comment, views and evidence to be submitted before any policy decisions are made).

3.2 In order to maximise engagement, most of the consultation will be at a local authority level, and full programmes of events, meetings and exhibitions have been drawn up by each council. To complement these programmes, two Greater Nottingham-wide events have now taken place, a half day seminar targeted at key stakeholders on 22nd June, to gather initial views and encourage involvement, and breakfast seminar on 2nd July aimed at informing the private sector of the partnership approach and to encourage debate.

3.3 All comments, views, and new evidence received as part of the process will be considered, together with any new Issues or Options that are raised. These will help to inform a "Preferred Option" for each Issue, which will be developed on the basis of the evidence base and a Sustainability Appraisal of all reasonable Options. If gaps in evidence have been identified, then more work will be commissioned.

3.4 The Preferred Options are programmed to be published in January 2010, for further consultation. This is a crucial stage of aligned Core Strategy preparation, because it determines the final shape of the Core Strategy, and gives the public and stakeholders a chance to comment on the councils' preferred approaches prior to the publication of a full plan. It will contain specific proposals against each issue, and it will show where strategic sites are to be identified in the Core Strategy.

3.5 The Joint Planning Advisory Board will consider the Preferred Options, and advise the constituent partner Councils of its views. The full timetable as agreed by the Joint Planning Advisory Board is as follows:-

June 2009	Issues and Options consultation
January 2010	Preferred Option consultation
September 2010	'Proposed Submission' draft for representations
January 2011	Submission of Core Strategies to Secretary of State
March 2011	Pre Hearing Meeting
April 2011	Hearing Sessions
October 2011	Inspector's Report received
December 2011	Aligned Core Strategies adopted
March 2012	Publication of aligned Core Strategies

4.0 Programme of Development Update

4.1 The '6Cs' Programme Board have agreed £13,880,000 of Department of Communities and Local Government New Growth Point funding for capital projects in Greater Nottingham, made up as follows:

- 08/09 £2,590,290
- 09/10 £5,148,137
- 10/11 £6,140,763

2.2 A Programme of Development was prepared and approved for 2008/9. Following confirmation of project delivery and costings a total of £540,290 is available to be carried forward to 2009/10.

2.3 In order to finalise a Programme of Development for 09/10, project proposals are currently being assessed, against agreed criteria including strategic impact, fit to Growth Point criteria, cost and deliverability. It was anticipated that the appraisal panel would convene in June, however, in order for further information and clarification on projects to be sought it is proposed that the panel meet in July. This will be considered by the Joint Board in September.

2.4 Joint Board has agreed that it may be prudent to reserve part of the funding allocation to respond to the Preferred Options stage of the LDF. This will allow for the Programme of Development to be further refreshed to support the aligned Core Strategies Preferred Options, due to be published in January 2010.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED members of the Committee note the minutes of the meetings of the Joint Planning Advisory Board on 7th May 2009, and the progress made on preparing the Greater Nottingham aligned Core Strategies.

i) Background Papers Referred to in Compiling this report

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board papers, 7th May 2009, and 2nd July 2009

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Appendix 1

MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON 7th May 2009 AT BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL

PRESENT

Erewash: Cllr G B Smith,(Chair) **Gedling:** Cllr John Boot
Nottingham City: Cllr J Urquhart; **Rushcliffe:** Councillor D Bell,
Ashfield: Councillor T Theaker, **Derbyshire:** Councillor G Carlile

Officers in Attendance

JPAB: Mr Matt Gregory, Dawn Alvey; **Ashfield:** Mr F Horsley, Ms L Bell,
Broxtowe: Mrs R Hyde, Mr S Dance; Mr T Ward, **Erewash:** Ms Y Wright,
Gedling:Ms J Gray; , **Nottingham City:** Mr G Butterworth; **Nottinghamshire County:** Mr S Calvert, Ms S Gill, **Rushcliffe:** Mr P Randle; Richard Mapleoft; Mr P Marshall

Observers

HCA : Mr M Banister, **Nottingham City Council:** Cllr I Malcolm,**GOEM:** Mr M Smith : **EMDA:** Mr G Brown **GNP:** Mr M Gawith: **HCA:** Mr M Banister

Apologies:

Ashfield: Cllr Zadrozny, **Broxtowe:**Cllr K Rigby, **Nottinghamshire County:** Cllr S Smedley, Cllr M Storey; **Nottingham City:** Cllr A Clark **Gedling:** Mr P Baguley;
Derbyshire: Cllr G Carlile; Mike Brittain

Welcome and Introductions

1. In the absence of Cllr Rigby, Cllr Smith was elected chair of the meeting. He welcomed those attending and introductions were made.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of meeting of 30th March were approved.

3. Presentation by ATLAS

2. Abigaile Bromfield and Fionella Lennon from ATLAS made a presentation to the Board explaining what ATLAS was and how they could help local authorities with large applications. They explained their core workstreams – project development and delivery, dissemination and planning system development; and their key objectives:- improving the quality of process and outcomes; helping to unblock issues holding up major developments; acting as a partner to local authorities; being an independent reviewer of major applications and issues; increasing the knowledge and

expertise within local authorities and disseminating best practice. They explained project work undertaken to date. Their work was independently evaluated and the “added value” of their input was being quantified.

During the discussion which ensued, authorities which had used the service commented that it had been a useful experience (Stanton ironworks). Working with Atlas had helped the process of setting up the project, and helped focus on what the local authority wanted from the development. Other questions which were asked included whether ATLAS helped assess the viability of projects?; (They enable authorities to agree approaches to viability); How do housebuilders see the role of ATLAS? (as a useful independent voice- ATLAS finds out the business objectives of housebuilders and aims to help produce higher quality development in line with their aspirations). Gelding had also worked with ATLAS and found the experience useful

3. Aligned core strategy update

Board members received a report updating them on progress being made to align the core strategy evidence base. This covered the Strategic Housing land availability assessment update; water cycle study; landscape character assessment; sustainable growth locations study and transport modelling of preferred options. They were also updated on the progress being made by the constituent authorities in taking the issues and options reports through their respective executives. A joint press launch was to be held early in the consultation process.

A debate took place on the work required to review the sustainable growth locations, building on the appraisal of the SUEs published in June 2008. Broxtowe’s planning officer questioned the need for and the timing of this work. However Rushcliffe saw the necessity for it from their perspective.

Mark Banister questioned when the sustainable growth locations would be known. He was informed that the timetable for the aligned core strategy work meant that this should be made known early in 2010.

It was agreed:

- 1. To note the progress on aligning the Core strategy evidence base.**
- 2. To note the progress on taking issues and options proposals through respective Executive groups, and agree to a joint press launch.**
- 3. To agree to set up a meeting with GOEM at which the terms of reference of the Sustainable growth extensions study could be discussed.**
- 4. To support the pursuit of offers of help from the Planning Advisory service and the Government office.**

5. Growth Point Programme of Development

A report was received on the Growth Point programme of development, setting out the position with regard to spending of funds for 08/9 and the programme of development for 09/10

Following discussion with partners some of the original schemes approved for 2008/9 required further development or are better considered following confirmation of future housing sites. These schemes are set out in Table 2 below:

Table 2 Deleted Schemes 2008/9

2008/9 Deleted Schemes	Amount
Ilkeston Rd/Quarry Hill Road Improvements	40,000
Stanton Access Feasibility	50,000
Clifton East Leake Cycle Scheme	25,000
Gotham to Kegworth Cycle Route	25,000
Tollerton Cycle Scheme	25,000
Stragglethorpe Lane Cycle Scheme	25,000
Trent Bridge Bus Priority	50,000
Cattle Market Road (Land Referencing/Scoping)	25,000
Total	265,000

It was resolved:

1. To note the position with regard to 08/9 funding allocations.
2. To note the call for capital projects for 2009/10 funding ; and
3. Note the emerging joint Green infrastructure proposal.

6 2006- Based Household Projections

A report setting out the 2006 based household projections was tabled. Concern was expressed that these projections would form the basis of the partial review of the Regional Spatial Strategy, and if this was the case, further large housing growth requirements would be the inevitable consequence. It was agreed that these concerns needed to be aired early, as influence needed to be brought to bear on senior politicians (MPs) on the consequences of this being the case.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on 2nd July at 2 pm.