

PLANNING COMMITTEE / 23 OCTOBER 2013

Title of paper:	Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document – Preferred Option Consultation	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		x
Safer Nottingham		x
Neighbourhood Nottingham		x
Family Nottingham		
Healthy Nottingham		x
Leading Nottingham		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
The Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document (Local Plan Part 2) is currently undergoing consultation. This consultation runs until 2 December 2013 . This consultation follows on from the Issues and Options consultation, which took place in 2011.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the committee notes the ongoing consultation and opportunity to respond before 2 December 2013.	

1. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 1.1 Once adopted, the Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) (Local Plan Part 2) will form part of the statutory planning framework, alongside the Core Strategy. Before a DPD is adopted, it must go through several stages of formal and informal consultation. To date, the LAPP DPD has been through two informal stages of consultation – the Issues and Options consultation stage, from 26 September to 21 November 2011, and the Additional Sites consultation stage, from 5 March to 30 April 2012. The Preferred Option represents the third stage of informal consultation. All the documents can be viewed online at www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/localplan.
- 1.2 Whilst the previous consultations asked questions and posed options regarding future planning policies and site allocations in Nottingham, the Preferred Option sets out the draft development management policies and site allocations. These policies and site

allocations are presented in draft and do not carry any weight in planning terms, as they are for consultation purposes only. Following this stage, the document will be formally published and will undergo independent examination. If found sound, the document will be adopted and, alongside the Core Strategy, will replace the current Local Plan (2005).

1.3 The following policy areas are set out in the Preferred Option:

- Climate Change
- Employment Provision and Economic Development
- Nottingham City Centre
- Role of Town and Local Centres
- Housing Size, Mix and Choice
- Design and Enhancing Local Identity
- The Historic Environment
- Local Services and Healthy Lifestyles
- Culture, Tourism and Sport
- Managing Travel Demand
- Transport Infrastructure Priorities
- Green Infrastructure, Parks and Open Space
- Biodiversity
- Minerals
- Pollution Control
- Developer Contributions

1.4 There are 56 draft policies in the Preferred Option, divided into four different themes. Some policies have been carried forward from the last Local Plan but there are also new policy areas, Policies cover the following areas:

- Retail
- Housing
- Employment
- Regeneration quarters
- Houses in Multiple Occupation
- Student Accommodation
- Open Space

1.5 There are 78 draft Land Allocations (LAs). Each of these sites underwent consultation at the Issues and Options / Additional Sites stage. Some of the sites which were included in the earlier consultation were not taken forward to the Preferred Option. These sites are as follows:

DS01	Belgrave Road / Linnington Road	Seller's Wood Drive
DS03	Bestwood Sidings	Hucknall Lane

DS09	Bar Lane Industrial Park	Bar Lane
DS11	Basford Gateway	Southwark Street
DS110	NCC depot	Harvey Road
DS12	Church View Industrial Estate	Church Street
DS15	Western Section of Former Dunn Line Coach Station	Bulwell Lane
DS25	Nottingham Business Park South - Developer Option	Land Off Woodhouse Way
DS32	Ellis and Everard, Hadyn Road	Hadyn Road
DS39	Springfield, Alexandra Park	Woodborough Road
DS43	Eastside - Pennyfoot Street	Manvers Street
DS44	Waterside - British Waterways Owned Part of Freeth Street Site	Lady Bay Bridge
DS54	Radford Bridge Allotments (Option 1)	Torvill Drive
DS55	Radford Bridge Allotments (Option 2)	Russell Drive
DS58	Canal Street North	East of Broadmarsh Site

DS66	Southside - Site of Former Hicking Pentecost & Company	Crocus Street
DS70	Waterside - British Waterways Owned Part of Meadow Lane Site	Meadow Lane
DS77	Bull Close Road	Bull Close Road
DS81	Farnborough School	Farnborough Road
DS87	Broxtowe Country Park	Broxtowe Country Park
DS88	New Aspley Gardens (Option 1) - to include the western part of the site only.	Western Boulevard
DS89	New Aspley Gardens (Option 2) - to include both parts of the site, east and west.	Western Boulevard
DS96	Expansion to Jubilee Campus	Wollaton Road
DS98	Electric Avenue - Option 2	Electric Avenue
DS99	NG2 South (Alternative Uses)	Experian Way

- 1.6 A further 7 sites have been identified for consultation. These are not being put forward as Preferred Options at this stage.
- 1.7 The Preferred Option also contains information that will eventually be used to create the Policies Map that will accompany the adopted version of the LAPP. This information comprises maps showing new or amended designations (e.g. the Castle and Creative Quarters, Retail Centres, Green Belt Revisions and Minerals Safeguarding Areas). It should be noted that only information which differs from that shown on the current adopted Proposals Map (which accompanies the current adopted Local Plan (2005) is presented for consultation.

CONSULTATION

- 1.8 780 individual people and organisations responded to the Issues and Options consultation and there were approximately 1,700 individual responses. A further 106 people and organisations responded to the additional sites and there were 198 individual responses.

- 1.9 A Report of Consultation has been produced setting out the measures undertaken at the Issues and Options and the Additional Sites consultations. This will be published alongside the Preferred Option.

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL

- 1.10 Under the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) (which incorporates the EU requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment) has been produced. The Sustainability Framework (embedded within the SA) has been developed alongside the production of the Core Strategy. It has 14 objectives relating to economic, social and environmental issues in Nottingham. As the document is draft and non-Statutory, the SA that has been produced is an Interim Report, which first assesses the potential impacts of the options, including the 'do nothing' scenario, and then assesses the potential impacts of the draft policies. The SA also assesses the potential impacts of the site allocations.
- 1.11 The Interim Sustainability Appraisal Report will also be published for consultation alongside the Preferred Option.

OTHER BACKGROUND ASSESSMENTS

- 1.12 In addition to assessing the consultation responses and undertaking a Sustainability Appraisal, a number of other background assessments have been undertaken to inform the Preferred Option. Each of the sites put forward in the Issues and Options and Additional Sites consultations has undergone a detailed assessment. The assessment involved collecting information for each site regarding planning history, land use, constraints, transport and accessibility, wider regeneration benefits, infrastructure and energy and heat networks and previous work, including Development Briefs. Site visits were also undertaken for each site.
- 1.13 Five Background Papers were also produced to inform the policies contained within the document. These are titled as follows:
- Climate Change
 - Sustainable, Inclusive and Mixed Communities
 - City Centre and Retail
 - Employment
 - Parking

NEXT STEPS

- 1.14 Following consultation on the Preferred Option, the next stage in the preparation of the LAPP DPD is the production of the 'Publication' version. This version will form the first statutory consultation stage. This is the point at which the policies begin to gain weight. At this stage in the process, comments can only be made regarding the 'Soundness' and 'Legal Compliance' of the document. After formally consulting on the document, the LAPP be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination by an Inspector.
- 1.15 It is anticipated that the document will be adopted in autumn 2015.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Production of a Local Plan is a Statutory requirement.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 There are no alternative options as the production of a Local Plan is a statutory requirement.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 The preparation and consultation of the Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document is part of the statutory planning process. The costs of this activity will be met from existing resources earmarked for this purpose.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 As indicated above, the formulation and adoption of Local Plan Documents have to follow a formal statutory process. Whilst not all of these functions are the responsibility of the Executive, the initial formulation and preparation of documents such as the LAPP is within the Executive's remit. Executive Board approved the document for consultation at its meeting held on 17 September 2013. The risk of challenge at this stage is therefore small, particularly as no weight can be attributed to its content at this time.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

7.1 The Land and Planning Policies (LAPP) Development Plan Document (DPD) Interim Sustainability Appraisal Report September 2013

7.2 The Land and Planning Policies (LAPP) Development Plan Document (DPD) Consultation Statement September 2013

7.3 The Land and Planning Policies (LAPP) Development Plan Document (DPD) Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Update September 2013

7.4 Climate Change Background Paper September 2013

7.5 Retail Background Paper September 2013

7.6 Car Parking Background Paper September 2013

7.7 Sustainable, Inclusive and Mixed Communities Background Paper September 2013

7.8 Employment Background Paper September 2013

7.9 Site Assessments September 2013

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

8.1 The Land and Planning Policies (LAPP) Development Plan Document (DPD) Issues and Options September 2011

8.2 The Land and Planning Policies (LAPP) Development Plan Document (DPD) Additional Sites put forward through the Issues and Options Consultation March 2012

8.3 The Nottingham Local Plan (2005).