

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

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GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Summary

- 1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of Aligned Core Strategies 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 Since the last Joint Committee, a meeting of JPAB was held on 23rd May 2013. The minutes of this meeting are not yet available, however the minutes of the meeting of 21st February 2013 are attached to this report, as appendix 1.
- 3 The main item of business for the meeting of 23 May 2013 was consideration of the Greater Nottingham Core Strategies, summarised and updated in line of recent developments as follows:

Ashfield District Council

- 2.1 Ashfield have commenced consultation on their Local Plan which covers the period up to 2024. The consultation period runs until 30th September 2013.

Erewash Borough Council

- 2.2 Following the close of Erewash's programme of hearings, the council has undertaken consultation on Proposed Main Modifications to the plan. The key matter of wider relevance to other councils relates to changes to targets for affordable housing in relation to viability/deliverability. The Inspector is currently reviewing representations on the Main Modifications, and following this, it is anticipated that the Inspector will issue his final report.

Rushcliffe Borough Council

- 2.3 Following a cabinet meeting on 14th May, Rushcliffe Borough Council has accepted the Planning Inspector's offer of a temporary suspension of the examination process and has undertaken public consultation on options to increase housing numbers in the Borough by at least 3,550 more homes by 2028. This would take planned housing provision in Rushcliffe to a total of around 13,150 homes between 2011 and 2028.
- 2.4 Several workshops and public meetings have been held to consider:
- i. Increasing housing numbers at South of Clifton by approx 500 homes;
 - ii. Increasing housing numbers at Edwalton by approx 550 homes
 - iii. Identifying a new site East of Gamston, including the delivery of around 2,500 homes by 2028, and with capacity to provide around a further 1,500 homes post 2028.
- 2.4 The consultation has now closed, and the Borough Council is processing the representations. A report to Cabinet is planned for October 2013. If approved, Proposed Modifications to the Rushcliffe Core Strategy will be published for formal representations. These representations will be passed to the Inspector, and the examination will be resumed and hearing sessions will be arranged.
- 2.5 Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling and Nottingham have responded to the consultation to confirm their in principle support for the additional housing provision and that subject to their inclusion in an approved Core Strategy, objections to the plan relating to housing numbers would be withdrawn.

Broxtowe, Erewash Gedling and Nottingham City

- 2.6 The Aligned Core Strategies were submitted to the Secretary of State on 7th June. Jill Kingaby BSC(ECON) MSc MRTPI has been appointed as Inspector, she is also conducting the Examination into the Rushcliffe Core Strategy. An exploratory meeting was not required by the Inspector and an administrative pre-hearing meeting was held on 30th July. Two weeks of hearing sessions have been programmed for the Examination for the weeks commencing 15th October and 5th November. The Inspector may set additional days depending on progress of the early sessions. The Inspector will invite participants from amongst those who have made representations to the hearing sessions, which will take place at the Central Methodist Mission, 22 Lower Parliament Street, Nottingham, NG1 3DA. Whilst the sessions are open to the public, only invited participants will be eligible to speak.
- 2.7 A list of matters, questions and issues has been circulated (available at <http://goss.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=23495>).

Statements in response to these matters are required to be submitted to the Inspector by 19th September, and are currently in preparation.

- 2.8 In view of the Inspectors questions at the Pre Hearing Meeting on affordable housing, her matters, questions and issues, and Erewash's experience in this regard, a light touch update of the councils' affordable housing study is underway. Notes of the Pre Hearing Meeting are available from the web link in paragraph 2.7.
- 2.9 A draft Programme of Hearing Sessions has also been published, which includes those participants that have identified themselves to the Programme Officer, but this is subject to change.

Recommendation

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

Background Papers referred to in compiling this report

- 15 Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board papers for 23rd May 2013 and 21st February 2013.

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APPENDIX 1

MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 2.00 PM IN THE OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, BEESTON

PRESENT

Broxtowe: Councillor Steve Barber (Chair);
Gedling: Councillor D Pulk;
Nottingham City: Councillor Alan Clark;
Nottinghamshire County: Councillor Richard Butler, Councillor Richard Jackson;
Rushcliffe: Councillor D Bell

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Ms Christine Sarris;
Broxtowe: Mr Steve Dance, Mrs Ruth Hyde;
Erewash: Mr Steve Birkinshaw;
Gedling: Mr Peter Baguley;
Growth Point: Ms Dawn Alvey, Mr Matt Gregory;
Nottingham City: Mrs Sue Flack;
Nottinghamshire County: Mr Jim Bamford, Mrs Sally Gill,
Rushcliffe: Mr Richard Mapletoft; Mr Paul Randle

Observers

DPDS Consulting: Mr Chris Lindley;
Environment Agency: Mr Mark Candlin, Mrs Naomi Doughty;
General public: Mr John S W Hancock;
Growth Point: Mr Matthew Grant;
HCA: Mr Alan Bishop
Nottingham City: Councillor Ian Malcolm;
Nottinghamshire County: Mr David Pick;
Oxalis Planning: Mr Steve Harley;
Signet Planning: Ms Sophie Drury

Apologies:

Erewash: Councillor Chris Corbett;
HCA: Mr Mark Bannister;
Nottingham City: Councillor Jane Urquart

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Councillor Steve Barber, Chair, welcomed those attending and introductions were made.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Cllr Clark queried item 7.4 referring to the needs of the City. PR agreed wording was correct. Amendment under 6.1 to delete dialogue. The Minutes of the last meeting were then approved. There were no matters arising.

4. **Core Strategies Update**

- 4.1 MG gave an update on progress. Ashfield are preparing a 10 year Local Plan covering the whole of their District, and following consultation on a 'Preferred Option' are considering representations with a view to publishing a revised plan in July/August 2013.

Erewash BC submitted their Plan to the Secretary of State in November 2012. The Inspector has sought clarification on some matters to which EBC has responded with input from the Growth Point team.

Rushcliffe BC, following an exploratory meeting has received a letter from their Inspector reiterating some of the issues around Duty to Co-operate, green belt policy and housing numbers. The Inspector produced a brief note of the meeting. She has also written to the council advising either to withdraw the Plan or complete necessary remedial work within a six-months temporary suspension period.

Both Gedling and Nottingham City Councils have approved their submission documents. However due to the announcement of High Speed Rail 2 Hub at Toton, Broxtowe is undertaking a short targeted consultation concerning development of land in that area. They are targeting a May approval for submission.

Evidence to support Examination is in place and is required for submission. An Examination Programme Officer has been appointed for all the core strategies to ensure the process runs as smoothly as possible.

Cllr Bell (RBC) – Wished to clarify Mr Saunders comment (made at the RBC Inspectors meeting with PINs) that if RBC provided for another 2,000 houses, then Broxtowe, along with other authorities, would be satisfied. Clarity needed on actual numbers. Cllr N Clark (Rushcliffe)

has written to other Leaders to convene a meeting. The Inspectors comments are important to all, not just RBC. Her reference to the 2008 projections suggests overall housing numbers are too low to meet the area's needs upto 2026. The consequences could be significant for all. RBC has planned for 13 years but a 15-year time horizon is preferred by PINs. Need to take full account of longer term requirements for whole of the market area. At the exploratory meeting the Inspector was unsympathetic towards housing not being delivered despite state of economy. The Inspector expects us to make it happen even if S106 Agreements need to be renegotiated. Lessons for everybody to learn.

SD (BBC) – important that technical work for Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottm City provides robust response to any new information from 2011 census. The Background Paper addendum concludes that a further 2,800 houses may need to be found in the HMA and this should inform Rushcliffe's approach.

Cllr Clark (City) – what was it the Inspector's view of Duty to Co-operate and does the Leaders meeting replace discussion at JPAB?

Cllr Bell (RBC) – No desire to bypass JPAB but it is not a decision making body.

PR (RBC) – could SD confirm housing numbers.

SD (BBC) – quoted 2,829. Common time line for plan periods would be welcomed. Commented that co-operation between planning officers continued regardless of differences on housing numbers.

Cllr Clark (City) – of the view that RBC did not dispute figures for Greater Nottingham but their distribution.

Cllr Bell – confirmed RBC had no objection to HMA targets but object to distribution entirely. Focused on RBC having a huge proportion. Being allocated 40% is an enormous undertaking.

SB to MG – What is the Inspector's view on the Greater Nottingham figure?

MG – she focused on the approach RBC has taken. From her correspondence it is not clear what her view on the area is as a whole but MG's view is that she would not have offered six months suspension if a way forward was not possible.

RH (BBC) - the Localism Act seem to provide a route for local determination of numbers but Examinations so far indicated that objectively assessed housing needs dictates the requirements.. All councils are comfortable with further dialogue on housing numbers but not on distribution.

PR (RBC) – RBC is not seeking a debate on redistribution of numbers to 2026. Conscious of Inspector's comments re 2008 projections and the focus on growth. Inspector was quite bullish about green belt and that location of the A52 should not be a constraint to growth. Affordable housing also a key issue. Cllr N Clarke's (RBC) meeting invite is not about redistribution of numbers but longer term issues and immediate difficulties of all numbers across the HMA not being seen as sufficient.

Cllr Clark (City) – Met with Nick Boles, Environment MP, last Friday – tone made it unlikely that RBC would have got a favourable response.

SBk (EBC) - EBC Inspector has requested a HMA housing figure and comparison between 2008 housing projections. Officers working with MG and Aligned authorities to draw on evidence base.

It was resolved that JPAB NOTE the progress of the Greater Nottingham Core Strategies.

5. High Speed Rail 2 - Presentation

- 5.1 Jim Bamford gave a brief overview presentation of HS2 Phase 2 and its likely affect on the East Midlands and the HMA.

Broadly:

HS1 covers international link to Channel Tunnel
HS2 has been divided into two phases

HS2 was described as a “Y” shape network from London to Birmingham and split western to Manchester and onward to Glasgow and the other route through the East Midlands, Sheffield, Leeds, Newcastle and Edinburgh as an engine for growth to bring everyone together to rebuild the national economy.

There will be a nine month consultation period. Any resident or commercial owner will be compensated throughout the 20-year process/scheme.

By summer 2013 to 2014 - 9 months public consultation
By 2026 - Birmingham Phase 1 complete
By 2033 - Phase 2 to East Midlands complete

SB - How could HS2 link onto HS1?

JB – There are constraints of time with planning aspects. The final service will be decided nearer the time. Working arrangements would be three trains per hour between Toton and London taking 45 mins and Toton to Birmingham taking 19 mins with one or two to Edinburgh taking approx 1.5 hours to Newcastle.

SF - would like a link to Nottingham City from Toton station using the MML as it would have benefits for both. Potential for rail and bus links between Toton and Nottingham stations including the tram line. Journey time between Nottingham and Birmingham would then only take 35 mins as it currently takes 75 mins.

CS - ADC welcome economic benefits that HS2 brings. Interested in local connections of HS2 scheme package and working with interested parties, local authorities and neighbouring authorities.

SD – has attended an HS2 Connectivity Working Party – has covered a rail network plan for Derby/Leicester/Nottingham extending the tram down to the station with costs met as part of the project but requires a substantial amount of car parking and bus connectivity. Other authorities and transport groups to be involved.

CS – will there be other parts of east/west connectivity?

JB - authorities should set out their requirements for supporting works to ensure connectivity.

SB - Toton will be the biggest station outside London.

DP – (GBC) welcomes scheme. Support City's point re need for enhanced connectivity into Nottingham city. Need to ensure good links are in place from middle of Nottingham to Toton otherwise missing opportunity. Suggested Carlton station as a suburban railway link to London. Much local work to be done to inform the scheme.

6. **Programme of Development**

6.1 DA produced a report giving a short presentation on capital programme progress.

DA is currently processing grant claims for 2012/13. Derbyshire County Council is submitting an application to bid for the Government's new station fund for Ilkeston Station by 25 February deadline – update to be provided at next meeting.

6.2 Capital Programme

DA gave a presentation on the Capital Programme. 49 projects supported of which 70% were complete.

DA suggested an end of year review of the programme sharing experiences and expertise across the councils and where savings have been made.

It was resolved that JPAB

1. **NOTE** the revenue and capital update as set out in the report, and
2. **CONSIDER** the progress of the Ilkeston Station scheme and Growth Point allocation at the May JPAB meeting.

7. **Local Sustainable Transport Fund**

- 7.1 DA – City and County Councils offering grant awards for a Smarter travel Hub.

SB – raised a slight concern for SmartCard development with one card for the area by the cheapest deal.

SF – City applying for various grants to help develop a single SmartCard incentive scheme but the difficulty is it will take time – so no quick fix.

It was resolved that JPAB NOTE the report which sets out the approved LSTF programme. Views from Board Members are invited on the development of the Community Hubs programme across the urban area.

8. **Any other business**

None.

9. **Date and venue of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23 May 2013 in the New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston at 2.00 pm.

This has been changed since the last meeting. Future meeting dates are confirmed as follows:

DATE	STATUS	VENUE
25 APRIL 2013	CANCELLED	ATTENBOROUGH NATURE RESERVE
23 MAY 2013	NEW	NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON
27 JUNE 2013	CANCELLED	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON
29 AUGUST 2013	CANCELLED	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON
5 SEPTEMBER 2013	NEW	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON
31 OCTOBER 2013	CANCELLED	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON
12 DECEMBER 2013	NEW	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON
19 DECEMBER 2013	CANCELLED	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON
13 FEBRUARY 2014	NEW	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON

All the above meetings will be held on a Thursday at 2.00 pm.