

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

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From: **JOINT OFFICER STEERING GROUP**

## **EXAMINATION OF THE ALIGNED CORE STRATEGIES AND OTHER LOCAL PLANS IN GREATER NOTTINGHAM**

### **Purpose of report**

1. To provide an update on the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategy Examination and other Local Plans in Greater Nottingham

### **Information and Advice**

2. The Broxtowe Gedling & Nottingham City Aligned Core Strategies were submitted to the planning inspectorate on 7th June 2013.
3. The Examination of Aligned Core Strategies covered 8 sitting days between 15th October to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013. An Independent Appointed Inspector reviewed the strategy and will report on its soundness.
4. After the first 3 days of sitting the Inspector produced a note on 23rd October 2013 to the Councils clarifying her position on overall housing numbers. She requested a mathematical fact check from the ACS Councils, and on 30th October 2013 she issued a follow up note. A key part of the note was that 'Having reviewed all the evidence in respect of housing requirements for the full plan area, I consider that Policy 2: The Spatial Strategy which states that "A minimum of 30,550 new homes (2011 to 2028) will be provided for" is sound'. The Inspector had not reached any conclusions on further aspects of Policy 2 at that stage.
5. Rushcliffe: The Examination into Rushcliffe Borough Council's Core Strategy was suspended in April 2013 to allow additional work to be undertaken. During June and July consultation was carried out on further proposals for housing development. These proposals include the allocation of a new site east of Gamston/north of Tollerton, and the identification of additional housing development on land to the south of Clifton and on land at Melton Road, Edwalton. Consultation was also carried out on a Draft Green Belt Review. In September 2013, the Planning Inspectorate agreed to extend the suspension period to allow for additional transport work to be completed. It is now anticipated that a full set of modifications to the plan will be put forward at the full Council meeting on 12th December.
6. Erewash are having a focussed hearing day on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013. This will only cover the new information on the housing land supply in the Borough. No other aspects of the Core Strategy or the proposed main modifications will be discussed.
7. Ashfield consultation on the Ashfield Local Plan Publication Document took place until 30th September 2013. The City and County Councils responded. Ashfield intends to submit the Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

8. Consultation on the Broxtowe Site Allocations Issues and Options has commenced and will end on 10th January 2014.
9. Gedling Borough Council is consulting on Issues and Options for their Local Planning Document. They are also consulting on their Statement of Community Involvement and Community Infrastructure Levy documents between 21st October and 16th December 2013.
10. Consultation on the Preferred Option for the City Council's Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document commenced on 7 October and ended on 2 December 2013.

### **Recommendation**

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

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