

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 5th September 2013. The minutes of this meeting are not yet available, however the minutes of the previous meeting of 23rd May 2013 are attached to this report, as appendix 1.
- 3 The main item of business for the meeting of 5th September 2013 was consideration of the Greater Nottingham Core Strategies, summarised and updated as follows:

Ashfield District Council

- 4 Ashfield are preparing a 10 year Local Plan covering the whole of their District, and have published a revised plan for representations. The Council is currently considering representations prior to submitting the plan for public Examination

Erewash Borough Council

- 5 The Examination of the Erewash Core Strategy is ongoing. Following the receipt of representations on the Council's Main Modifications, the Inspector has requested a further Hearing Session be held to consider in more detail the issue of the 5 year supply of housing land in the Borough. This Hearing is to take place on Wednesday 27th November 2013.

Rushcliffe Borough Council

- 6 The Examination into the Rushcliffe Core Strategy is currently suspended whilst Rushcliffe undertake the remedial work to increase housing provision as requested by the Inspector.
- 7 A report presenting the findings and Proposed Modifications to the plan is to be presented to Rushcliffe's Full Council in November 2013.
- 8 If Rushcliffe agree at that meeting to amend their Core Strategy in line with the Inspector's request, the Inspector will reconvene the Examination and prepare a programme of Hearing Sessions.

Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City

- 9 Broxtowe Borough Council, Gedling Borough Council and Nottingham City Council submitted their Aligned Core Strategies on 7 June 2013. Hearing Sessions have been held and concluded on 13th November 2013.
- 10 During the course of the Examination, the Inspector released a note (31st October 2013) which stated:-

"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.

Policy 2 sets out the expected rate of delivery of housing over the next 15 years in 5 year tranches. It also sets out housing numbers for each local authority, and gives information (sites and broad locations) on the expected distribution of new development. These aspects of the housing policy will be explored further under Matters 5-8 when the hearings resume. I have not reached any conclusions on the soundness or otherwise of these aspects of Policy 2 yet; I wait to hear from all the participants before so doing."

- 11 Subsequent hearing sessions considered these matters further, and the final hearing session was called to consider possible changes arising from the earlier sessions. As a result of this, the Inspector requested Broxtowe and Gedling Boroughs undertake further work. In the case of Broxtowe, this focused on providing more certainty to the scale and timing of growth around Toton, and for Gedling, including more housing at Teal Close and attributing some housing development to Gedling Colliery/Chase Farm later in the plan period, to allow for an increase in housing provision in the Nottingham main built up area, and a reduction elsewhere. This work is to be shared with Ashfield District Council, with the aim of producing a Statement of Common Ground to assist the Inspector. The Inspector then issued a further note adding more detail to the work she has requested, in particular, she has requested that the infrastructure implications of the work be considered in more detail.

- 2.9 This work is being progressed urgently, with the aim of passing it to the Inspector before Christmas. It will be open to the Inspector to programme a further hearing session to consider this work, preferably as early in the New Year as practical.
- 2.10 Once the Inspector has considered the further work, including any further hearing session, Main Modifications to the Aligned Core Strategies can be agreed. These will be subject to consultation, the results of which will be passed to the Inspector to inform her final report.

Other Matters

- 12 An Item on the Program of Development was also considered, and it was agreed that due to the Examinations on many of the Core Strategies concluding in the near future, it would be an opportune time to revisit the terms of reference of the Joint Planning Advisory Board in the light of changed circumstances. These include the new Duty to Cooperate. A seminar/workshop is to be organised to allow consideration of the future role and scope of the Board, to ensure it remains relevant under the new planning system.

Recommendation

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

Background Papers referred to in compiling this report

- 16 Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board papers for 23rd May 2013 and 5th September 2013.

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APPENDIX 1

3. MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 23 MAY 2013 AT 2.00 PM IN THE OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, BEESTON

PRESENT

Broxtowe: Councillor Steve Barber (Chair);
Erewash: Councillor Geoffrey Smith;
Gedling: Councillor Darrell Pulk;
Nottingham City: Councillor Jane Urquhart;
Rushcliffe: Councillor D Bell

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Ms Christine Sarris;
Broxtowe: Mr Steve Dance;
Erewash: Mr Steve Birkinshaw;
Gedling: Mr Peter Baguley;
Growth Point: Ms Dawn Alvey, Mr Matt Gregory;
Nottingham City: Mr Chris Carter;
Nottinghamshire County: Ms Kathryn Haley;
Rushcliffe: Mr Paul Randle

Observers

Growth Point: Mr Matthew Grant;
HCA: Mr Alan Bishop;
Nottingham City: Councillor Ian Malcolm;
Signet Planning: Mr Paul Stone;
Member of the Public: Mr John S W Hancock, Mr Potter

Apologies:

Broxtowe: Mrs Ruth Hyde;
County: Councillor Jim Creamer, Mrs Sally Gill, Councillor Kevin Greaves,
Mr Andrew Warrington;
HCA: Mr Mark Bannister;
Nottingham City: Councillor Alan Clark

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**

Dawn Alvey announced that Mr Potter also attended the last meeting on 21 February. The Minutes of the last meeting were then approved. There were no matters arising.

4. **Core Strategy Update** - Matt Gregory

4.1 Ashfield

ADC is preparing a 10-year Plan but after consultation on their 'Preferred Option' will be publishing their revised plan in July/August 2013.

4.2 Erewash

EBC's Core Strategy hearings closed on 3 May. The Inspector raised three possible outcomes:

1. Agree with main modifications proposed.
 2. Agree with variations/modifications made although he would write to EBC with reasons.
 3. Significant matters of concern.
- He will set out his overarching conclusions in a letter with reasons for his concerns.

EBC need to consult over main modifications proposed during the Examination.

4.3 Rushcliffe

RBC previously reported their exploratory meeting. Since the last JPAB meeting there has been a further technical meeting to fully understand requirements following the Inspector's report. On 14 May RBC's cabinet resolved to accept the Inspector's offer of a temporary suspension whilst further work and consultation takes place on an additional 3,550 homes adjacent to the Principal Urban Area. Examination to be reconvened with a report to full council in October.

4.4 Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City

Following further consultation of HS2 and hub stations, Broxtowe Borough Council has now approved its Core Strategy. All three authorities will submit their documents to the Secretary of State by 7 June which will mark the beginning of the examination process. Likely that hearing sessions will take place in September/ October if no exploratory meeting is required.

Background evidence has been submitted including the housing background paper which considers the government's 2011 based interim household projections.

Cllr Urquhart expressed her thanks for Broxtowe Borough Council to consider additional work of HS2 to pave the way for co-operation between councils, making the most of Toton station which offers the best opportunities in terms of economic development for both borough and city.

Cllr Barber concurred that there were wider benefits for other authorities.

SD – positive outcome with the City over economic work through consultation to provide a case for the station.

Cllr Urquhart – would benefit economic development to the whole region.

Cllr Barber – this is the only area in the country that a joint planning board has shown this level of co-operation and works extremely well which will hopefully be recognised when examinations take place.

It was resolved that Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTE the progress of the Greater Nottingham Core Strategies.
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5. Programme of Development – Dawn Alvey

5.1 Revenue Budget

A more detailed work programme will be reported to the next JPAB meeting.

ESG requested a contribution to support a case for Toton station under Delegated Authority for approximately £35,000 to support a study by Nottingham City Council.

Capital update

Good progress continues with a further three projects completed. DCC has been successful with their Small Stations Fund bid for Ilkeston

Station. Approval for this report by the Board is required to safeguard this application.

It was resolved that Joint Planning Advisory Board:

- 1. NOTE the revenue and capital update as set out in the report, and**
- 2. APPROVE the continued safeguarding of the allocation for the Ilkeston Station scheme and receive a progress update from Derbyshire County Council at the next meeting.**

6. Strategic Transport Update - presentation

- 6.1 A presentation was given by Chris Carter (Nottingham City Council) with regards to the significant transport investments taking place at present in and around the Greater Nottingham area:

- NET Phase 2 – Chilwell and Clifton
- A453 widening to J24 of the M1
- Nottingham Ring Road major scheme awaiting final approval
- Works in Nottingham City Centre – Creative Quarter and City Deal worth £8m
- Nottingham Railway Station £70m+ investment

All the above works are being carried out at the same time which will apply pressure to transport networks.

- 6.2 Construction of the new bridge across Nottingham Station and Hub works will temporarily reduce traffic movement around the station and programmed track and signal works will entail the station to be closed between 20 July and 25 August 2013. Rail replacement buses will be provided during this period.
- 6.3 Road widening of A453 ongoing from January 2013 with investment of £150m. The Highways Agency will keep the road open, although reduced to one lane, throughout the construction period. Works expected to be completed by Summer 2015.
- 6.4 The Nottingham Ring Road will have selected widening especially around junctions. Work is expected to commence end of June/beginning of July.
- 6.5 Of a further £8m investment for Nottingham City Centre, £3m will be spent on public realm work to develop the Creative Quarter around Trinity Square. A further £5m will be allocated to create two-way traffic around A60 Lower Parliament Street near the Ice Stadium giving bus priority around Broadmarsh Bus Station.

- 6.6 In order to keep Nottingham Open for Business there will be a dedicated resource within each agency to communicate through weblinks, social media networks and using the best technology available, providing updated traffic information, to ensure pre-scheduled main events in the area, during these major travel disruptions, are fully supported.
- 6.7 Both Northern and Cross Country rail services will provide discounted tickets or group travel discount options as an alternative means to help reduce traffic from these major roads. There will be volunteers/ambassadors to encourage other forms of travel.
- 6.8 Cllr Urquhart – This is a significant level of investment for the area creating local employment to deliver these schemes.
- 6.9 Cllr Barber – At QMC there is currently no proposed public access directly from the tram to the private treatment centre. This should be reviewed.

We need to support local traders by advertising that they are still Open for Business during the tram works in Beeston. When roads were closed in Beeston last year street parties were held which proved successful. There are plans to hold street parties again this Autumn during further expected road closures.

This £750m investment programme is for our infrastructure. Congratulations to all involved and to officers to ensure the projects run as smoothly as possible.

7. **Any other business**

None.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5 September 2013 in the Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston at 2.00 pm.

At the next meeting it further discussion will take place on how the authorities can continue to work together now that the Core Strategies work is coming to an end.

Future Meetings:

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DATE	STATUS	VENUE
12 DECEMBER 2013	NEW	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON
13 FEBRUARY 2014	NEW	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBER, BEESTON