

Meeting:	Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport
Date:	10 December 2021
From:	Joint Officer Steering Group

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board Update

1 Summary

- 1.1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) oversees the preparation of aligned Local Plans across Greater Nottingham, and the implementation of projects funded through the partnership. This report updates the Joint Committee on the work of JPAB, and other strategic planning matters within the remit of the Committee.

2 Background

- 2.1 The last meeting of JPAB was held on 29 June 2021. The meeting scheduled for 28 September 2021 was used as a private Councilor workshop (details below) and so the latest available minutes from the meeting held on 15 December 2020 were included in the September agenda of this Committee. The meeting agenda papers are available to view at <http://www.gnplan.org.uk/about-gnpp/joint-planning-advisory-board-meetings/>.
- 2.2 Two Councillor workshops were held, on 28 September and 13 October 2021, with the aim of considering the quantum and distribution of development (principally housing) to be included in the next draft of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan.
- 2.3 The workshop on 28 September refreshed the points of consensus reached earlier in the year at previous workshops. It set out the scale of growth Greater Nottingham would be required to accommodate up to 2038, the posed Strategic Plan end date, together with the infrastructure likely to be required to support this level of growth. It was noted that the Government's 'standard method' for determining housing need applied a 35% uplift to the 20 largest English cities, including Nottingham, but this uplift was not based on evidence of deliverability or housing land supply.
- 2.4 It introduced a number of possible 'Strategic Growth Options' to accommodate growth, and looked specifically at the opportunities and constraints within each Council area. Of note was the conclusion that Nottingham City, whilst meeting its base need, could not meet the housing need plus 35% uplift in full, based on current evidence. Councillors were asked to consider the Strategic Growth Options with fellow Councillors and officers within their local authority, in preparation for the next workshop.
- 2.5 The workshop held on 13 October included presentations on the benefits of joint working, the wider strategic planning policy context within which the Greater Nottingham Strategic plan sits, and the approach to consultation on Growth Options leading up to this stage.
- 2.6 The remainder of the workshop considered the strategic opportunities within each of the Council areas. The discussion that followed was unable to conclude on a preferred growth strategy for Greater Nottingham because participants considered that proposing a preferred strategy was premature at the present time due to two factors:

- 1) The Government's intention to revisit Planning Reform, which may include revisiting the 'standard method' for calculating housing need; and
- 2) The ongoing uncertainty around whether HS2 would be developed at Toton, which was central to the strategic options proposed through the Growth Options consultation

2.7 Accordingly, it was agreed that preparation and collection of evidence should continue on a joint basis, and that the matter of strategic growth would be revisited once there was more clarity around the two factors mentioned above.

2.8 The next meeting of JPAB is on 14 December, where progress on planning reform and HS2 will be discussed.

3 Recommendation(s)

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

4 Background papers referred to in compiling this report

4.1 None.

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