

Meeting:	Joint Committee on Strategic Planning and Transport
Date:	11 March 2022
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 8 March 2022, given the proximity of that meeting to this Joint Committee, the latest available minutes are from the meeting held on 29 June 2021 are included below. The meeting agenda papers are available to view at <http://www.gnplan.org.uk/about-gnpp/joint-planning-advisory-board-meetings/>.
- 2.2 The meeting on 14 December 2021 received a presentation on the Integrated Rail Plan from Andrew Pritchard of East Midlands Councils. An item on the Strategic Plan Review reported back on the outcome of the Councillor workshops held in autumn 2021, confirming that the workshops were 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:
- 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.
- 2.3 Further details of Planning Reform are anticipated in spring 2022. Although the Government has now published the Integrated Rail Plan confirming an HS2 station at Ratcliffe upon Soar, there are many details which still need clarification.
- 2.4 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.

2.5 Other items considered included a JPAB Communications Strategy, and updates on Homes England Capacity Funding and on the Joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan.

2.6 The next meeting of JPAB is on 7 June.

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 JPAB Papers, 14 December 2021

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APPENDIX 1

ITEM 3	MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 JUNE 2020 VIA MS TEAMS
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PRESENT

Ashfield: Councillor M Relf

Broxtowe: Councillor M Radulovic (Chair); Councillor D Watts

City: Councillor L Woodings

Gedling: Councillor J Hollingsworth

Erewash: Councillor M Powell (Vice Chair)

Nottingham City: Councillor Sally Longford

Nottinghamshire County: Councillor N Clarke; Councillor R Jackson

Rushcliffe: Councillor R Upton

Officers in Attendance

Broxtowe: Tom Genway; Ruth Hyde; Dave Lawson

Derbyshire County: Steve Buffery

Erewash: Oliver Dove

Gedling: Alison Gibson

Growth Point: Matthew Gregory; Mark Thompson

Nottingham City: Paul Seddon

Nottinghamshire County: Stephen Pointer

Rushcliffe: Richard Mapletoft

TEP: Graeme Atherton (presentation)

Observers

Hannah Barrett

David Bainbridge

James Beverly

Jack Boyce

Sue Bridge

Claire Cartwright

Claire Catlow

Robbie Clarey

Tom Collins

Adrian Cox

Ian Deverell

Caolan Gaffney

Robert Galij

Rob Gilmore

Katie Hancock

Greg Hutton

Steve Freek

Suzi Green

Tom Haley

Alison Knight

Gary Lees

Tasha Liddiard

Rob Millbank

Greg Shaw

Paul Stone

Apologies

Ashfield: Christine Sarris

Derbyshire County: Councillor Carolyn Renwick

Erewash: Steve Birkinshaw

Nottinghamshire County: Sally Gill; Gary Wood

1. **Introductions and Apologies**

Ruth Hyde welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting, due to Covid-19 restrictions, introductions were made and apologies were noted.

2. **Appointment of Chair**

RH asked Cllr Milan Radulovic to introduce himself and to give his thoughts for the work of JPAB. He explained that he is the Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council and that he knew most people on the Board. He expressed the importance of joint working and adopting a collaborative approach, particularly due to major infrastructure projects coming forward and the various challenges post-Covid.

Cllr Michael Powell stated that he was happy to propose his appointment which was seconded by Cllr Richard Jackson.

Cllr Radulovic proposed that Cllr Powell to continue in his appointment of Vice Chair to the Board which was seconded by Cllr Linda Woodings.

Both appointments were AGREED.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

MR declared interests across Derbyshire but there were no conflicts of interest within Broxtowe or the Greater Nottingham area. There were no further declarations of interest.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 March 2021 were approved with no matters arising.

5. **Erewash Valley Environmental Project**

(Presentation by Graeme Atherton, TEP consultants)

GA gave a presentation on behalf of TEP, consultants for the Erewash Valley Initiative.

The Green Infrastructure study is based around the East Midlands Hub for HS2 including Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas of Long Eaton, Sandiacre, Stapleford, Toton and Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station.

The next steps will be for TEP to prepare their commission work for delivery. The Delivery Group will liaise with HS2 and the intention is to still continue with the project even in the event that HS2 does not proceed.

MP was impressed with the project but asked what linkage there was to the Trent Valley project. GA illustrated the connectivity between Attenborough Nature Reserve across the railway bridge to the Trent Valley.

RH referred to the suggestion of a Delivery Group being set up for JPAB to endorse in order to provide input how to progress with the project and a commitment to see the plan delivered.

MR highlighted the importance of carbon offsetting. He proposed the following Resolutions:

Part A. JPAB to give their joint support for the initiative.

Part B. A Delivery Group be formed within the next few months with representation from JPAB.

Cllr M Powell seconded the proposal. The Resolutions were formally agreed.

6. **Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Update** (Matt Gregory)

- 6.1 MG referred to Section 2 of the report to hold a further Councillor Workshop. Two workshops had previously been held earlier in the year which helped in developing a vision and a strategy up to 2038.

MG reported that the Strategic Housing Land Availability study had used a revised methodology to help identify further housing supply which was not previously known about. It was shown how housing need compares to housing supply with the most significant shortfall within Nottingham City and the largest surplus in Rushcliffe.

An announcement in relation to whether the HS2 East Midlands Hub will be located at Toton is still awaited.

MG advised that EBC's consultation on its Growth Options has been completed and they are now assessing the responses and preparing a Draft Plan.

MP (EBC) declared that Stanton and other possible sites were being analysed by their Council in September. The Stanton planning application is expected in October but it is unlikely to provide housing in the first phase for the north side of the development. The south side may be available for housing but would not be included in the five-year housing land supply.

MG reported that Ashfield DC had commenced preparatory work for their Local Plan and intends to publish its Issues and Options paper for consultation later in the year. Cllr Relf (ADC) commented that they would strive to have their Local Plan adopted as quickly as possible.

MG advised that a large portion of the Evidence Base work has been completed. The next steps will be to agree an approach to housing supply and distribution with the intention of carrying out a further consultation by the end of 2021. The draft Blue and Green Infrastructure Strategy stakeholder consultation will commence imminently.

Cllr N Clarke (NCC) stated that estimated supply figures were startling with overall housing supply being greater than actual need. He queried the significant differences in

the projections compared to those used for the Aligned Core Strategies and Rushcliffe's Core Strategy.

MG explained the approach for assessing housing need has changed over the years. When the Aligned Core Strategy was originally prepared, the Regional Plan had recently established housing need figures, but since then a 'standard methodology' has been introduced.

MG reminded councillors about the forthcoming planning reforms following the publication of the White Paper last year.

Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to NOTE the progress with Strategic Plan preparation in Greater Nottingham.

7. Councillor Workshop 3

MR proposed a further Councillor Workshop. He suggested that the Waste and Minerals Local Plan should also be discussed. Cllr Linda Woodings asked if a presentation for the assessment of current waste capacity could also be made available.

MR agreed the presentation would be useful as the implication is across the whole of the area.

Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to CONSIDER the next stage of member engagement with Strategic Plan preparation.

8. Waste and Minerals Local Plans Update (Stephen Pointer/Steve Buffery)

8.1 Nottingham/Nottinghamshire

SP advised Members that the Minerals Local Plan was subject to Examination last year and was adopted by the Council on 25 March 2021. A draft joint Waste Plan is currently being prepared with Nottingham City Council for submission to both councils' Environment Committees in Autumn 2021 to gain approval for a joint consultation. The Joint Waste Local Plan will proceed next year towards adoption.

8.2 Derby/Derbyshire

SBuff explained that there were no further changes for the Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan (DMPLP) since the last meeting in March.

He reported that the Joint Waste Local Plan between Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council delayed its publication until after the elections in May. The DMLP consultation will be in early autumn and the Joint Waste Local Plan will aim to be published at the same time. Due to Covid restrictions, public drop-in events will need to be reviewed by both councils nearer the time.

Eight potential sites for gravel extraction have been identified for both City and County Councils and in south Derbyshire. Each site is currently being assessed together with an additional site in Derbyshire Dales District.

MRelf advised that ADC successfully ran their consultations online.

Joint Planning Advisory Board was resolved to NOTE the progress with the Nottinghamshire/Nottingham and Derbyshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans.

9. **Homes England Capacity Funding projects monitoring**

(Matt Gregory)

- 9.1 MG highlighted EBC's grant funding was to be repurposed to Land South West of Kirk Hallam in relation to accelerating housing delivery.
- 9.2 GBC's remaining fund is to be repurposed towards a role for site investigations to assist with housing delivery.
- 9.3 MP was delighted with the decision for EBC but wanted to clarify that no final decision had been made on the site yet as it was currently subject to a consultation process. They are analysing access to the site and if it is acceptable. It would not be until September when the Council would consider whether the site should be included within the Draft Plan.

Joint Planning Advisory Board resolved to NOTE the approval of Executive Steering Group to repurpose £98,684 of HE funding allocated to Erewash for studies in relation to accelerating housing delivery at Land South West of Kirk Hallam; and NOTE this report and the details set out in Appendices 1, 2 and 3.

10. **JPAB Budget 2021/22** (Matt Gregory)

- 10.1 MG presented the annual report on funding arrangements as shown within the report papers.

Joint Planning Advisory Board resolved to:

- (a) **NOTE the budget position at the close of 2020/21; and**
(b) **APPROVE the budget for 2021/22; and**
(c) **NOTE the partner contributions to the work of JPAB during 2021/22.**

11. **Any other business**

- 11.1 NC referred to Item 7 for the Councillor Workshop and requested infrastructure to support housing was included. MR agreed it was essential for access across the region.
- 11.2 MG confirmed that infrastructure would be included and that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan will set out the infrastructure requirements and this is integral to the Strategic Plan.
- 11.3 MRelf announced that ADC had been awarded £62.6m earlier this month from the Government's Towns Fund. The money will be focused on 4 areas; Business & Education; Health & Wellbeing; Visitor Economy; and Greener Ashfield
- 11.4 RH agreed that infrastructure should be part of the next workshop with Green and Blue Infrastructure included.
- 11.5 MR asked for a Communication Strategy to be incorporated as a vehicle for the public and for wider debate.

12. **Future Meetings 2021**

- 12.1 Discussion took place to consider whether face to face meetings should return or virtual meetings would be better suited. The consensus was to hold the meetings virtually as this was more sustainable and gave greater opportunity for more people to be involved. Agenda papers and meeting invites will be circulated a week prior to the meeting.
- 12.2 In order to be transparent and inclusive RH suggested public streaming of the meeting and asked if this possibility could be investigated.
- 12.3 Cllr Richard Jackson stated he would welcome and benefit from an organised coach trip of key sites. This suggestion will be discussed at ESG.
- 12.4 RH wished it to be known that individual councils maintain their individual sovereignty over consensus agreements and ultimately decisions would be signed off within their own councils.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 28 September 2021	2.00 pm	Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting
Tuesday 14 December 2021	2.00 pm	Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting

MEETING CLOSED AT 3.20 PM