

Housing and City Development Scrutiny Committee

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Appendix 1 – Draft Greater Nottingham 2041 Vision Statement and Draft Spatial Objectives

Draft Greater Nottingham 2041 Vision Statement

Please note that the Vision will be subject to further refinement.

By 2041 Greater Nottingham will lead sustainable development in the region. The area will make the most of its economic, cultural, historic and natural assets and be at the forefront of tackling and adapting to the impacts and challenges of climate change. The area's carbon footprint will be minimised, the unique abundant natural resources will be capitalised on and blue and green infrastructure, landscapes, heritage and biodiversity will be protected, enhanced and increased. Recognising the climate emergency, the councils will seek to be carbon neutral before the Government's target of 2050.

The Strategic Plan will secure a more sustainable, prosperous, safe, healthy and vibrant Greater Nottingham. People from all sections of society will be provided with better access to homes, jobs, services and nature and open space, to support improved health and wellbeing outcomes. A minimum of 52,600 new homes will be delivered, incorporating different types of homes for different life stages. Sustainable distribution of development will be achieved by seeking sites firstly within the main built-up-area of Nottingham and to a lesser extent adjoining it, resulting in an improved quality of life. As a result, urban living will be a popular choice, whilst new development elsewhere will be focused adjoining the built-up area of Hucknall and at Key Settlements. It will be implemented in a sustainable manner through developments that are compact, including a mix of uses, and connected, by sustainable modes of transport.

Economic development will seek to address the threats to growth and will seek to ensure a resilient economy. It will facilitate the economic growth potential of the decommissioned Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station. Toton in Broxtowe will also be a focus for economic development and housing growth, supported by a new transport hub. Innovation will continue to be encouraged by capitalising on links with the Universities and nurturing of new business start-ups. The area will be the pre-eminent sporting centre in the region with a broad range of cultural, tourist and sports facilities.

The City Centre will see the innovative redevelopment of the Broad Marsh centre. The city and town, district and local centres across Greater Nottingham will remain vibrant and viable by providing a range of retail, leisure and community facilities.

The area's unique built and natural environment will be enhanced through sensitive and well-designed places, neighbourhoods and developments which will be strongly connected with timely infrastructure. Environmental net gains will be delivered

alongside developments and through the enhancement of existing and the creation of new habitats.

Draft Spatial Objectives

- 1) **Environmentally responsible development addressing climate change:** to reduce the causes of climate change and to minimise its impacts, by locating development where it can be accessed by sustainable transport; requiring environmentally sensitive design and construction; reducing the risk of flooding; conserving and improving water quality; contributing to carbon neutrality; and addressing air, noise and other types of pollution.
- 2) **High quality new housing:** to manage an increase in the supply of housing and ensure the targets of the Plan are met and delivered in sustainable locations that maximise brownfield opportunities, deliver regeneration aims, and create and support mixed and balanced communities. In doing so, there will be a rebalancing of the housing mix to maximise choice and support people into home ownership, providing affordable, family, and self and custom build housing, and housing opportunities for older people, people with disabilities and Gypsies and Travellers.
- 3) **Economic prosperity for all:** to ensure economic growth is equitable and includes the knowledge-based economy. The City Centre will be enhanced by providing for new office, commercial, residential, leisure uses. In addition opportunities will be maximised at the Boots Campus, Beeston Business Park, Nottingham Science Park, Bennerley Logistics Site and the Development Corporation sites at Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station and Toton together with other employment sites. Create the conditions for all people to participate in the economy, by providing local employment opportunities, encouraging rural enterprise, improving access to training opportunities, and supporting educational developments, including the expansion of the Universities and other higher education establishments. Where appropriate further development of tourism facilities will be supported.
- 4) **Flourishing and vibrant centres:** to create the conditions for the protection and enhancement of a balanced hierarchy and network of City, town and other centres. Responding to the changes in retail and leisure industries, including the growth of internet shopping by increasing leisure, residential, tourism, cultural and local services at a scale appropriate to the centre's position in the hierarchy in addition to accessibility improvements, environmental improvements, and town centre regeneration measures.
- 5) **Regeneration:** to maximise brownfield regeneration opportunities, to encourage the recycling of derelict land and ensure that regeneration supports and enhancing opportunities for local communities and residents, leading to all neighbourhoods being neighbourhoods of choice, where people want to live.
- 6) **Protecting and enhancing the area's individual and historic character and local distinctiveness:** to achieve sustainable well-designed development by promoting high quality locally distinct buildings and places that respect local

character. To preserve and enhance the distinctive natural and built heritage, by protecting and enhancing the historic environment, including nationally recognised heritage assets, and by valuing the countryside for its productive qualities and ensuring its landscape character is maintained and enhanced.

- 7) **Achieving well-designed places in Greater Nottingham:** to create a strong sense of place with its own identity. Protecting and enhancing townscape and landscape character by responding to and reinforcing locally distinctive patterns of development and design. Ensure places are sustainable, functional, inclusive and are easy to get to, to navigate around and well-integrated with the existing community. Engage with the community, using appropriate planning tools such as design codes.
- 8) **Strong, safe, healthy and cohesive communities:** to plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces and to design out crime, promote social interaction and create the conditions for communities to become strong, safe, healthy and cohesive. To address environmental factors underpinning health and wellbeing and promote social interaction and inclusivity by design. Work with healthcare partners to deliver new and improved health and social care facilities. Integrating health and service provision, and improving access to cultural, sport and leisure and lifelong learning activities.
- 9) **Opportunities for all:** to give all children and young people the best possible start in life by providing the highest quality educational, community, cultural, leisure and sport facilities, for instance through improving existing or providing new schools, further education establishments and Universities. Meet the needs of older and disabled people, especially through providing appropriate housing and employment opportunities and prevent the unnecessary loss of valued services and facilities.
- 10) **Promoting sustainable transport systems and reducing the need to travel:** to ensure access to jobs, leisure and services is improved in a sustainable and equitable way, addressing air and noise pollution, reducing the need to travel by private car, by encouraging convenient and reliable transport systems, particularly those focused on walking, cycling and public transport, by maximising opportunities for mixed use development. To support growth by expanded use of transport data systems aimed at reducing congestion and encouraging the electrification of vehicles and improving air quality.
- 11) **Protecting and improving natural assets:** to improve and provide new Blue and Green Infrastructure, including open spaces, by enhancing and developing the network of multi-functional green spaces for the benefit of people and wildlife. To improve their connectivity, accessibility and environmental quality, increasing ecosystem services, biodiversity and contributions to the Nature Recovery Network. Protecting and enhancing nature conservation sites and priority habitats, and their connectivity within the ecological network.
- 12) **Timely and viable infrastructure:** to make the best use of existing infrastructure and provide new and improved infrastructure which supports sustainable housing and economic growth. This will be achieved through ongoing engagement with

infrastructure providers. The new station at Toton will become a part of a key transport interchange and focus for related growth. The expansion of the tram network will be explored, including potential new routes. Opportunities provided by existing transport infrastructure will be maximised and additional strategic transport improvements including capacity improvements to strategic highway junctions will be completed.