

Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership

AGENDA

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday 03 June 2025

2:00pm: via Microsoft Teams

1. Introductions and Apologies
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting and matters arising
4. Nottinghamshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy **Notts CC**
5. Greater Nottingham Strategic Planning Update **MG/MT**
6. Waste and Minerals Local Plans Update **JS/SB**
7. Homes England Capacity Funding Projects Monitoring **MG**
8. Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership Budget 2025/26 **MG**
9. Future Meetings



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| ITEM 3 | MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 March 2025 VIA MS TEAMS |
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1 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

Present at the Meeting

Broxtowe Borough Council: Councillor M Radulovic MBE (Chair)
Gedling Borough Council: Councillor J Hollingsworth (Vice-Chair)
Rushcliffe Borough Council: Councillor R Upton
Ashfield District Council: Councillor M Relf
Nottinghamshire County Council: Councillor R Jackson

Officers in Attendance

Ashfield: Christine Sarris
Broxtowe: Ruth Hyde, Dave Lawson and Mark Thompson
Erewash: Oliver Dove
Gedling: Alison Gibson
Nottingham City Council: Karen Shaw
Nottinghamshire County Council: Stephen Pointer
Rushcliffe: Leanne Ashmore
Mansfield DC: Tracey Tucker
Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership: Matt Gregory
East Midlands Combined Authority: Ken Harrison and Nicola Weekly

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Renwick, Derbyshire County Council and Paul Seddon Nottingham City Council

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor M Radulovic MBE declared he had planning interests but was not related to the Joint Planning Advisory Board area.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

4 EMCCA SPATIAL PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

An update was provided to the meeting on EMCCA's latest thinking on spatial planning and transport. Members questioned about prominence to Mansfield and why buses were not given enough in relation to transport infrastructure. There was a need to tie better public transport with planning policies and to ensure communities had access to a vibrant and sustainable public transport network and that there was a need for a strategic approach. It

was confirmed that that Government priority for 'taking back our streets' was about reducing car dominance in street space and balancing needs for all users. Transport decarbonisation was key. Discussions were welcomed as to how the board could present to the Inspector that growth that was proposed could be delivered sustainable.

Members were keen to highlight the importance of the Erewash Valley and to consider flooding implications, water quality, and regenerating areas where there had been a loss of jobs. In addition, to consider Grantham Canal as a recreational and tourist route. Members were concerned that the views about mining and heritage differed and that there should be more focus on the future, with identifying further key corridors of growth.

5 GREATER NOTTINGHAM STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Members noted the progress made on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, Erewash Core Strategy Review and Ashfield Local Plan. Following a period of consultation as reported to this meeting in December 2024, the Government published the final National Planning Policy Framework on 12 December 2024. The main changes from the consultation draft related to the transitional arrangements that applied where local plans were at a relatively advanced stage of preparation. The draft National Planning Policy Framework included provision for local plans to progress to Regulation 19 stage provided the housing targets fell within 200 dwellings of the new standard method. It was noted that Gedling Borough Council had decided to withdraw from the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan to focus on its own Local Plan that would address housing and development needs that met the Governments updated requirements for Councils. Broxtowe Borough, Rushcliffe Borough and Nottingham City Councils intended to continue to progress the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan in order to have an adopted plan as soon as possible. A new Regulation 19 document had been prepared without Gedling Borough Council and would need to be published by 12 March 2025. The combined housing targets of the three authorities was within 98% of the new standard method housing need for the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan as Nottingham City Council target exceeded its standard method need.

The Erewash Core Strategy was currently under examination with hearings held in June 2024. The proposed work programme was updated in November 2024 in response to the Inspectors additional questions.

Ashfield District Council received the Inspectors post hearing letter on 6 January 2025 stating that the planned hearing sessions for the Local Plan would be postponed for six months. The Inspector had requested that the Council undertakes additional work.

6 WASTE AND MINERALS LOCAL PLANS UPDATE

An update was provided on progress made with the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans. The Local Plan covered the period to 2036 that was adopted by the County Council at its meeting in March 2021. The plan was subject to its first statutory review in 2026. A planning application for sand and gravel extraction at Mill Hill, Barton in Fabis was submitted to the City and County Councils in February 2024 and remains to be determined. The County and City Councils were preparing a single joint Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy adopted by both Councils in December 2013. A Pre Submission Plan was published for representations between 30th August and 11 October

2023 and was submitted for examination on 5 March 2024. Public hearing sessions were held on 15 and 16 October 2024 at County Hall, West Bridgford. In January 2025 the Councils published a set of modifications to the Plan as agreed prior to and during the hearings to address matters of soundness. It was hoped that the Plan will be adopted in July 2025 following the County Council elections.

Inspectors had been appointed for the examination in public of the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals and Waste Local Plan. The hearing dates had been confirmed for 20 and 21 May 2025.

Approaches have been made by the County Council to all the District and Borough Councils in the County to seek to identify broad locations to accommodate potential new waste facilities on existing employment sites. The updated Minerals and Waste Development Scheme sets out an indicative timescale for preparing the Waste Local Plan, which was proposed to be prepared under the new Local Plan Regulations to a 30-month timescale with preparatory work commencing in November/December 2024, with a first Regulation 18 consultation proposed for the end of 2025.

7 HOMES ENGLAND CAPACITY FUNDING PROJECTS MONITORING

The Joint Planning Advisory Board was updated with the progress made on Homes England Capacity Funding projects. There had been limited change to the status of the finances since the last report. Gedling had invoiced £2,322.34 for ongoing works at their Burton and Station Road sites with the aim of delivering social housing in the future. A further invoice was expected in March 2025, this would complete the Gedling element of the funding with just Nottingham City Council to confirm expenditure and allow the closure of the programme. The remaining elements of the Capacity Fund were as follows:

- Gedling Borough Council – £30,873 in outstanding funds available for Burton and Station Road sites.
- Nottingham City Council - £20,269 in outstanding funds which was allocated to the Waterside.

Authorities would continue to populate the monitoring spreadsheet and work up reserve projects. Progress on quarter 3 would be reported at the next meeting.

8 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Joint Planning Advisory Board were confirmed as follows:

3 June 2025 2pm
30 September 2025 2pm
9 December 2025 2pm

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| ITEM 4 | NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY |
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Catherine Mayhew (Local Nature Recovery Strategy Coordinator) and Neve Bradley (Local Nature Recovery Strategy Team) of Nottinghamshire County Council will introduce the Nottinghamshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) which is currently undergoing consultation. Once finalised the LNRS will be a relevant consideration for future local plan preparation.

1.0 **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 JPAB agreed to the principle of preparing a new Strategic Plan covering Greater Nottingham at its December 2017 meeting. This report updates on progress on strategic plans across the area.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Joint Planning Advisory Board **NOTE** the progress made on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, Ashfield Local Plan, Erewash Core Strategy Review and Gedling Local Development Document.

2.0 **Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (GNSP)**

- 2.1 Following Gedling Borough's decision to prepare a Local Plan for the Borough under the 2024 NPPF rather than continue to progress their local plan through the GNSP, the previous Regulation 19 GNSP (4 November 2024 and 16 December 2024) was withdrawn by Broxtowe, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Councils, and a new Regulation 19 GNSP was published on 12 March. This version removed unnecessary references and policies for Gedling Borough, and updated housing figures for Broxtowe and Rushcliffe Borough to comply with the amended transitional arrangements included in the 2024 NPPF.
- 2.2 The consultation ended on Friday 25th April. Approximately 760 comments were made from 245 different organisations and individuals. As well as a significant number of comments from individuals on allocated sites which do not yet benefit from planning permission, there were a significant number of responses from developers and agents objecting to the approach to housing targets within the GNSP, in particular what is perceived to be an opportunistic use of the NPPF transitional arrangements, and promoting their own sites to make up the perceived shortfall.
- 2.3 The comments are now being assessed and summarised to inform a Statement of Consultation, which will be submitted alongside the GNSP and the representations to the Inspectorate for examination in the autumn.
- 2.6 The Publication Draft GNSP and all supporting evidence is available on the partnership web site, at [Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership \(gnplan.org.uk\)](https://gnplan.org.uk).

3.0 **Ongoing work**

- 3.1 A range of evidence base documents and studies have been prepared or commissioned to support the Strategic Plan. A further round of transport modelling is now complete with the final report awaited, which will support the submitted plan.

- 3.2 Where statements of common ground have been prepared for the withdrawn Regulation 19 document, these will be revised and reissued. New statements of common ground will be required with Ashfield District, Erewash Borough and Gedling Borough, other surrounding local authorities and other parties such as National Highways.

4.0 Ashfield Local Plan

- 4.1 Ashfield District Council received the Inspectors post hearing letter on 6th January 2025. The letter stated that the planned hearing sessions would be postponed for six months. The Inspectors requested that the Council undertakes additional work. An additional public consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 took place from 20th February 2025 to 3rd April 2025. This proposed 13 additional housing sites to ensure the adequacy of Ashfield's housing land supply for the entire Local Plan period 2023-2040. A report of consultation, together with a full response to the Inspectors' queries will be taken to the Local Plan Development Committee on 27th May, followed by Cabinet on 9th June.

5.0 Erewash Core Strategy Review

- 5.1 The Erewash Core Strategy is currently under examination. Public Hearings were held in June 2024. The council is currently undertaking a programme of additional work to address the Inspector's concerns, as set out in correspondence between September and November 2024. More information and correspondence can be found in the latest news section of the examination website - <https://www.erewash.gov.uk/planning/planning-information/erewash-core-strategy-review>. As part of this work the council has carried out a public consultation on amendments to the plan which, which include additional housing sites on land to be deallocated from the Green Belt.

6.0 Gedling Local Development Plan

- 6.1 Following the Council decision on 5th March, Gedling Borough Council has withdrawn from the preparation of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan and is instead commencing the preparation of the Gedling Local Development Plan which will cover both strategic and non-strategic matters. In accordance with the updated Local Development Scheme, it is anticipated that consultation on the Issues and Options document will commence in July 2025.

7.0 Green Belt Review

- 7.1 Broxtowe Borough, Gedling Borough, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Borough Councils successfully applied for Green Belt Review funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Using this funding, they are working together to undertake a Green Belt review and to identify which parts of the Green Belt may qualify as Grey Belt due to comprising previously developed land and/or other land that, in either case, does not strongly contribute to any of Green Belt purposes (a), (b), or (d) in paragraph 143 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

- 7.2 The first stage of this work is to agree a common methodology to ensure consistency across the area, also including Ashfield District Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council, and then to consult on this methodology. Following consultation, Gedling Borough and Ashfield District intend to undertake the assessment quickly to inform plan preparation. The other Councils will balance undertaking the assessment against work required for the submission and examination of the GNSP, so will likely implement the assessment at a later date. In either case, the final assessments will be published as part of the evidence base to support local plans.

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| ITEM 6 WASTE AND MINERALS LOCAL PLANS UPDATE |
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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report updates JPAB on progress with the Nottinghamshire/Nottingham and Derbyshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans.

Recommendations

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| <p>It is recommended that Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTE the progress with the Nottinghamshire/Nottingham and Derbyshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans.</p> |
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2.0 Plans Update

Nottinghamshire/Nottingham

- 2.1 The Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan covering the period to 2036 was adopted by the County Council at its meeting on 25 March 2021. The Plan will be subject to its first statutory review point in 2026. A planning application for sand and gravel extraction at Mill Hill, Barton in Fabis was submitted to the City and County Councils in February 2024 and remains to be determined. This site is a principal allocation for sand and gravel extraction in the Plan.
- 2.2 The County and City Councils are preparing a single joint Waste Local Plan to replace the Waste Core Strategy adopted by both Councils in December 2013. A Pre Submission Plan was published for representations between 30th August and 11 October 2023 and was submitted for examination on 5 March 2024.
- 2.3 Planning Inspector Stephen Normington has been appointed to undertake an independent Examination of the Plan. Public hearing sessions were held on 15th and 16th October 2024 at County Hall, West Bridgford. In January 2025 the Councils published a set of modifications to the Plan as agreed prior to and during the hearings in order to address matters of soundness. The period for making representations on the Modifications closes on 19 February. The Inspectors Report will be finalised thereafter and submitted to the Councils. It is hoped that the Plan will be adopted later in the summer.

Derbyshire/Derby

- 2.4 No update has been provided due to the Joint Derbyshire and Derby Draft Minerals Local Plan is currently undergoing hearing sessions as part of its examination. Accordingly, a verbal update on the Joint Minerals Plan and the Joint Waste Local Plan will be given at the meeting.

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| ITEM 7 | HOMES ENGLAND CAPACITY FUNDING – QUARTER 1 (YEAR 9) April to June 2025 |
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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 To update JPAB the progress made on Homes England (HE) Capacity Funding projects.

Recommendations

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| It is recommended that Joint Planning Advisory Board NOTE this report. |
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2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board successfully bid for £855,000 of HE grant funding in Spring 2017. Under the conditions of the grant award, the Partners are required to provide monitoring information to HE on a quarterly basis and identify key risks, issues and mitigation measures.

3.0 Progress/updates – Quarter 1 (Year 9) April to June 2025

- 3.1 In summary, Gedling have identified £30,873 of further qualifying expenditure for ongoing works at their Burton and Station Road sites with the aim of social housing delivery in the future. This has now been invoiced and once paid, will close the Gedling element of the funding, leaving only Nottingham City to confirm expenditure and allow the closure of the programme.
- 3.2 Nottingham City Council still have £20,269 in outstanding funds which is allocated to the Waterside. A meeting to facilitate the spending or reallocation of this funding is to be arranged.

4.0 Risks and Issues

- 4.1 JPAB previously agreed to work up projects to have projects ‘oven ready’ should further opportunities for grant funding come forward. These will continue to be progressed.

5.0 Next Steps

- 5.1 Progress on quarter 2, year 9 will be reported to the next JPAB meeting.

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| ITEM 8 | GREATER NOTTINGHAM PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BUDGET 2025/26 |
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1.0 **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report updates Joint Planning Advisory Board on the Partnership's revenue budget.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Joint Planning Advisory Board:

- (a) **NOTE** the budget position at the close of 2024/25; and
- (b) **APPROVE** the budget for 2025/26; and
- (c) **NOTE** the partner contributions to the work of JPAB during 2025/26 and the intention to keep these contributions under annual review.

2.0 **Financial Position at close of 2024/25**

- 2.1 Nottingham City Council is the accountable body for the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership (for which JPAB provides the political governance). Accordingly, Nottingham City Council is responsible for managing the partnership's budget.
- 2.2 **Table 1** below shows the JPAB revenue budget position at the end of the financial year 2024/25. Those elements not spent during 2024/25 are available to roll forward to 2025/26.
- 2.3 The anticipated JPAB budget for 2025/26 is set out at **table 2** below.

Revenue Budget at close of 2024/25 **£154,949**

Made up of:-

- Carry forward from 2023/24 of £93,749
- Partner contributions of £61,200 (Nott's County Council were unable to contribute in 24/25 due to in-year financial pressures).

Table 1: JPAB Revenue Budget at end of 2024/25

| Anticipated expenditure: Description | Amount | Status |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Salaries/Partnership Support | £40,682 | Paid |
| NCC Ad hoc support (Workshop etc) | £2,000 | Carry forward |
| BBC Secretariat | £2,000 | Paid |
| Audit | £1,000 | Carry Forward |
| Admin Travel | £1,000 | Carry Forward |
| BBC Masterplanning | £5,700 | Paid |
| Project Management/Planner support (RBC liability from 23/24) | £17,177 | Paid |
| Project Management/Planner support (BBC) | £3,369 | Paid |
| Severence Risk Contingency | £5,000 | Carry Forward |
| Unallocated budget | £77,021 | Carry Forward |
| Total Paid | £68,928 | |
| Total Carry Forward to 2025/26 | £86,021 | |

2.4 The remaining unspent budget of £86,021 is carried forward to 2025/26.

3.0 Financial Position at beginning of 2025/26

3.1 The anticipated JPAB budget for 2025/26 is set out at table 2 below.

Revenue Budget 2025/26 £156,821

Made up of:-

- Carry forward from 2024/25 of £86,021
- Partner contributions of £70,800

Table 2: JPAB Revenue Budget for 2025/26

| Anticipated expenditure: Description | Amount | Status |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Salaries/Partnership Support | £41,984 | Committed |
| NCC Ad hoc support | £2,000 | Anticipated |
| BBC Secretariat | £2,000 | Committed |
| Audit | £1,000 | Anticipated |
| Admin Travel | £1,000 | Anticipated |
| Project Management/Planner support (GBC) | £2,061 | Paid |
| Project Management/Planner support (PDF) 0.7 FTE assumed | £48,680 | Committed |
| Severence Risk Contingency | £5,000 | Contingency |
| Total Paid, Committed, Anticipated and Contingency Expenditure | £103,724 | |
| Unallocated Budget | £53,096 | |

- 3.2 The outstanding amount of £53,096 is available as a JPAB contribution to the work of preparing Greater Nottingham strategic planning policies, for instance a contribution to evidence studies. The Project Management/Planner support has been included for year 26/27 for prudent financial planning reasons.

4.0 Partner Contributions

- 4.1 Following the agreement of the partner Councils in 2016 to contribute to the ongoing work of the partnership, each Council makes annual contributions to the work of JPAB, which currently are:

| Partner | Proposed Contribution |
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| Ashfield District Council | £4,800 |
| Broxtowe Borough Council | £9,600 |
| Derbyshire County Council | £0 |
| Erewash Borough Council | £9,600 |
| Gedling Borough Council | £9,600 |
| Nottingham City Council | £18,000 |
| Nottinghamshire County Council | £9,600 |
| Rushcliffe Borough Council | £9,600 |
| TOTAL | £70,800 |

- 4.2 The contributions have previously been reviewed on a three year cycle. It is proposed that the contributions continue to be made to support the work of the partnership. However, given uncertainties around planning reform and the shape of the future strategic planning system, and potential local government review, it is proposed that these contributions be considered each year. If agreed, contributions for 2025/26 will be requested in due course. If unspent, they are carried forward to the next financial year.
- 4.3 In the event of JPAB being wound up due to either new strategic planning arrangements or local government review, all unspent funds will be returned to the partner Councils in the same proportion as their contributions.

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| ITEM 9 | FUTURE MEETINGS |
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Meetings for 2025

JPAB Date

Tue 30 Sept 2:00PM

Tue 9 Dec 2:00PM