

Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership

AGENDA

GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday 9 June 2026
2:00pm: via Microsoft Teams

1. Introductions and Apologies
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Approval of minutes of last meeting and matters arising
4. Presentation: Spatial Development Strategy **MG**
5. Greater Nottingham Local Plans Update **MG/MT**
6. Waste and Minerals Local Plans Update **JS/SB**
7. Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership Budget 2026 - 2027 **MG**
8. Homes England Capacity Funding Projects Monitoring **MG**
9. Future Meetings



**ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE GREATER NOTTINGHAM JOINT PLANNING
ADVISORY BOARD (JPAB) VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 10 March 2026 VIA MS TEAMS**

1 Introduction and Apologies

Present at the Meeting:

Broxtowe Borough Council: Councillor M Radulovic MBE (Chair)

Ashfield District Council: Councillor M Relf

Rushcliffe Borough Council: Councillor Upton

Officers in Attendance:

Ashfield: Christine Sarris

Broxtowe: Dave Lawson

Erewash: Adam Reddish

Gedling: Alison Gibson, Mike Avery

Nottingham City Council: Karen Shaw

Nottinghamshire County Council: Stephen Pointer, Beth Downing

Rushcliffe: Richard Mapletoft

Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership: Matt Gregory and Mark Thompson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hollingsworth (Gedling Borough Council) and Councillor Hayes (Nottingham City Council) and David Arnold (Nottinghamshire County Council) and Paul Seddon (Nottingham City Council)

Councillor Relf raised concerns that the agenda items were for noting only. It was noted that, as an Advisory Board, Members expected greater discussion and engagement.

Members were advised that the Board's Terms of Reference are reviewed periodically and assured Members that comments raised during the meeting are recorded and taken into consideration.

Members were further advised that greater input from Members would be required in the coming months, particularly in relation to the production of new Local Plans.

Members highlighted that the Board should give greater consideration to its role with the East Midlands Combined County Authority.

4. Presentation: Planning for Children's Homes - Notts County Council:

Beth Downing from Nottingham County Council delivered a presentation on Planning for Children's Homes.

Questions were raised around the planning for children's homes and whether the services would be provided in-house or transferred to an independent provider.

It was confirmed that the children's homes would be developed in partnership with a contractor.

Concerns were raised regarding private providers profiting from the developments and whether providers were being held to account in light of the allegations of profiteering.

It was emphasised that the County Council should work with planning to develop a constructive plan focussed on the needs of each region and a recommendation was put forward by Councillor Radulovic:

“The County Council’s Children’s Services should work with each individual planning authority to identify the needs of each area, putting together a constructive plan of the area, based upon need rather than reactive to market situation and plan for the next 5/10 years ahead, identifying sites and locations that would be suitable for this type of development”.

Beth Downing suggested that Members consult the newly appointed Market Development Officer regarding any new planning applications for children’s homes. Members were advised that the Officer will provide their views, indicate whether the provider is known to them, and if the provider is not known, this will be referenced in their response letter.

5. Greater Nottingham Local Plans Update:

It was advised that the Strategic Plan had been submitted prior to Christmas. Three inspectors have been appointed and the Councils were now working through a list of initial questions.

Ashfield Borough Council provided an update on their Local Plan. Members were advised that the council is working with the inspector on proposed modifications to the plan. These modifications are expected to be released after Easter, followed by a six-week consultation period.

Erewash Borough Council provided an update on their Local Plan. Members were advised that Erewash withdrew its Core Strategy Review towards the end of January 2026, due to fundamental concerns regarding soundness that could not be resolved.

Gedling Borough Council provided an update on their Local Plan. It was noted that work is progressing well, with a number of evidence documents being prepared ahead of the Regulation 19 submission. Members were further advised that the Council is seeking Full Council approval in June 2026 and remains on track for submission in December 2026.

An update was also provided on the Green Belt Review, with good progress being made.

The update was noted.

6. Waste and Minerals Local Plans Update:

It was noted that under the new local planning regulations, all local plans must be reviewed after five years of adoption. The Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan is now approaching five years since adoption and therefore requires a review. The Officer confirmed that a new review process is underway.

Members were advised that confirmation is still awaited on whether the applicant for the proposed minerals development at Barton-in-Fabis will appeal the decision. If the refusal is upheld, the needs for minerals will need to be reassessed.

The review of Minerals Local Plan will commence imminently and the Board was also advised that the Joint Waste Plan has now been adopted.

7. Planning Reform: Draft National Planning Policy Framework:

It was explained that this constituted a significant revision to the National Planning Policy Framework and that the government aims to build on the previous updates and go further by presenting national policy in a clearer, more accessible and understandable format. The updated framework will be more rules-based to improve consistency and predictability and seeks to make the decision making process more comprehensive.

Members raised concerns regarding the budgetary implications for individual authorities, the workload involved and the challenge of meeting the government's thirty month deadline.

The update was noted.

8. Homes England Capacity Funding Projects Monitoring:

It was noted that appointments had been made to the new regeneration team and unspent funds should be spent in the near future.

9. Future Meetings:

Cllr Relf asked the Chair to review whether future meeting should continue if reports are only being presented for noting. It was suggested that if more substantive items arise towards the end of the year, meetings could be relaunched at that point.

The provisional schedule of future meetings was noted and agreed.

ITEM 4 PRESENTATION: East Midlands Spatial Development Strategy

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Unfortunately the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) are unable to attend this JPAB meeting. However, they are commencing the preparation of the East Midlands Spatial Development Strategy (SDS), a new requirement introduced through planning reform. Once in place, the SDS will guide and inform the preparation of Local Plans to be prepared under the new planning system.

- 2.1 EMCCA have prepared a short presentation to update JPAB on the preparation of the SDS, which will be presented by Matt Greogry. EMCCA will be invited to future meetings to update Members as the SDS progresses.

2.0 **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 The GNSP was submitted for examination on 22 December 2025 and Planning Inspectors G Davies BSc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI, U P Han BSc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI and F Bradley BRP (NZ) MRTPI have been appointed to conduct the examination. The examination has a dedicated website ([Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan Examination](#)) which is updated regularly and includes all relevant documentation and all correspondence between the Inspectors and the councils.
- 2.2 Following the Inspectors' first Initial Question and Councils' response (which concluded that GNSP housing need should be calculated using the 'old' 2023 standard methodology) the Inspectors have issued further Initial Questions covering a range of matters across many of the GNSP policy areas. The Councils' responses to these questions were published on 30 March.
- 2.3 The Inspectors "Matters, Issues and Questions" (MIQs) were issued on 21 May. These cover all aspects of the GNSP and seek to address whether or not the GNSP meets the tests of soundness. Following the Councils' and other participants responses to the MIQs (due 26 June), the Inspectors will programme in hearing sessions and publish agendas for those hearing sessions which are programmed over two weeks from Tuesday 14 July to Friday 28 July.

Ongoing work

- 2.5 Statements of Common Ground with Erewash Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council, and National Highways have been completed and published. A Statement of Common Ground with Heritage England is outstanding and will be published when complete.

3.0 Ashfield Local Plan

- 3.1 The Council is finalising the Schedule of Main Modifications in discussion with the Inspectors. Further information can be found [Ashfield Local Plan examination](#).

4.0 Erewash New Local Plan

- 4.1 Following the withdrawal of the Erewash Core Strategy Review in January 2026, the Borough Council is in the early stages of preparing a new Local Plan, working within the framework of the new Gateway-orientated plan-making arrangements that forms part of the current Government's planning reforms. Government funding for new plan development (if accepted) will require the council to reach Gateway 0 (Commencement Notice) by 30 June 2026 and Gateway 1 (Self-assessment) by 31 October 2026. Next steps will need approval by Full Council.

5.0 Gedling Local Development Plan

- 5.1 The Gedling Local Development Plan has been progressing well and officers have been updating the evidence and background papers to support the preparation of the Plan. The Plan comprehensively considers both strategic and non strategic policy matters and includes 14 new housing / mixed use sites which will meet the Council's housing need and employment requirements. The Council is currently going through the approval process (Cabinet 21/5 / Council 10/6) to issue the Publication Draft Plan and Sustainability Appraisal for a six week consultation during June and July 2026. All consultation responses will be considered and submitted alongside the Local Plan in advance of the deadline set by Government of the end December 2026.

6.0 Green Belt Review

- 6.1 Members will recall that 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. An updated Green Belt Framework methodology was agreed and has now been used to undertake the Green Belt review for the emerging Gedling Local Development Plan. The final report has been used to inform site selection for the Local Plan and will be published alongside other evidence documents supporting the Local Plan. It will be available on the Council's website as part of the Local Plan consultation.

7.0 Local Plans Under the New Planning System.

- 7.1 Broxtowe Borough, Erewash Borough, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe Borough have successfully applied for "New System Plan Funding". This funding is intended to support the preparation of local plans under the new planning system. A condition of the funding is that councils must publish a notice of intent to prepare a local plan in June 2026 and pass through gateway 1 self-assessment by end of October 2026.
- 7.2 Local Government Review (LGR) may impact on the approach to these new Local Plans. Where this applies a coordinated approach to evidence and strategy will be

taken and advice sought from MHCLG on the most pragmatic way to progress these Local Plans once the outcome of LGR is known.

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ITEM 6 WASTE AND MINERALS LOCAL PLANS UPDATE

1.0 Summary

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

Recommendations

It is recommended that Joint Planning Advisory Board **NOTE** the progress with the Nottinghamshire/Nottingham and Derbyshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans.

2.0 Plans Update

Nottinghamshire/Nottingham

- 2.1 The Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan covering the period to 2036 was adopted by the County Council in March 2021. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 were published in March and now provide statutory guidance in relation how Plans are prepared. Regulation 43 states that a mineral planning authority must begin preparation of a new Mineral Plan to replace the entirety of an existing document within the period of five years of adopting the existing document. It is now therefore incumbent on the County Council to begin a process of replacing it.
- 2.2 The Council has therefore approved commencing work on preparing a revised Minerals Local Plan with adoption planned for Autumn 2029 under the new local plan timetable. This will enable up to date understanding of mineral needs to be considered, site allocations refreshed and policies re-written to align with the expected revision to the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 2.3 During this period local government is set to be re-organised in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire to create at least two new unitary authorities to replace the County and District Councils. A new Minerals Plan will therefore provide the new authorities with up to date and consistent planning policies on mineral development. It would be beneficial if the new Minerals Plan applies to the entire area of each authority and therefore discussions are underway with the aim of preparing a joint plan with Nottingham City Council until local government re-organisation and a Joint Plan with new authorities thereafter.

- 2.4 It should be noted that a major planning application for sand and gravel extraction at Mill Hill, Barton in Fabis was refused by the County Council's planning committee on December 6th. This site is a principal allocation for sand and gravel extraction in the adopted Minerals Local Plan and the County Council is awaiting to hear if an appeal will be lodged.
- 2.5 The new Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Waste Local Plan was adopted by both City and County Councils in September 2025 and replaces the former Waste Core Strategy.

Derbyshire/Derby

Joint Minerals Local Plan

- 2.3 The Derbyshire and Derby Joint Minerals Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 30th November 2024.
- 2.4 Since submission, two Inspectors were appointed in January 2025 for the Examination in Public and hearing sessions took place between 20th and 22nd May 2025. The Inspectors highlighted a number of soundness issues through the hearing sessions, which will require additional work to be undertaken by the County and City Councils to address. Particular issues related to the need for landbanks for sand and gravel and crushed rock extraction to be demonstrated at the end of the Plan period; the conformity of the joint policy approach with national policy agreed between the County and City Councils with the Peak District National Park Authority for a reduction in extraction of limestone within the National Park and a compensatory increase in Derbyshire; and the need to carry out an update to the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Sequential Test.
- 2.5 The Inspectors' Post Hearing Letter was received on 5th September 2025, essentially confirming the main areas of additional work that will be required by the Councils. Since then, work has been progressed by officers to address the requirements, including drafting Main Modifications to the Plan; the production of a Minerals Capacity Assessment (MCA); updating the Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme; completing the 2025 Local Aggregates Assessment; and commissioning Aecom to update the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Sequential Test. This work is anticipated to be completed by end of May / June April 2026. Following recent meetings with the Peak District National Park Authority, the Councils have agreed to delete the compensatory extraction policy from the Plan to be included in the Main Modifications. Following completion of the MCA, it has become clear that there will be landbank shortfall of sand and gravel in the short to medium term of the Plan and so a Sand and Gravel Call for Sites was published by the Councils on 20th April 2026 running to 21st May 2026. It is likely that at least one new site will need to be allocated in the Plan.

Joint Waste Local Plan

- 2.6 A series of background and evidence papers on local and strategic waste matters have been prepared. This includes an updated forecasting approach on waste capacity need across the plan period. It also provides a summary of the quantities of waste generated. In March/April 2026, the scope of the Plan and its likely draft policies was drafted. Duty to Cooperate Statements are being updated with relevant local authorities. 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 is proposed to be prepared under the new Local Plan Regulations to a 30-month timescale with a first Regulation 18 consultation to be published in autumn/winter 2026, for which an updated Waste Needs Assessment has now been commissioned from consultants BPP and is anticipated to be completed in June 2026.

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ITEM 7	GREATER NOTTINGHAM PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BUDGET 2026 - 2027
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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report updates Joint Planning Advisory Board on the Partnership's revenue budget in the light of imminent Local Government Review.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Joint Planning Advisory Board:

1. **NOTES** the implications on Local Government Review on its planning policy cooperation role as set out in this report.
2. **AGREES** that no partner contributions to the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership will be sought for the 2026/2027 financial year.
3. **AGREES** the budget for the 2026/2027 financial year as set out in this report.

2.0 Local Government Review

- 2.1 Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) has undertaken a planning policy cooperation role across Greater Nottingham since April 2008. In doing so it has comprehensively addressed "Duty to Cooperate" matters between the constituent authorities (the Greater Nottingham Planning Partnership - GNPP) since that date and overseen the preparation of local plans within its area.
- 2.2 The Government is anticipated to make an announcement on the outcome of local government reform (LGR) for Nottinghamshire local authorities in June. Once confirmed, shadow authorities are expected to be in place in May 2027, and elections to the new authorities are expected to take place in May 2028.
- 2.3 Clearly LGR will have significant implications for the work of JPAB, which will no longer be required in its current form. Depending on the outcome, a specific planning policy cooperation body may not be required, or a new cooperation body will need to be established. This will be a matter for the new authorities to decide, however JPAB will have a role in shaping a new round of Local Plans prepared under the new planning system until the formation of shadow authorities in May 2027.

3.0 GNPP partner contributions

3.1 Historically, the funding for JPAB work has been supported by contributions from JPAB constituent members. As shown in section 4 below, funding remaining from this source from previous years amounts to £79,861 and this is projected to provide sufficient funding for JPAB commitments to May 2027. It is therefore recommended that no partner contributions will be required for 2026/27.

4.0 Financial Position at close of 2024/25

4.1 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.

4.2 **Table 1** below shows the JPAB revenue budget position at the end of the financial year 2025/26. Those elements not spent during 2025/26 are available to roll forward to 2025/26.

4.3 The anticipated JPAB budget for 2026/27 is set out at **table 2** below.

Revenue Budget at close of 2025/26 £156,821

Made up of:-

- Carry forward from 2023/24 of £86,021
- Partner contributions of £70,800

Table 1: JPAB Revenue Budget at end of 2025/26

Anticipated expenditure: Description	Amount	Status
Salaries/Partnership Support	£43,900	Paid
NCC Ad hoc support	£0	Not required
BBC Secretariat	£2,000	Paid
Audit	£0	Not required
Admin Travel	£88	Paid
Project Management/Planner support (GBC)	£2,061	Paid

Project Management/Planner support (BBC)	£28,910	Committed
Severence/Risk Contingency	£0	Not required
Total Expenditure	£76,959	
Unspent Budget	£79,861	

4.4 The remaining unspent budget of £79,861 is carried forward to 2025/26.

5.0 Financial Position at beginning of 2026/27

5.1 The anticipated JPAB budget for 2026/27 is set out at table 2 below.

Revenue Budget 2026/27 £79,861

Made up of:-

- Carry forward from 2025/26 of £79,861
- Partner contributions of £0

Table 2: JPAB Revenue Budget for 2026/27

Anticipated expenditure: Description	Amount	Status
Salaries/Partnership Support	£43,900	Committed
BBC Secretariat	£2,000	Committed
Project Management/Planner support (BBC)	£28,910	Committed
Severence Risk/Contingency	£5,000	Contingency
Total Committed and Anticipated Expenditure	£79,810	
Unallocated Budget	£52	

5.2 The “Severence Risk/Contingency” is anticipated to be sufficient to cover unexpected financial liabilities.

- 5.3 Should any funding remain at the end of the financial year, all unspent funds will be returned to the partner Councils in the same proportion as their contributions.

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ITEM 8 HOMES ENGLAND CAPACITY FUNDING – QUARTER 4 (YEAR 9) JANUARY TO MARCH 2026

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 To report to Joint Planning Advisory Board the progress made on Homes England (HE) Capacity Funding projects.

Recommendations

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

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 10) April to June 2026

- 3.1 All elements of the Capacity Fund projects are now complete, except for Nottingham City Council, which still has £20,269 in outstanding funds allocated to the Waterside. Commitment of this funding has been on hold pending the formation of a new Regeneration Team. Recruitment to this team is now underway, and it is anticipated that this funding can be committed and spent in the near future.

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 10 will be reported to the next JPAB meeting.

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ITEM 9 FUTURE MEETINGS (ALL VIA MS TEAMS)

Tue 15 September 2026, 2:00PM
Tue 8 December 2026, 2:00PM