

## Press Release

### **People will be invited to have their say on new Strategic Plan for the Greater Nottingham Area due to be consulted on later in the year**

Residents, organisations and businesses will be asked to have their say on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan to help shape future planning for the area.

Councils are required to set out strategic policies to address local priorities for development. Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe Borough Councils along with Nottingham City Council are developing a joint Strategic Plan, which sets out the policies which will help guide future development across their combined areas.

The plan will look at how Greater Nottingham's longer-term development needs can be met up to 2038 supported by more detailed policies which will be developed in each Council's own individual Local Plan. The plan outlines the approach to meeting housing need and includes housing targets for each Council area based on the Government's standard methodology. The Councils are publishing a 'Preferred Approach' document which will form the basis of the Strategic Plan. It will be published later in the year for consultation, to seek views on the proposed strategy and vision, the approach to housing and employment provision and the proposed strategic sites.

Being able to plan for future development needs such as housing and economic growth is important to the prosperity of local people. Planning for development will also provide a vital stimulus to the local economy, which will help the area recover from the impact of Covid 19, by encouraging investment, which helps to create jobs and supply chain business.

Once approved, the document, along with other planning policies, can be used for guidance by developers and planners as part of the planning process.

Consultation responses to the Preferred Approach document will feed into a full draft of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan, which will aim to:

- Have the right number and types of new homes, which are built in the right places and meet the needs of our local population and diverse communities;

- Create vibrant and viable city and town centres, which are sustainable and are places where people want to live and work;
- Provide the right conditions for economic development which generates new jobs and economic growth, and to enable strong, safe and healthier communities.

The Strategic Plan will also consider other planning issues such as climate change and how the plan can help achieve each council's ambition to become carbon neutral.

Approval of the Strategic Plan is a matter for each Council and the Preferred Approach document will first be in the public domain as part of the agenda for the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board on 27 September, after which it will be considered by each Council's Cabinet. The consultation, once approved, will last for six weeks.

Councillor Milan Radulovic, Chair of the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board, said: "The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan will help us plan for a better future, recover quicker from the Covid 19 crisis, and contribute to progress on making Greater Nottingham a great place to live and work, to visit or do business in. The consultation on the Preferred Approach is an important part of this process.

"We welcome views from residents, organisations and businesses, and encourage anyone who would like to help shape how we plan for our future development to have their say on the plans which are available to view online."

Once the consultation has closed, comments will be considered and a summary of responses made available along with the Councils' response. A draft Strategic Plan will be published next year when there will be a further opportunity to comment.

Subject to approval by the Councils, there will be an opportunity to have your say on the Preferred Approach to the Strategic Plan. Full details can be found at [www.qnplan.org.uk](http://www.qnplan.org.uk)

The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan – this forms Part 1 of the Local Plan for the area and provides a consistent strategic planning framework that distributes development to appropriate locations. It also sets out the amount of development including housing to be provided over the plan period 2022– 2038. It may also allocate strategic sites for development.

Part 2 Local Plans – will also be prepared that provide more detailed policies and non-strategic allocations for development sites.

The current strategic plans including the Aligned Core Strategies for Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City and the Rushcliffe Core Strategy are available here:

<https://www.gedling.gov.uk/acs/>

<https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy/localplan/localplanpart1corestrategy/>

Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board - Board made up of planning and transport lead councillors from all the Greater Nottingham Local Authorities, established to oversee the preparation of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan.

Zero Carbon – having a net zero carbon footprint in relation to achieving net zero carbon dioxide emissions through eliminating carbon emissions or where carbon emissions are balanced out by funding an equivalent amount of carbon savings elsewhere also known as offsetting.

Carbon Neutral - Whilst the Government has set a national target for the country to be carbon neutral by 2050, all the partner councils have agreed to be carbon neutral before this target as follows:-

- Broxtowe Borough by 2027;
- Gedling Borough by 2030;
- Nottingham City by 2028; and
- Rushcliffe Borough before 2030.

Infrastructure - facilities and services to meet the needs of the existing community and to meet the needs of new development. Includes transport infrastructure, public transport, education, health, affordable housing, green and blue infrastructure such as open space, community facilities etc.

Housing numbers – the Strategic Plan will include housing targets. These are to be based on the Government standard method for calculating local housing need based on household formation and adjusted for affordability. The methodology is set out in the [National Planning Practice Guidance](#).

Plan period: the time span over which the plan is operating, in this instance 2022 to 2038.