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Local Plan Update

Rushcliffe Borough Council is consulting on the second part of its Local Plan, which has details of where new homes might be built, employment land, the Green Belt and open spaces.

The plan will seek to encourage new employment and retail development, where appropriate across the Borough, through planning policies and proposals. The Borough Council has already identified larger sites for employment development through the first part of the plan. As part of this consultation, we are asking whether the second part of the plan needs to identify further small scale sites for employment purposes across the Borough. We are also asking how planning policies should be developed for our town and village centres across the Borough to ensure that they remain vibrant, and whether there are any sites across the Borough that require regeneration.

The consultation is open until **Thursday 24 March 2016**. Anyone interested can have their say online, by email localdevelopment@rushcliffe.gov.uk or by post (Rushcliffe Borough Council, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5FE). The document produced for the purposes of consultation is available to view on the [Rushcliffe Borough Council website](#)

In addition there are a number of public drop in sessions that the Council is running, where people can view the relevant documents and talk to Planning Policy staff. These sessions will be held in:

- Keyworth – Monday 15 February 3-8pm, Village Hall, Elm Avenue.
- East Leake – Wednesday 17 February 3-8pm, Parish Council Offices, Main Street.
- Bingham – Monday 22 February 3-7pm, Town Council Offices, Church Street.
- West Bridgford – Tuesday 23 February 2-6pm, Lutterell Hall (formerly West Bridgford Community Hall), Church Drive.

Budget 2016/17

Consultation is invited from Business Ratepayers on the Council's overall financial position and on its plans for the year ahead.

The Council's draft budget went to Cabinet on the 9 February 2016 and a final budget will be agreed by full Council on the 3 March 2016.

The draft budget can be found [here](#) and any comments can be made up until 26 February 2016 by emailing finance@rushcliffe.gov.uk or by post for the attention of Peter Linfield, Interim Executive Manager – Finance and Commercial (Rushcliffe Borough Council, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 5FE).

Growth Boards

Rushcliffe is booming and has set up 'growth boards' to maximise the opportunities for business and residents. These boards are made up of people from leading organisations with a key role in the area, such as councils, local business, schools, leisure providers and health organisations.

There are four growth boards, three local ones which focus on Cotgrave, West Bridgford and Bingham and Radcliffe on Trent combined, plus an overall strategic growth board.

The key themes upon which the growth boards focus are major infrastructure (road, rail and broadband), business growth, employment and skills growth, and housing growth.

Our growth boards will ensure that, together, we are planning for the future growth of our communities as outlined in the recently adopted Local Plan.

North Midlands Devolution

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire's devolution deal has been set out publicly in detail for the first time, as the region's draft deal was published in January.

The deal document, which sets out the final negotiating position of the Council and business leaders behind the bid, was sent to Chancellor George Osborne and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Greg Clark just before Christmas.

For more information about the key benefits and what it means for your business see [here](#)

Kick Starting Careers and Enterprise

Working with the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership, we have secured funding from the Careers and Enterprise Company to link up employers with secondary schools and colleges to help young people in making better informed choices about their next steps and future careers.

Enterprise coordinators have been appointed to coordinate this work and engage with schools and business leaders across the D2N2 area (Derbyshire, Derby, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham). An enterprise coordinator will be working with Rushcliffe Borough Council and covering Rushcliffe, Gedling, Broxtowe and Newark and Sherwood. They will be a dedicated resource to support our local schools with this nationally important agenda.

A key part of the Enterprise Coordinators role is to identify volunteer business leaders who are willing to work with and support schools to develop and implement a plan to improve their careers and enterprise provision. They will also look to create better links between schools and businesses.

To find out more or if you are interested in becoming an Enterprise Advisor, visit the [D2N2 website](#)

New Years Honours List

We were very pleased that two local business representatives were acknowledged in the recent New Years Honours list: Louise Third (Director, Integra Communications) and Peter Stephens (Managing Director John Stephens, Builders Merchants).

Louise Third, Director of Integra Communications was appointed an MBE for services to enterprise and charity in the 2016 New Year's Honours civil list. She was recognised for her contribution to enterprise promotion and small business support, as well as for her charitable work both in Nottinghamshire and nationally.

Reflecting on her appointment, Louise says: "I very much appreciate the recognition this award brings. Enterprise and charity are what drive me; I'm passionate about using every means we have to harness both to make a better society – whether that's for better or more fulfilling jobs, or better life chances for those who need our support. It has been a privilege to work with many inspiring colleagues and clients who must also take some credit for this appointment."



Funding Circle

Rushcliffe is trying to help small and medium businesses to grow and flourish. Rushcliffe lends money to small businesses via Funding Circle. This is an online marketplace which connects established businesses who want to borrow money with investors who want to invest money and get better returns. Criteria:

- A minimum annual turnover of £50,000
- Businesses can be sole traders, limited companies or LLPs
- 2+ years' filed or formal accounts

The loans can be used for all sorts of requirements including working capital, expansion capital, property and asset finance. Typically, each loan is funded by hundreds of people. The Council has allocated up to £500,000 to lend to Rushcliffe-based businesses through this scheme.

Customers can get more information from the team at Funding Circle at rushcliffeloans@fundingcircle.com or by phoning 020 7832 8819. More [here](#)

Basic Broadband for All

The Government has committed to giving access to 2Mbps download speed to every premises in the UK from the end of 2015.

As part of this commitment, the County Council, in conjunction with Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), are making available the option of a subsidised satellite broadband installation for eligible premises. To find out more and see if you are eligible please visit Nottinghamshire County Council's [website](#)

D2N2 Business Adviser Service – Nottinghamshire



This is an opportunity to have an impartial discussion with an experienced business adviser to discuss any business issues, including but not limited to; sales and marketing, access to finance, training and recruitment, growth plans, and systems and processes.

It can be really valuable to speak to someone outside the business who can offer solutions and support as well as a structured report and on-going advice.

The service is completely free – there is no catch – the only cost to the business is the time it will take to hold the business review, which is usually in the region of 1-2 hours. Find out more [here](#)

FREE Digital Workshops and Seminars

Nottinghamshire County Council have teamed up with the Ebiz Clubs to host a series of events and mini workshops across the County.

Throughout February and March, they will be delivering a series of free Digital Workshops and Seminars funded by NCC as part of their drive to support local businesses in the adoption of high speed broadband solutions.

To access these workshops and seminars businesses must be located within one of the following Nottinghamshire Districts; Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Broxtowe, Gedling, Newark and Sherwood, Rushcliffe.

Further information on how to secure a place can be found [here](#)

Loans Available for Capital Investment

Businesses in Rushcliffe have until **26 February 2016** to apply for a loan from the Growing Places Fund. Using funding from Government, the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership's Growing Places Fund aims to kick start 'stalled' developments.

The fund is designed to bring business growth and create jobs, through loans which help businesses by providing rapid capital investment in local infrastructure and tackling site constraints. Further details on the [D2N2 website](#).

Business Rate Reliefs

For information on rate reliefs available to businesses please visit the Rushcliffe Borough Council [website](#).

South Nottinghamshire LEADER Funding Programme

The South Nottinghamshire LEADER Programme is a new allocation of EU funding to help support the development of the rural economy and create new jobs – with up to £1.3m available in grants over the next five years. The fund is currently closed for applications but is likely to open again in late February. To find out more see [here](#)

You can discuss your proposal and check your eligibility with a member of the LEADER team - save your time now rather than waste effort if you or your proposal is in anyway ineligible for funding. Contact Craig Edson at SouthNottinghamshire.LEADERProgramme@nottsc.gov.uk or by phone on 0115 977 2686.

Access to EU Funding - Low Carbon

In partnership with Local Enterprise Partnerships, The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), the Department for Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) are running a Low Carbon Workshop for interested organisations in the East Midlands. The event is on 7 March 2016 at Leicester City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

The aims of the workshop are to:

- Provide organisations with clarity and support on the European Regional Development Fund
- Provide technical expertise from DECC and DEFRA;
- Provide opportunities to network to support the development of high quality applications that meet the requirements

For more details or if you would like to attend, please contact Richard Kirkland, D2N2 on Richard.kirkland@d2n2lep.org

£10.5m Regeneration Scheme For Cotgrave

Plans to regenerate the town centre in Cotgrave are now underway. Improvements include:

- a new health centre, library and police station in a joint centre
- a business centre above improved shops
- a new play area
- more car parking
- better landscaping so the shops can be seen from Candleby Lane
- 15 new employment units next to Colliers Way

Planning proposals will be submitted towards the end of summer 2016, with construction planned to start towards the end of the year. For the latest information see [here](#)

We are hoping to set up a business partnership in conjunction with the Town Council – if you are interested please contact Julie Stephenson on 0115 9893876, clerk@cotgrave-tc.gov.uk

If you are interested in new business premises contact Nick Berry nberry@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Industrial Unit Available at Manvers Business Park, Cotgrave

Good quality, modern, light industrial unit with 3.9m eaves height and roller shutter door. Ideally located in secure location, with close links to A46 and easy access to the A52. Specific details:

Size: 2,850 sqft, Use: Light Industrial / Storage and Distribution, Term: Flexible terms offered.

Contact nberry@rushcliffe.gov.uk

YouNG goes European

The Council's innovative YouNG project has won over €330,000 in funding from the European Union's Erasmus+ fund to take their idea across Europe.



In collaboration with West Bridgford based company NGi, YouNG will work with partners from Italy, Poland and Slovakia to showcase their concept which encourages young people to set up a business. They will then support partner countries in developing similar initiatives for young people in Rome, Poznan and Bratislava.

The project, based upon the YouNG Market's objective of developing an enterprise culture in young people will compliment this activity by developing a unit of learning for 'International Enterprise'. Young people in Rushcliffe will also get the opportunity to learn about international trade as well as what it takes to market and sell a product in an international market. The project will go on for the next three years. To find out more, go to www.weareyoung.org.uk/

Rushcliffe Business Partnership

The range of networking and business development activities organised by the Rushcliffe Business Partnership are invaluable to Rushcliffe Businesses.



The connections and profile raising opportunities are useful in themselves, but in addition there are genuine new business opportunities and Partnership member businesses are seen as trusted suppliers.

For more information on our monthly networking sessions please visit

<https://rbpbusiness.worldsecuresystems.com/About/Events>

Spotlight on Local Businesses:

Adjust Massage

James Sylvester is the owner of Adjust Massage. Adjust specialise in sports massage, suitable for even those who don't do a sport, as it's simply "a firm deep tissue massage" to remove all the knots, tension, aches and pains that come from everyday life or an injury - especially good for bad backs, stiff shoulders or tight legs.

Based in Lady Bay, Adjust has now been open for 18 months and due to increased demand they have now relocated to bigger premises, at 113 Trent Boulevard.

Jack Stevenson has recently come on board to help extend the hours of business, and they are now open 9am – 9pm Monday to Friday.

James said "This year's aim is to bring you a number of different services to help you relax and feel new again. Watch this space for more news" www.adjustmassage.co.uk



This month's special offer - get your first massage for £30!
To take advantage of this, please call James on 07903 303554 or 0115 8373553

Nottingham Neurological Physiotherapy - Massage for the Brain!

Rob Tucker, Practice Manager of Nottingham Neurological Physiotherapy (NNP), explains that for many the impression of a physiotherapist is a person running onto a sports field with a 'magic' sponge and medical kit bag; however NNP works with quite a different individual.

NNP provides physiotherapy rehabilitation in the person's home to those with neurological conditions; this includes stroke, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, and head and spinal cord injuries. NNP has a team of experienced physiotherapists, a physiotherapy assistant and personal trainer who excel in the treatment and management of neurological conditions. Rob (pictured right) describes the enjoyment of assisting patients to re-learn to stand, walk and balance again after serious life changing events and illnesses. "Through guided movement we use the body's sensory pathways to stimulate re-growth and plasticity in the nervous system after it has been damaged – almost as if we're massaging the brain!"



Shirley from Radcliffe on Trent said "after my stroke I was unable to walk and now I can, thanks to my physiotherapy! I advise anyone who has suffered a stroke to get in touch with NNP; they are positive, enthusiastic and always involve me in planning what we are going to do".

Telephone Rob on 07726 928 626 or email info@nottsneuropsychio.co.uk to discuss your physiotherapy needs.

Keep up to date

The Borough Council employs an Economic Growth Manager, Catherine Evans, and if you want help or advice on growing your business in Rushcliffe, get in touch with Catherine at cevens@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Keep up to date with our news on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/rushcliffe-borough-council>

if you would like your business to be featured in the next newsletter, please contact Caroline Saxton at csaxton@rushcliffe.gov.uk

If you would like to be featured in the next edition of the residents' magazine, *Rushcliffe Reports*, email rushcliffereports@rushcliffe.gov.uk