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Have your say on new Strategic Plan for the Greater Nottingham Area

Residents, organisations and businesses in Rushcliffe are being 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 such as housing and employment growth, to help the prosperity of local people.

Rushcliffe, Broxtowe, and Gedling Borough Councils and Nottingham City Council are developing a joint Strategic Plan, which will help guide future development across their combined areas and all residents can now have their say by visiting www.gnplan.org.uk

The consultation lasts for ten weeks ending on September 14, 2020 and asks for views on what should be included in the plan.

The consultation document does not include any draft policies or identify how much or where future development will take place. These will come later when a draft Strategic Plan is published next year.

Once approved, the plan will set out how Greater Nottingham's development needs can be met up to 2038.

Planning for development will 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 support businesses.

The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan 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; and
- 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.

Councillor Roger Upton, Rushcliffe Borough Council's Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, said: "We are required by Government to update our existing strategic growth plan to 2038 in order to provide new homes, employment land and necessary infrastructure to accommodate development.

"We need a plan that supports the local economy, especially its recovery following the coronavirus crisis.

"We also need a plan which helps manage the effects of climate change and the ambitions of all local councils to become carbon neutral.

"It will provide a framework for future development and once the consultation has closed, all comments received will be considered as part of preparing the Strategic Plan."

A draft will be published next year when there will be a further opportunity to comment.

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Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan – this will form part of the Local Plan for the area and provide a consistent strategic planning framework that distributes development to appropriate locations. It will also set out the amount of development including housing to be provided over the plan period 2018– 2038. It may also allocate strategic sites for mixed development.

Part 2 Local Plans – will also be prepared of each of the Councils individually to provide more detailed policies and non-strategic allocations for development sites.

The current strategic plans include the Rushcliffe Core Strategy and the Aligned Core Strategies for Broxtowe, Gedling and Nottingham City and are available here: www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy/localplan/localplanpart1corestrategy/
www.gedling.gov.uk/acs/

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 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 2018 to 2038.