

GREATER NOTTINGHAM ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY

THE ROLE OF NOTTINGHAM AND ITS CITY AND TOWN CENTRES



The Councils of Ashfield, Broxtowe, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe are working closely together to prepare the Core Strategy and this is the first stage. No decisions have yet been made, and this is the opportunity for you to influence the shape of Greater Nottingham in the future.

What Else is Happening?

- A major expansion to Nottingham city centre is still proposed through the redevelopment of the Broadmarsh Centre.
- A number of improvements to the city and town centres have been completed (Arnold and West Bridgford) or are planned (Hucknall and Bulwell)
- Nottingham is a potential location to host games as part of the forthcoming World Cup bid. To host such games may require the building of a new football stadium somewhere in Greater Nottingham.

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THE ROLE OF NOTTINGHAM AND ITS CITY AND TOWN CENTRES is one of the themes that will be covered in the Greater Nottingham Aligned Core Strategies.

The Core Strategies will be a set of policies that discuss the key issues facing the area and guide its development up to 2026. It will be a key part of the Local Development Frameworks for Greater Nottingham, the new set of planning policies that will replace each Council’s Local Plans.

The Issues and Options document, describing this first stage of the Core Strategy, expands on the topics in this series of leaflets. It is available at local council offices, libraries and on council websites, as well as at www.gngrowthpoint.com.

What can we do?

- We could seek to ensure that new the development of new shops are focussed upon the city centre and existing town centres.
- We can look to develop policies that aim to enhance the role of the city centre and existing town centres, making them more attractive to business and new shops.
- We could seek to ensure that sporting, leisure, tourism and cultural facilities are protected, and encourage the development of new facilities in this sector.
- We could look to develop a retail hierarchy across Greater Nottingham. These could be developed based upon the findings of studies that have been undertaken. These studies recommend the following retail hierarchy for Greater Nottingham:

Major Regional Centre

- Nottingham city centre

Major District Centres/Town Centres:

- Arnold
- Beeston
- Hucknall
- Ilkeston
- Long Eaton

District Centres:

- Bulwell
- Borrowash
- Carlton Square
- Clifton
- Eastwood
- Hyson Green
- Kimberley
- Sandiacre
- Stapleford
- Sherwood
- West Bridgford

We need your views: please print and return page 4 with your comments

About the role of Nottingham, its City and Town Centres

- Nottingham is seen as the capital of the Region which employs over 300,000 people.
- The area is worth £11.6 billion each year to the national economy.
- Nottingham City was visited by 12.3 million tourists in 2006. It is estimated that the tourist economy is worth some £466 million to the area and provides for 7,200 local jobs.
- Greater Nottingham contains a number of sporting and cultural venues, some of international quality such as Trent Bridge cricket ground and the Nottingham Ice arena.
- Nottingham City Centre is the 6th Best retail centre in Britain for non-food shopping in 2007, lower in the rankings than previous years. Competition from other city centres has meant that Nottingham has fallen down the rankings in the last few years.
- The Greater Nottingham area contains a number of town centres. This is a drop from previous years
- The Greater Nottingham area contains a number of town centres. These are a vital part of the areas economy and provide essential facilities to support people.

- Studies have shown that there is a need to increase the amount of shops in certain areas of Greater Nottingham, particularly in the longer term.

Things to think about

- Whilst still performing well, other centres across the country have overtaken Nottingham as a centre for non-food shopping.
- The other town centres across Greater Nottingham are performing to varying degrees of success.
- The development of out of town facilities and larger superstores are changing the way town centres have to operate in order remain competitive and successful.
- There is still ongoing pressure across Greater Nottingham to develop large food and non-food shops outside of existing centres.
- The current recession is having an impact upon the city centre and town centres within Greater Nottingham, with an increase in vacant units.

How to get involved

We are now looking for your views on these issues. Your input at this stage will help us to prepare the Core Strategy and ensure that the final document includes the most appropriate policies for the future development of Greater Nottingham.

Please complete this simple questionnaire and send it to let us know your views.

You can also visit our website at
www.gngrowthpoint.com

Some questions that relate to Nottingham, its City and Town Centres

TC2 How can the Core Strategy help strengthen Greater Nottingham's role as a focus for sport, leisure, tourism and culture?(please tick one)

- Support the protection of and development of sporting, leisure, tourism and cultural facilities
- Focus development of strategic sport, leisure, tourism or cultural developments in particular areas of Greater Nottingham

TC3 What approach should the Core Strategy take to the city centre's position in retail terms, and towards defining a retail hierarchy for the rest of Greater Nottingham?

Please tick yes or no

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councils should consider improving the quality and range of opportunities for retail in the city centre, which could include allocating strategic sites for retail development |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Please tick one of the following:

- We should adopt the proposed retail hierarchy outlined on page 7 of this leaflet
- Or** we should bolster up the role of some of these town centres
If so, which ones? _____

Please answer the following question

How can the Core Strategies help to provide support for less successful town centres? (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please fill in your contact details in order that we can register your comments and provide you with a written response. Please note, your comments cannot be kept confidential and will be made available for public inspection.

Name:

Address/
Email:

Completed questionnaires should be returned by
31st July 2009 to:

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