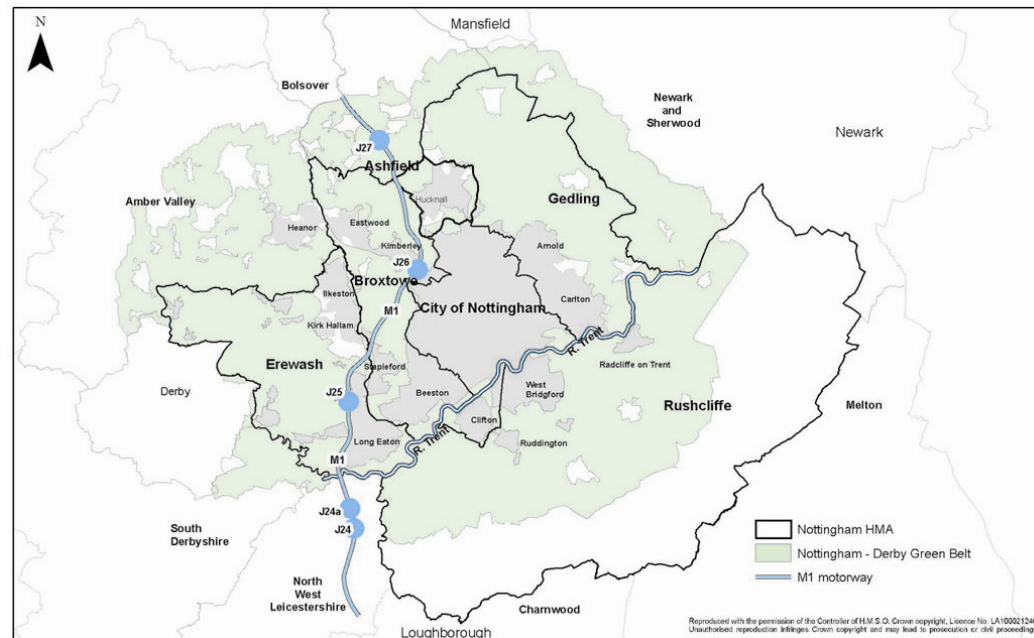


# GREATER NOTTINGHAM ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY

## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ISSUES AND OPTIONS



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.



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# **“ABOUT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDSCAPE CHARACTER”**

**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDSCAPE CHARACTER** is one of the themes that will be covered in the Greater Nottingham Core Strategy.

The Core Strategy 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](http://www.gngrowthpoint.com)**.

## **Green Infrastructure and Landscape Character in Greater Nottingham**

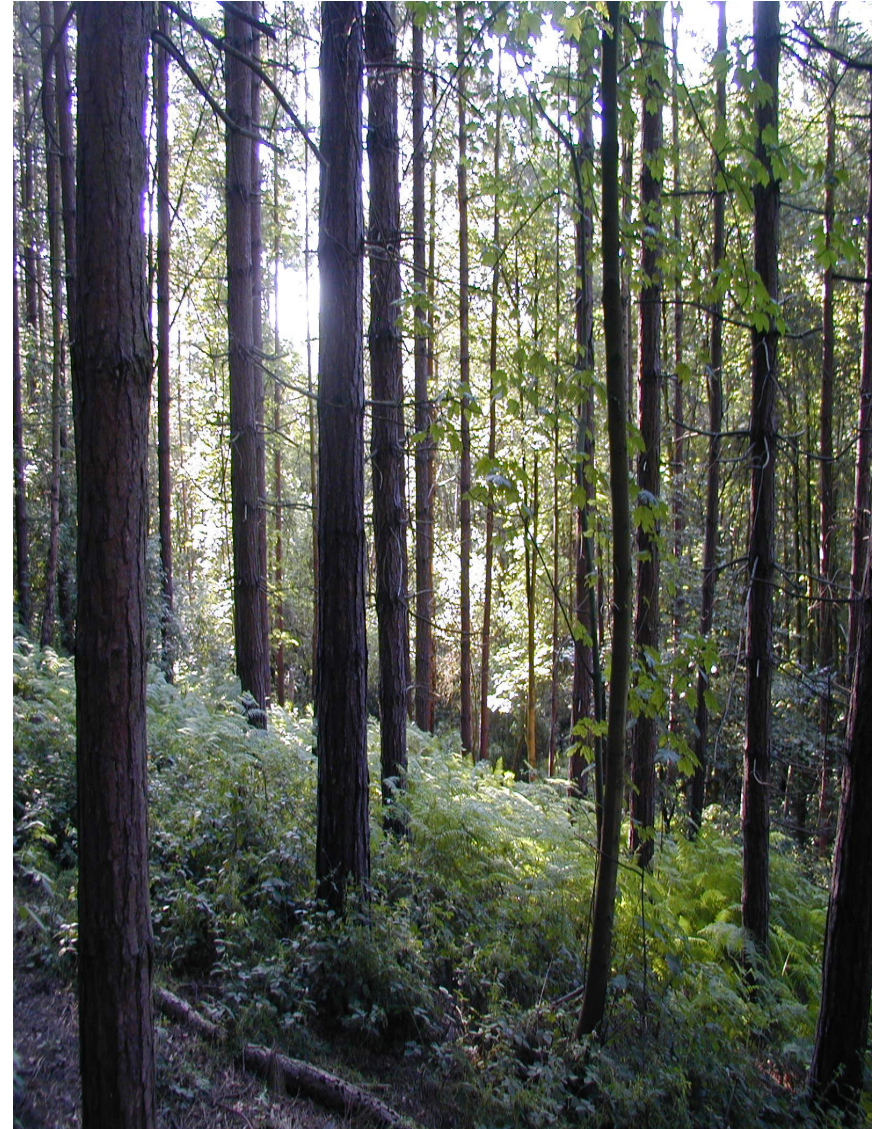
Green Infrastructure is a network of green spaces with many uses that help provide a natural life support system for people and wildlife.

Landscape provides the setting for our day-to-day lives. It relates equally to landscapes, countryside, and urban wasteland as much as it does to parks. It has a social and community value, as an important part of people's daily lives.

## **Further Information**

- New development needs to link green networks, integrated with other strategies. This is more easily achieved in large new developments, where it can assist in delivering and improving Green Infrastructure initiatives such as the proposed Trent River Park and a possible Sherwood Forest Regional Park.
- The quality and type varies a lot throughout the Greater Nottingham area. Some have poor access, vandalism and anti-social behaviour, suffer from lack of maintenance and poor location. In some areas, there may not be enough open space to meet local need.
- The biodiversity value of Green Infrastructure can be threatened by number of activities such as new development, poor management and design and loss of urban gardens. Spread of habitats and species may also be affected by climate change.
- There is little opportunity for us to secure new areas of open space unless the land is being redeveloped for housing. We need to ensure that a fair and reasonable supply of green open areas can be provided. One way is to improve access to the open countryside. Linking the built up area to the countryside can be improved by making use of existing corridors such as rivers, canals and the National cycle network.





## **We need your views: please print and return pages 4-6 with your comments**

### **Things to think about**

- How we can recognise the importance of Green Infrastructure and support and enhance it.
- Consider the future priorities for providing for new and/or improved Green Infrastructure
- Decide how to protect the landscape and enhance biodiversity.
- Decide how to best improve access to the countryside.

### **What else is happening?**

- We are producing an up to date assessment of the landscape character, which will help us to make informed decisions about future development proposals.
- A Green Infrastructure Strategy and Action Plan is now being prepared. This will help to improve the quality and networks of Green Infrastructure to link to new development.

### **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 - see over.

You can also visit our website at  
**[www.gngrowthpoint.com](http://www.gngrowthpoint.com)**

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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Your personal information will be handled by the Council in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Your information will not be disclosed to third parties and will not be used for any other purpose.

## **Choices to make about Green Infrastructure and Landscape Character**

**GI1 We need to improve Green Infrastructure. How should we provide open spaces to meet the needs of local people? What should the priorities be?**

<u>Please say whether you agree with the following</u>	Y	N
Require new developments to provide for better green networks?		
Where are the existing shortages in Green Infrastructure provision?		
<u>Please say whether you agree with the following</u>	Y	N
Should equal priority be given to the protection and enhancement of open space in both the urban area and in rural towns and villages?		
Should all existing open spaces be protected from loss, even where they are poorly located and managed?		

## **GI2 How should biodiversity in Greater Nottingham be protected and improved?**

<u>Please pick one of the following</u>	
Specify sites and corridors within which development will not be allowed.	
Specify sites and corridors and make sure that all development helps to protect and improve biodiversity. This would also include a clear aim to protect and promote specific features for biodiversity, which may be declining or threatened, such as private gardens in urban areas.	
Do not look specify sites and corridors of biodiversity but use a general policy to encourage the protection and improvement of biodiversity everywhere.	

**GI3 How should access to the countryside be improved to benefit local residents and visitors?**

<u>Please pick one of the following</u>	
Identify routes from urban areas where access is currently poor and enhance access to the countryside serving towns and villages and to support local tourism opportunities.	
Do not focus on specific sites or areas but have a general approach of improving access to the countryside from urban areas	

**GI4 Are there any other issues and options to do with Green Infrastructure and Landscape Character in Greater Nottingham?**

Please suggest any other ways you think the Core Strategy can help (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)
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