

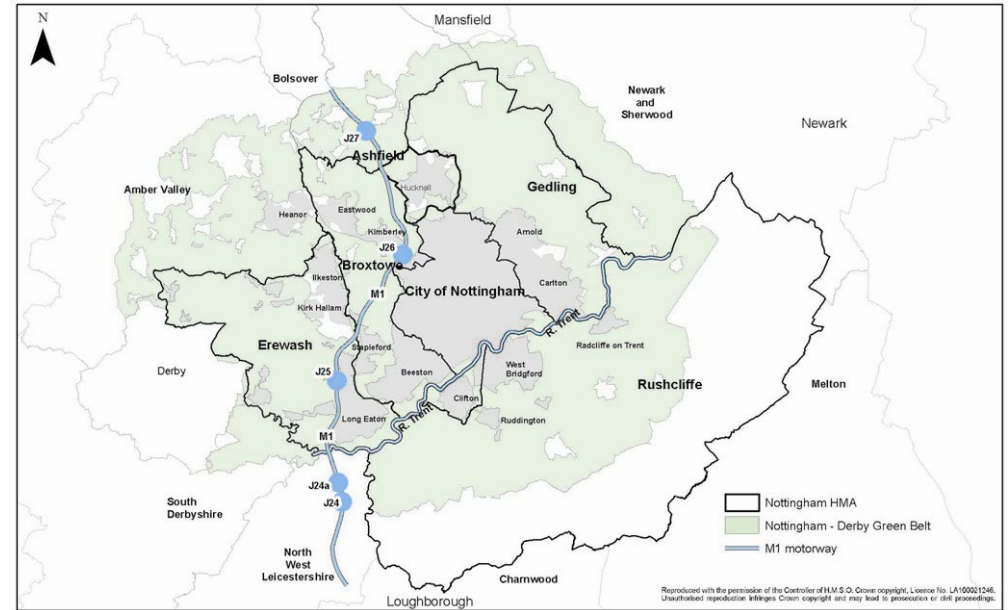
GREATER NOTTINGHAM ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY

LOCALLY DISTINCT ISSUES FOR EREWASH



The Core Strategy

Erewash Borough Council is developing the Core Strategy. This document is a key part of the Local Development Framework which replaces the Council's Local Plan. The Core Strategy will provide a long-term vision, objectives and policies that will guide future development in Erewash up to 2026.

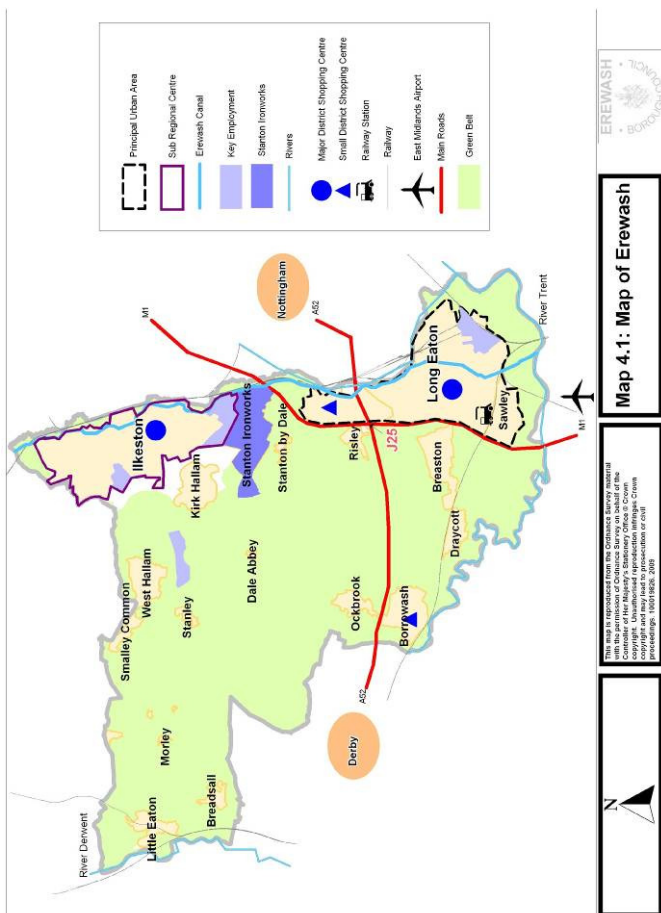


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Erewash is working closely with the Councils of Ashfield, Broxtowe, Gedling, Nottingham City and Rushcliffe to produce an aligned set of Core Strategies. This 'Issues and Options' consultation is the first stage of preparation and as yet, no decisions have been made. As such, this is the opportunity for you to influence the shape of Erewash and 'Greater Nottingham' in the future.

Introduction to Erewash



- Erewash has a population of around 110,700. Rural landscapes and villages occupy western and central areas with Erewash being dominated by the two historic market towns of Ilkeston and Long Eaton which are located in the east of the Borough.
- Erewash lies between the cities of Derby and Nottingham, with 72% of the Borough protected by green belt policy.
- Erewash has excellent transport infrastructure with the M1 Motorway and the A52 passing through the Borough. Frequent bus and rail services serve nearby cities whilst Nottingham East Midlands Airport provides domestic and overseas air freight and passenger services.
- The Borough is home to the 'Erewash Valley', which incorporates the Erewash Canal. As part of this unique environment, there are 228 Listed Buildings, 20 Conservation Areas, 9 Local Nature Reserves and 90 Wildlife Sites in Erewash.



Stanton Ironworks, South Ilkeston

- The decline of traditional industries such as coal mining, iron working and textiles has meant the Borough has faced substantial economic restructuring. This has resulted in gaps within the local skill base, unemployment and a legacy of unused and undesirable industrial land and premises e.g. Stanton Ironworks.



Ilkeston Town Centre

- The market towns of Ilkeston and Long Eaton act as focal for shopping, employment and other important facilities and services such as health care and education. However, problematic issues such as supermarkets dominance, limited shopping range, static rents and vacancy levels are impacting upon the centres.

- Although Erewash has average levels of deprivation overall, there are localised pockets of significant deprivation. This is particularly the case for Cotmanhay area whilst 'Ilkeston North' lies within the top 2.5% deprived wards in England.
- There is a significant need for affordable housing in the Borough with 59% of its households unable to afford to buy their own home or privately rent.
- Although rural settlements enjoy a good living environment, their long-term sustainability is being threatened by a number of interconnected issues. These include a declining rural economy, unaffordable housing, service closures and limited accessibility.



Stanley Village

A Vision for Erewash?

We need to create an overall vision which sets out how the Borough should develop and incorporates local priorities. A complete spatial vision has been included in the full consultation paper but the following extract demonstrates its over-arching aim:

In 2026, a safe, clean and green Erewash will provide a good range of job opportunities, skills and homes for its active, healthy and involved communities.

As such, Erewash will be a vibrant and prosperous borough, where an excellent quality of life is enjoyed by everyone

Please complete the attached questionnaire to let us know your views.

You will also be able to complete the full Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper by visiting our website at **www.erewash.gov.uk**

For any related queries, please contact the Policy and Development Team on 0845 9072244

Locally Distinct Issues for Erewash

The aligned Core Strategies have identified various issues and options relating to Greater Nottingham. However, we need to hear your views on 7 further issues which relate specifically to Erewash:

1 How should new development be distributed around Erewash?

- Erewash must respond to development needs such as the requirement to provide 7,200 homes between 2006 & 2026. Policy dictates that development should be concentrated in urban areas but should we allow some development in our rural settlements to sustain local services and provide affordable housing?

2 Which potential large development sites are most appropriate for future growth?

- Stanton Ironworks and land to the north of Pewit Golf Course has been identified by an independent study as being suitable for large growth. Should these sites be developed and if so, should one site be prioritised over the other one?

3 What approach should be taken to the location of Erewash Green Belt boundaries?

- We must protect the Derby to Nottingham Green Belt but should we consider re-aligning boundaries where appropriate to allow for needed development?

4 How does Erewash find new high-quality commercial sites in accessible locations?

- Erewash needs to provide jobs for its rising population and to tackle current levels of unemployment. However, an Employment Land Study has identified a shortage of good quality sites that would be attractive to the commercial market. Where should these new sites be located?

5 How should the Core Strategy help regenerate Ilkeston and Long Eaton?

- Town Centre Masterplans have been prepared for both market towns but should these be used as the primary means to regenerate the towns?

6 Should we focus regeneration on Cotmanhay & North Ilkeston?

- Erewash possesses pockets of deprivation notably in Cotmanhay & North Ilkeston but should the Core Strategy focus on this area?

7 How should we best protect and enhance Erewash's networks of green spaces?

- The borough contains many networks of green spaces such as the Erewash Canal and the Nutbrook Trail. However resources to protect and enhance such assets are limited so should we focus and prioritise action on particular areas?

Are there any other issues or options relating to the future development of Erewash?

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 they include the best policies for the future development of Erewash.

We need your views: please print and return pages 5-6 with your comments

EBC1 How should new development be distributed around Erewash?

<i>Please tick one option</i>	
1a Concentrate new growth in urban areas	
1b Focus a significant amount of development in urban areas, but concentrate some new growth in rural settlements	
1c Focus a significant amount of development in rural settlements but concentrate some new growth in urban areas	

<i>Please add any comments if you wish</i>	
1d Which of Erewash's rural settlements, if any, are in need of for new development?	

EBC2 Which potential large development sites are most appropriate for future growth?

<i>Please tick one option</i>	
2a Stanton Ironworks	
2b Land to the North of Pewit Golf Course	
2c Both	
2d Neither	

EBC3 What approach should be taken to the location of Erewash Green Belt boundaries?

<i>Please tick one option</i>	
3a Keep Green Belt boundaries as they are	

3b Consider the re-alignment of Green Belt boundaries where appropriate to allow development to meet local needs	
3c Consider the re-alignment of Green Belt boundaries to allow for a large level of growth	

EBC4 How does Erewash find new high-quality commercial sites in accessible locations?

<i>Please state whether you agree with 4a-4c</i>	Y	N
4a Allocate a large site for commercial development in a highly accessible location?		
4b Prioritise and provide smaller allocations for commercial development in accessible locations		
4c Prioritise commercial development as part of the regeneration of Stanton Ironworks		

EBC5 How should the Core Strategy help regenerate Ilkeston and Long Eaton?

<i>Please tick one option</i>	
5a Continue to use the Masterplans as the primary way to regenerate the towns	
5b Adopt more flexibility towards future actions identified within the Masterplans acknowledging new or altered priorities	
5c Address new or altered priorities by disregarding the Masterplans	

EBC6 Should we focus regeneration on Cotmanhay & North Ilkeston?

<i>Please tick one option</i>	
6a The Core Strategy should focus regeneration in Cotmanhay and North Ilkeston.	
6b The Core Strategy should focus on regeneration aims for Ilkeston as a whole	

Please add any comments if you wish

6c Are there any other areas within Erewash requiring additional regeneration?

EBC7 How should we best protect and enhance Erewash's networks of green spaces?

Please tick one option

7a Focus on protecting & enhancing **existing** strategic routes e.g. Erewash River Valley

7b Focus on protecting & enhancing potential major **new** routes e.g. Derby to Sandiacre Canal

7c Don't focus on particular networks of green spaces and spread resources to protect & enhance all forms.

EBC8 Are there any other issues or options relating to the future development of Erewash?

Please suggest any other ways you think the Core Strategy can help

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:

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Email:

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

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