

GREATER NOTTINGHAM ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY

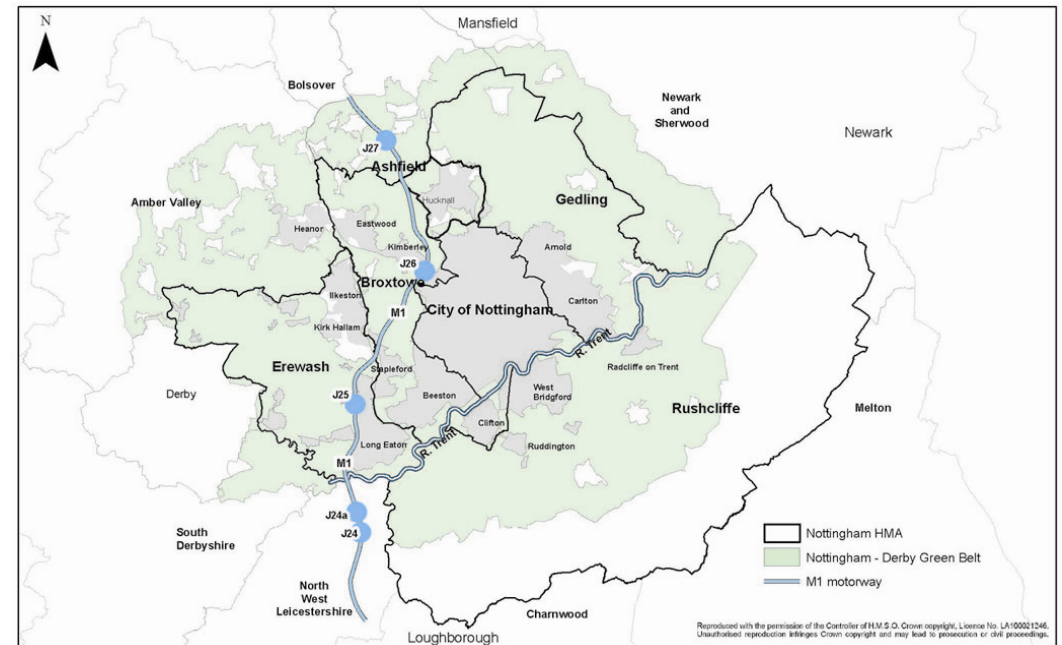
ACCOMMODATING GROWTH ISSUES AND OPTIONS



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 ACCOMMODATING GROWTH”

ACCOMMODATING GROWTH 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.

Accommodating Growth in Greater Nottingham

The Regional Plan says 60,600 new houses are required for Greater Nottingham between 2006 and 2026. We need to provide these new homes with development for open space, jobs, retail and other services to support this growth and those living in existing communities to make them sustainable.

Further Information

- The Regional Plan says that in Greater Nottingham, 40,800 of the new homes required should be in the built up area or, where this is not possible, next to it in the form of Sustainable Urban Extensions (an extension to the built up area built in line with sustainable development principles).
- The current recession has hit house building particularly badly that may affect the number of new houses built in the short and medium term.
- In theory there is flexibility between neighbouring authorities in the Greater Nottingham area to redistribute some housing numbers. However, those local authorities also have high housing requirements so this is unlikely to happen.
- Increasing the density of development in the built up area and building on open space and gardens can put more pressure on existing infrastructure such as schools, roads etc.
- Increased density and building on open space and gardens will not provide enough new homes. Large sites will still need to be released from the Green Belt to achieve the housing targets. Urban extensions into the greenbelt and countryside would be larger sites, giving opportunities to improve existing infrastructure.
- Some new houses in rural areas could help in supporting village shops and other facilities.
- Developing on open space within the built up areas will create an irreplaceable loss of valuable amenity space.

We need your views: please print and return pages 3-6 with your comments

Things to think about

- Where are the most appropriate locations for new development
- What level of growth is appropriate for the more rural areas
- Should we be looking to identify potential housing sites beyond 2026

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

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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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 Accommodating Growth

AG1 Should there be any flexibility in the number and location of houses being provided?

<u>Please say whether you agree with the following</u>	Y	N
Housing numbers in the Regional Plan are a minimum. Should the Councils provide for more housing?		
Do you think the Regional Plan allows housing growth to be shared out differently between local authority areas?		

AG2 How should future development be distributed around Greater Nottingham?

<u>Please say whether you agree with the following</u>	Y	N
Should most of the new homes be provided in or next to the existing main built up area of Nottingham?		
Should there be more flexibility in where new homes are provided (whether next to the main built up area or in more rural locations)		

AG3 Which large urban extensions are the most appropriate?

<u>Please say whether you agree with the following</u>	Y	N
Do you think the Sustainable Urban Extensions identified on the map on the following page (the 'potential suitable sites') are the most appropriate?		
Do you think any of the sites that have been ruled out would be better options?		
If so why? Are there any other sites you think are better?		
<u>Please pick one of the following</u>	Y	N
Should the historical emphasis on growth to the west of Nottingham continue?		
Or should growth elsewhere be encouraged (to the south, east and/or north)?		

AG4 How do we provide infrastructure for new development?

<u>Please say whether you agree with the following</u>	Y	N
Should other development (such as schools and shops) be provided alongside new housing sites?		
Should land for jobs be provided with big housing sites?		
Should we plan for commuting, eg into the City centre, rather than providing local jobs?		
Is good public transport to local centres, the City centre, schools, hospitals and employment important in deciding where big new developments should go?		

AG5 What role should the rural towns and villages have in accommodating development

What level of development would best support towns and villages to serve local needs?

AG6 How should long term development beyond 2026 be provided in the Core Strategy?

<u>Please say whether you agree with the following</u>	Y	N
Should this Core Strategy take a longer term view of the distribution of future development around Greater Nottingham and identify potential locations for development beyond 2026?		
If so, where should they be?		
<u>Please say whether you agree with the following</u>	Y	N
In the longer term after 2026, should more development be concentrated in and around Hucknall and Ilkeston as well as the main built up areas?		
Is there a role for making existing settlements bigger or developing new settlements, which could be eco towns?		
If so, where?		

