

Statement of Strategic Involvement

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Preparation of the Strategic Growth Plan

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Introduction

This document forms a 'Statement of Strategic Involvement' for the preparation of the Strategic Growth Plan. It has been prepared to set out clearly who will be consulted, how consultation will be carried out and when consultation is planned to take place.

As the Strategic Growth Plan will be a non-statutory plan there is flexibility to vary the requirements for consultation from those which would be required in the case of a statutory plan.

The Members' Advisory Group has recognised that the nature of the consultation during the preparation of the Strategic Growth Plan will need to vary depending on the stage reached. Given that the first stage, the Strategic Growth Statement, is a high level document setting the scene for the preparation of the Draft Strategic Growth Plan it is proposed that the focus of the consultation should be on specific and general consultation bodies (as identified in Regulation 18), Duty to Co-operate consultees and major businesses, developers and their agents. This will alert key stakeholders and major businesses to the fact that work has begun and is in progress, and enables them to factor our emerging Plan into their work programmes.

This does not, in any way, prevent local people, and other businesses and organisations from commenting at the same time and they will be alerted to the publication of the Growth Statement through announcements in local media.

At the second stage, the Draft Strategic Growth Plan, consultation will be broadened to ensure that all those bodies and individuals registered on the plan making databases of individual authorities are also consulted. This should include a wide range of individuals and organisations including communities and 'hard to reach' groups.

The consultation tables below summarise who will be consulted, when and how.

Relationship with Statements of Community Involvement (SCI)

The seven borough and district councils, Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council all have Statements of Community Involvement (SCI) in place for their plan-making activities. This document, called a Statement of Strategic Involvement, to reflect the more strategic nature of the Strategic Growth Plan, and differentiate it from the formally required SCIs, seeks to set out arrangements which enable the requirements of these individual SCIs to be met.

Consultation tables

Please note these tables identify who will be consulted, when and how. The precise timing of the latter part of the preparation of the Strategic Growth Plan is still to be determined, and this detail will be added once confirmed.

Stage/Time	Purpose	Who	How
Stage/Time Stage 1: The Strategic Growth Statement 6 weeks Equalities Impact Assessment	Purpose Context and evidence gathering Notify and consult on the scope of the plan, objectives and generic options for accommodating growth	 Who Specific and general consultation bodies Duty to Cooperate bodies Major businesses, developers and agents in L&L Internal consultees (for example, key service areas, Members) 	 How Email from SGP website to Specific and general consultation bodies and Duty to Co-operate bodies Email/letter from relevant Local Authority to local bodies on their respective General Consultation bodies list, parish councils and internal consultees Email from SGP website to major businesses and housebuilders in L&L
			 Press releases for local media from all ten

			partners
Stage 2: Draft Strategic Growth Plan Sustainability Appraisal (SA)/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) /Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Equalities Impact Assessment Summer 2017 Length of consultation period to be determined	Consult on and seek views on identified quantum and 'preferred' option/s for the spatial distribution of growth	 Specific and general consultation bodies Duty to Cooperate bodies Those registered on the individual databases maintained for plan making by the seven district councils in Leicestershire, Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council Major businesses, developers and agents in L&L Internal consultees (for example, key service areas, Members) 	 Email from SGP website to Specific Consultation bodies and Duty to Co-operate bodies Email/letter from relevant Local Authority to local bodies on their respective General Consultation bodies list Press releases for local media from all ten partners Email/letter from local authority to those registered on the individual databases maintained for plan making by the seven district councils in Leicestershire, Leicester City Council and Leicestershire

		 County Council Email from SGP website to major businesses and housebuilders in L&L Press releases for local media from all ten partners
Stage 3: Final Strategic Growth	 All those who made comments 	 Email from SGP website
Plan SA/SEA/HRA	made comments on the Draft Strategic Growth Plan	 Press releases for local media from all ten
EIA Winter 2017/2018	 Internal consultees (for 	partners
Length of consultation period to be determined	example, key service areas, Members)	

This document has been prepared on behalf of:

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