

LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE 2050: OUR VISION FOR GROWTH



CONSULTATION DRAFT PLAN

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YOUR VIEWS PLEASE

The Strategic Growth Plan is a long term, high-level plan that is being prepared jointly by ten partner organisations in Leicester & Leicestershire (see back page). In its final form, the Plan will set out an agreed strategy for the period to 2050.

The Draft Plan explains the way in which we have prepared the plan and sets out the broad locations where development might take place. It also highlights the infrastructure that will be needed to deliver it.

The Plan will be non-statutory but we will use it as a basis for preparing or reviewing individual Local Plans, transport plans and economic plans.

It will focus on:

- ▶ delivering new housing
- ▶ supporting the economy
- ▶ identifying essential infrastructure
- ▶ protecting our environment and built heritage

This leaflet summarises the key features of the Draft Plan. A copy of the full document and the evidence supporting it are available on our web site.

Further details are available
on our website

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Please let us have
your views by

 **5 April 2018**

OUR PROPOSED GROWTH AREAS

The Draft Plan recognises that Leicester & Leicestershire will continue to grow. Our population is increasing and we need more homes. We have clusters of businesses, universities and research institutions that operate on a world stage. There is a national and regional imperative to provide more homes and jobs.

But we also know that too much growth in particular locations, and insensitive development, is having an adverse impact on our local communities and on our environment. The lack of essential infrastructure is also slowing the pace of delivery.

The Draft Strategic Growth Plan is our proposal for balancing these competing interests.

To date, the majority of new housing has been built on small and medium-sized sites in the City, market towns, villages and rural areas. New employment has been focused in Leicester city centre and on the edges of the county.

Our strategy diagram shows how we would plan for new growth in future. This identifies 'primary' and 'secondary' growth areas where most development would take place and 'key centres' where growth would support existing Local Plan strategies. Elsewhere growth would be more limited.

For further details on the Strategic Growth Plan please visit our website:

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We are confident that we can accommodate growth in the period up to 2031. Thereafter, we propose to shift the focus of development towards major sites where new housing and jobs can be planned together with the infrastructure and services that are needed.

STRATEGY PLAN KEY

- PRIMARY GROWTH AREAS:**
 - Leicester
 - A46 Corridor
- SECONDARY GROWTH AREAS:**
 - Northern / Southern Gateways
- GROWTH POINTS:**
 - Key Centres
 - Managed Growth in Local Plans
 - Growth to support local needs only
- ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE:** (shown diagrammatically)
 - Road Improvements
 - A46 Expressway
 - A5 Expressway
 - M42/A42 Expressway
 - Rail improvements
 - HS2

COALVILLE, HINCKLEY, LOUGHBOROUGH AND MARKET HARBOROUGH

These existing market towns have been under intense pressure for development. Substantial provision for new homes and jobs has already been made. Much is still to be built and is dependent upon new local infrastructure. Further development should be consistent with the need to support local growth.

VILLAGES AND RURAL AREAS

Some villages and rural areas have been under intense pressure for development. Limited growth, consistent with providing for local needs, should be considered through Local Plans.



1 THE SOUTHERN GATEWAY

Focused around the A5 and the proposed new link between the M69 and the M1 (part of the A46 Corridor). Expressway proposals for the A5 and the new section of the A46 will create opportunities for development in areas well-located relative to employment opportunities.

2 LUTTERWORTH

Locations close to the M1 and A5 have become a focus for the logistics and distribution industry. New development to the east of the M1, together with new infrastructure to relieve congestion in the town, is already planned. Further growth would enable better services and new homes would allow employees to live closer to places of work.

3 THE A46 CORRIDOR

New road extending from the M69 around the south and east of Leicester with a new junction on the M1 (J20a). New road re-joining the A46 near Syston. Together with the Southern Gateway, there is potential to accommodate about 40,000 new homes and additional new jobs. Local Plans will identify specific development locations within the corridor.

4 LEICESTER

A pivotal role in the Draft Plan. Developing its role as a national and regional city, supporting the market towns and rural areas around it. More jobs, leisure, arts, culture and entertainment facilities within the City Centre. New jobs balanced with new homes, brownfield and greenfield development.

6 THE NORTHERN GATEWAY

Focused around the northern parts of the A42 and the M1. Several existing or committed employment centres on the edges of the County and in Loughborough. Potential for 10,000 new homes provided close to new and existing jobs supported by improvements to the A42, M1, railway lines and rail services.

5 MELTON MOWBRAY

Accessibility will be improved with the completion of the A46 Expressway and local improvements. Strategic growth facilitated by the proposed Melton Mowbray Distributor Road. Potential for further new homes and jobs supporting the regeneration of the town centre and new infrastructure to reduce congestion.



MORE INFORMATION

The Draft Plan has been prepared so that we can invite comments from anyone with an interest in Leicester & Leicestershire. The full version of the Draft Plan, and the evidence supporting it, can be found on the Strategic Growth Plan website.

CONSULTATION EVENTS

During the course of the consultation period (11 January – 5 April 2018) the organisations that have prepared the Draft Plan will be holding a number of consultation events. Details of when and where these will be held are listed on the Strategic Growth Plan website.

NEXT STEPS

Your comments will be reported to the partner organisations and taken into account when we prepare the final version of the Plan. We hope to publish this in summer/autumn 2018.

HOW TO COMMENT

To submit your views:

If possible please fill out the consultation questionnaire online. Make sure it reaches us by midnight on:

5 April 2018
(at the latest).



Alternative formats, including paper copies of the questionnaire, are available on request by contacting one of the partners below.



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