

BEAUMONT LEYS COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2020

Held at: Zoom Virtual Meeting

ACTION LOG

Present:
Councillor Rae Bhatia (Chair)
Councillor Dempster
Councillor Westley

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
30.	INTRODUCTIONS	<p>Councillor Rae Bhatia as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence received.</p> <p>Councillor Rae Bhatia declared that he had received representations regarding the Local Plan to be discussed, and that he lived near the area of one of the sites proposed for development.</p> <p>Councillor Westley declared that he had been lobbied regarding the Local Plan proposed housing on Beauville Drive.</p>
31.	ACTION LOG	<p>The Action Log of the previous meeting held 26 February 2020 was confirmed as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters arising included the following:</p> <p><u>Item 23 'Housing Update'</u> It was noted that there still had not been an update from the Housing Officer regarding the Tenants and Leaseholders Forum.</p> <p><u>Item 25 'City Warden Update'</u> It was noted that the Trees and Woodlands team had been in touch with Councillors and residents had not made any further complaints.</p> <p><u>Item 26 'DMU Local Project'</u> It was noted that the De Montfort students who had presented at the previous meeting had sent a digital version of their plans.</p>

32.	WARD COUNCILLOR'S FEEDBACK	<p>It was noted that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work was ongoing to support local foodbanks; residents were encouraged to support foodbanks where they could. • The Health and Wellbeing Board was upcoming, where there would be a discussion of parity of esteem between physical and mental health. • The main issues that seemed to be coming up from residents were related to anti-social behaviour. • The Housing Scrutiny Commission Meeting was upcoming, a working party had been set up to look at overcrowded housing, • Work was ongoing with City Highways to look at road safety issues in the ward. • Work was ongoing with other departments on widening and refurbishment of walkways, specifically Beaumont Walk. • Representation had been made to the Council supporting a Shuttle Bus service from the Ashton Green area to Beaumont Shopping Centre. • Three new defibrillators would be installed in the ward for the public to use if necessary. • Work was ongoing liaising with Highways on Key Ward Priorities.
33.	POLICE ISSUES UPDATE	<p>PC Adam Woolman was present to give an update, he reported that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime had decreased during the first Covid lockdown, but numbers had returned to normal in the summer. • The number of thefts of motor vehicles had not changed from last year. • The number of thefts from motor vehicles would have gone down significantly if not for one night where 18 incidents took place, • The number of robberies had gone up significantly, with knives sometimes involved. Police were prioritising this issue and had made a number of positive arrests. • Residents were reporting anti-social behaviour involving illegal use of motorbikes and drug

		<p>dealing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a number of complaints about poor parking around Glebelands School. Several motorists were warned about this issue and there had since been a significant reduction of issues in the area.
34.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>Rupert Bedder, Highways Network Asset Manager, was present to give an update. It was noted that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was requested at the last meeting that the bus stop on Tilling Road be moved forward. The bus stops team would be doing a program of work on all bus stops starting in February 2021 for two years. It was thought that the bus stop could be brought forward one and a half meters. • Work had been done or was due to be done on Astill Lodge Roundabout and Collet Road. • A Traffic Regulation Order regarding Bennion Road and Croft Road had been advertised and there had been no objections. The plan was for those double yellow lines to be in place by Christmas. • Drainage works were taking place on Anstey Lane. • A visit to Beaumont Leys school was to take place to see what could be done regarding traffic issues there. • Plans were in place to introduce school run parking measures on Strasbourg Drive, they would take place early in the new year. • Virtual assemblies would be taking place to encourage children to walk and cycle. • As part of the Transforming Cities scheme, work would be done to widen and improve lighting and street furniture on Beaumont Walk and Lismore Walk. This work would be beginning in January 2021. • Anstey Lane corridor works and plans for a Park and Ride in the ward were also in early stages of development before consultation. <p>Councillors reported that bus stops on Strasbourg Drive and Tilling Road needed seating for elderly residents. Action: Rupert Bedder to take request to appropriate officers.</p>

		Councillors reported issues with the roundabout on Lomand Close and Heachem Drive. Action: Rupert Bedder to report to traffic safety team.
35.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Officers were unable to attend the meeting, so a report was summarised by the Ward Community Engagement Officer. The report is attached at the end of this log.</p> <p>Police reported parking issues around Austwick Close and Bishopdale Road and that more parking spaces could be placed in that area which would relieve problems.</p> <p>Councillors asked to receive the phone numbers of the new Housing Officers working in the area. Action: Ward Community Engagement Officer to pass request to relevant officers.</p>
36.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	It was noted that Matt Davinson was the new City Warden for the ward. He was not present at the meeting, so the Ward Community Engagement Officer read the information provided. This update has been attached to the end of this log.
37.	WARD COMMUNITY MEETING BUDGET	<p>The Ward Community Engagement Officer provided an update on the Ward Community Budget.</p> <p>It was noted that since the last meeting the following applications had been received;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishopdale Learning Hub - £1500 for adult learning • Glebelands Primary School- £400 for a new defibrillator • Ndi Igbo Leicestershire- £500 bid not supported due to Covid rules. • Stokes Wood Allotment Society- £500 for purchase of timber sheds • Heathley Park Residents Association- £426 for Neighbourhood Watch, newsletter, and gravel • Women 4 Change- £500 for criminal justice education for young people

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Orlovska in partnership with Buzzing Roots Cic- £500 not supported • The Curator Educator- £400 for creative afternoon • Pheonix Agenda Supplementary School- £400 for community monitoring • Boxercise4health- £315 for This Girl Can project • £6000 committed for three defibrillators in the ward <p>Beaumont Leys Ward Councillors noted that it had been agreed in principle to give £500 towards foodbanks for Christmas.</p>
38.	LOCAL PLAN UPDATE	<p>Grant Butterworth, Head of Planning, gave a presentation on the Local Plan and its impact on Beaumont Leys ward. The slides presented are attached at the end of this log.</p> <p>It was noted that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first stage of consultation for the Local Plan was in progress and would end on 7 December 2020. • The Plan covered the period from 2020 to 2036. • Four strategic development sites were proposed in the ward. These sites were to include housing as well as employment development as well as new schools if allocated. • Preserving open space would be a goal, whilst providing the need for housing and other development. <p>Residents asked how these sites had been selected and why there was no mention of them in previous Local Plans. Grant Butterworth reported that Government targets on new houses needed to be met for each Local plan period, so the previous Ashton Green allocation had been to meet earlier housing demand. The new sites subject of this consultation were being considered for development to meet new needs looking forward 15 years but were not confirmed yet.</p> <p>Residents asked what measures would be put in place to ensure that these proposed development</p>

		<p>sites would not have a negative impact on the environment, wildlife, health, and transport infrastructure. Grant Butterworth reported that more detailed plans about these issues would be considered and presented in the next version of the Local Plan which would also consider representations received at the current stage of consultation, and then in further detail at a planning application stage should allocations be progressed.</p> <p>Residents asked why certain sites were being tested on site now if development on them wasn't confirmed. Grant Butterworth reported that these sites were being surveyed to ensure that development on the site could be possible and investigation was ongoing on issues like archaeology and biodiversity on the sites, in line with Government policy.</p> <p>Residents asked why the consultation process was going ahead when restrictions meant that physical signatures to petitions relating to the plan could not be collected. Grant Butterworth reported that consultation was meant to happen in March 2020 but had to be delayed due to the Covid lockdown, He reported that the Government had advised planning processes including consultation on Local plans should continue. He also encouraged residents to give detailed individual responses to the consultation which would be more helpful than a signature on a petition.</p> <p>Councillors asked if paper copies of consultation response forms could be sent to schools to provide to parents who might not have access to the website. Grant Butterworth reported that schools had been engaged with and that they could distribute paper forms themselves. Action: Councillors to speak to local schools about distributing paper response forms.</p> <p>Councillors reminded residents that this was the latest stage of an ongoing process and it was very important for residents to keep engaged with the process.</p>
39.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.03pm.

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WARD COMMUNITY 16.11..2020 – HOUSING UPDATE

- **Projects on Beaumont Leys** – Projects for Beaumont Leys this financial year are near completion. Due to Covid 19 there has been a delay. Last projects of parking spaces on Thornholme are to commence Dec 2020.
- Projects for 2021 are in the process of being looked into. These are:-

Creating parking bays on Harris Road, Iona Close and Scalpay Close. Other work has already been carried out on this area and the parking bays will add to the improvement.

Quarterly Statistics for Beaumont Leys

AUG/SEPT/OCT 2020

	Aug	Sept	October	Total	
No of Voids	3	6	7	16	Total no of average properties since Aug 2020 for Beaumont Leys this is a combination of Flats, and houses. This includes long term voids and special projects Average turnaround of our properties is 92.49 days. There are a lot of properties that have asbestos in them and due to Covid 19 delays the process of reletting them.
ASB Cases	13	12	10	35	1 st Highest is due to Abuse 2 nd Neighbour conflict 3 rd Noise
Evictions	0	0	0	0	Eviction for rent arrears

Staffing - All staff for Beaumont Leys are working remotely now. We have a new team of Neighbourhood Housing Officers – Bhavna Modi, Jane Froggatt, Waqar Afsar, Souren Ramnarain. Assistant Neighbourhood Housing Officers Pratik Patel and Reshma Gordon

CITY WARDEN SERVICES

Minute Item 36



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

As a city resident there are plenty of things you can do to help keep your neighbourhood clean and tidy:

- Bring your bin in after collection day
- Book a bulky waste collection if you need to get rid of large items
- Use a bin - don't drop litter
- Clear up after your dog
- Look after your home and garden
- Report problems like littering, fly tipping and graffiti
- Join in with local community clean-up events

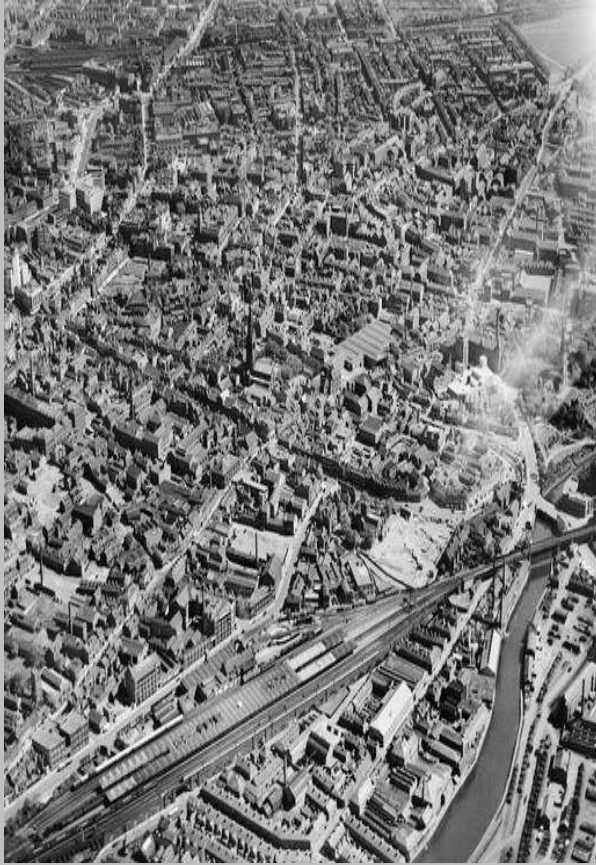


LOVE OUR APP

- 1.Download it - Our free app is available for Android, Windows, Blackberry and iPhones. Simply visit your app store and search for Love Leicester.
- 2.Spot it - Whether it's graffiti, litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling or another environmental problem, you can let us know about it.
- 3.Report it - Take a picture of the problem and upload it using the app. You can tag the location and include other details so we can fix the issue quickly.
- 4.Fix it - When you submit your report the details and picture will be sent to the right team who can fix the problem. They'll also be able to post a picture of what they've done.

If you have any issues that you would like to report then please speak to the City Wardens or contact the service on 0116 4541001

CITY WARDEN SERVICE



These are the main issues that the City Wardens can help with:

- Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes

- Work within schools

Enforcement work on the following issues:

- Littering
- Dog Control – Dog fouling, dogs on leads, dog exclusion zones
 - Bins on the Street (Domestic and Commercial)
- Free Distribution of Printed Material
 - Fly-Posting
 - Small Scale Fly-Tipping
 - Graffiti
- Vehicles for Sale on the road
- Repairing Vehicles on the road
- Failure to produce Waste Transfer Documents
 - Street Litter Control Notices
 - Skips & Scaffolding
 - Untidy Alleys and Gardens

BEAUMONT LEYS

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Fly-Tipping

Fly Tipping is a consistent issue in the area and over the last few months this has seen an increase locally due to lock down restrictions and more people staying at home. A number of fly-tips have been investigated by the City wardens. Enforcement action has been taken in cases where we have been able to identify the owner of the waste. Community Protection Warning Notices were issued for the owners of the waste to remove it and dispose of it responsibly. We would encourage residents to use the services available such as our bulk collection to dispose of larger items as leaving them on the street could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.



Untidy Land

Issues of untidy gardens have also been investigated and Community Protection Notices issued to residents and land owners to clear waste. This has shown to be successful as in most cases the land was cleared up as requested without the need for further enforcement actions. Those that have not cleared the land face a Fixed Penalty Notice and in extreme cases we will do the works in default and charge the land owner the costs.



Littering and ASB

Recently we have had complaints about the land around the Home Farm Neighbourhood Centre. Drinking and drug related litter has been investigated and cleared up. The land to the rear of the property has seen an increase in this type of antisocial behaviour. We are working with the Police and other Council services to monitor the area and see what can be done to reduce or eliminate this problems.

If you see anything of concern taking place around the neighbourhood centre please report this to the Police right away.



If you want to report any environmental issues you can contact your local City Warden at City.Warden@Leicester.gov.uk



**Draft Leicester Local Plan (2020 – 2036)
Public Consultation**

Beaumont Leys Ward Meeting

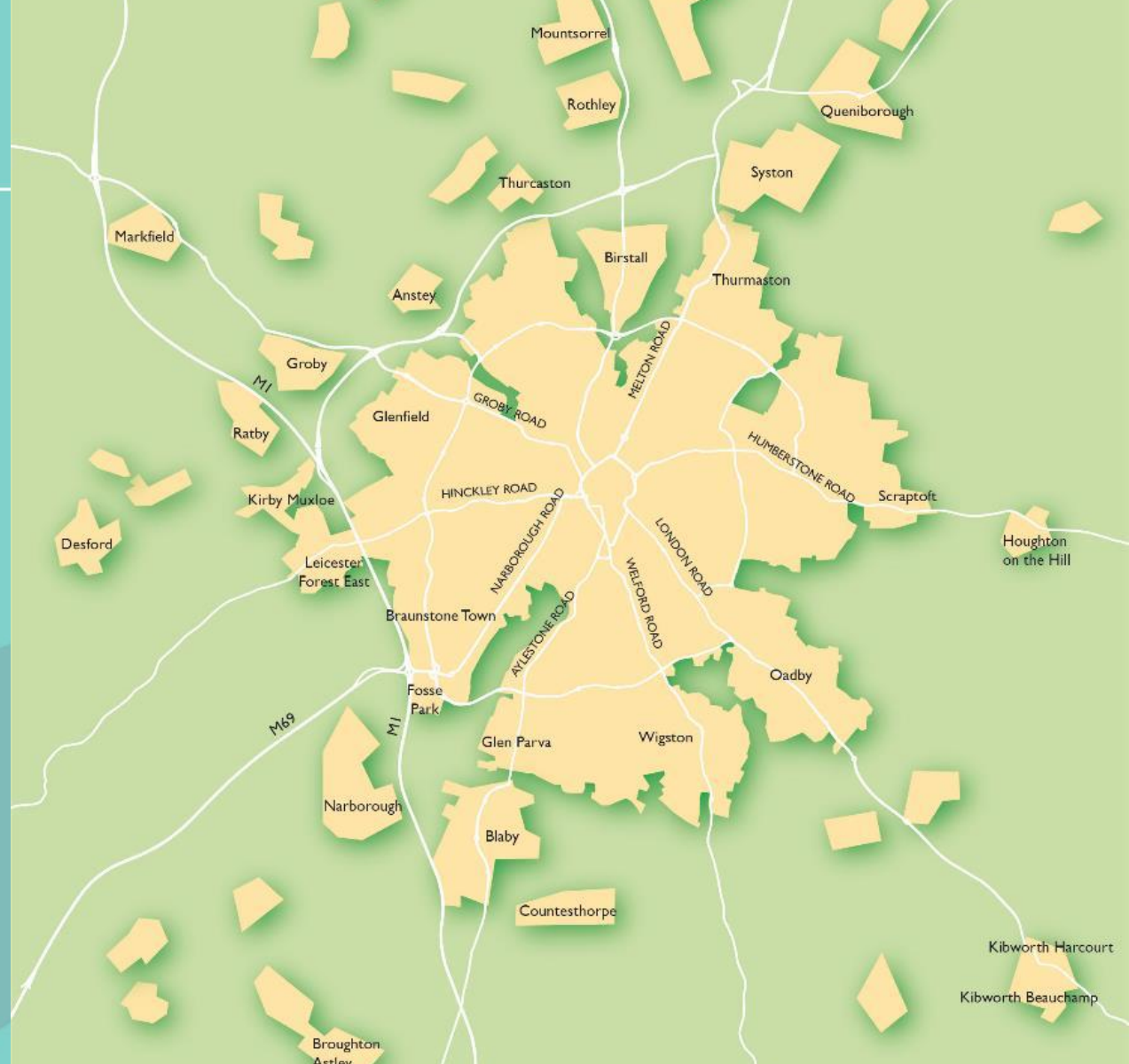
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The Importance of a Local Plan

Plan will cover the period 2020 – 2036 and seeks to:

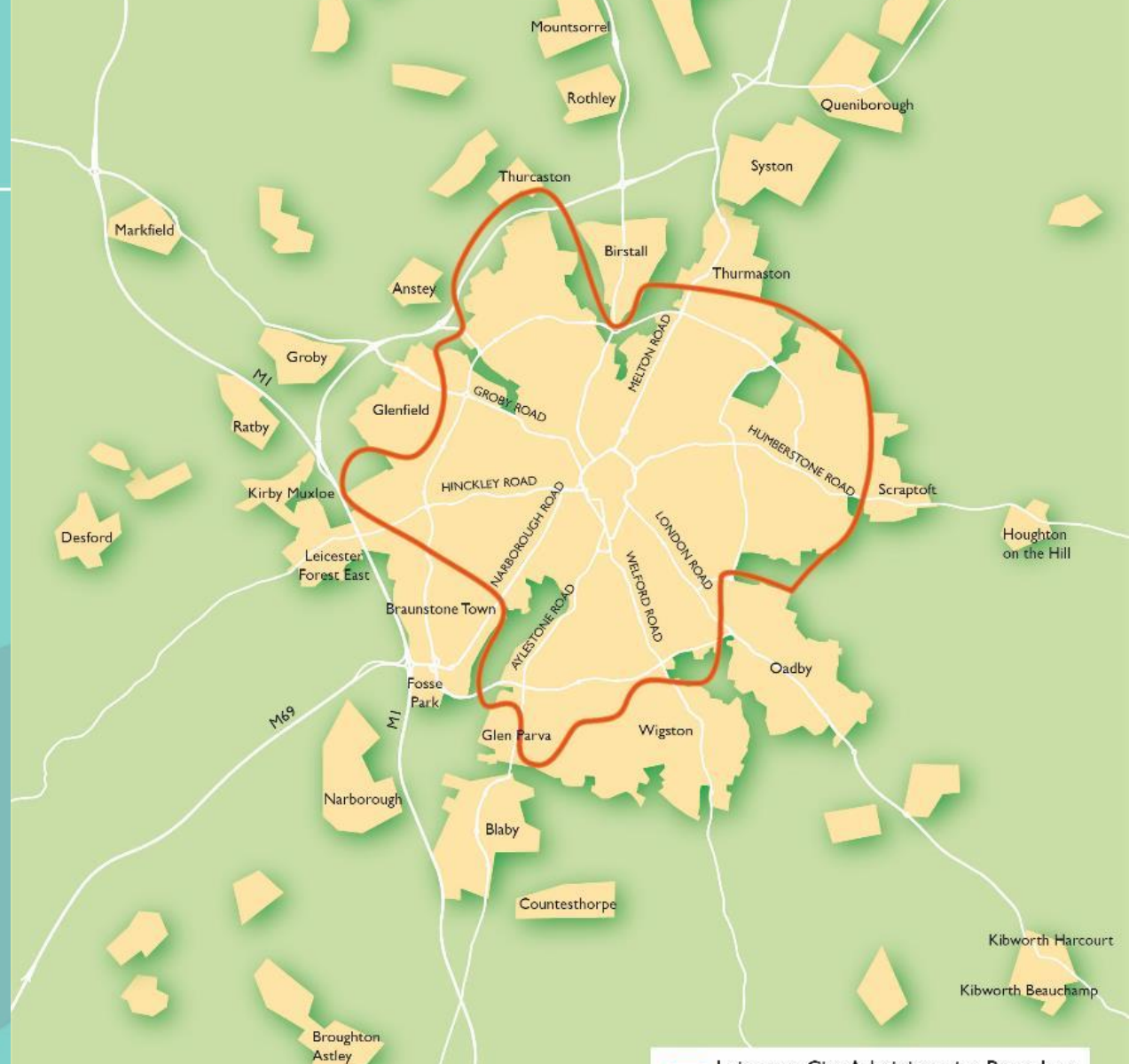
- Meet the needs for homes, jobs, shopping, and leisure
 - Allocate sites for the above
 - Set the council's planning policies (e.g. Climate Change and Public Health)
 - Encourage Investment & Economic Growth
 - Facilitate Place-making and set high quality design expectations
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- It also includes specific policies to consider planning application
 - The plan needs to be evidenced as viable and deliverable

A Growing City



A Growing City

- Leicester has already grown through the boundary and will continue to do so
- Strategic Growth Plan – approved to shape the future of Leicester and Leicestershire to 2050
- Recognises approx 1/3 City growth may need to be redistributed to Districts



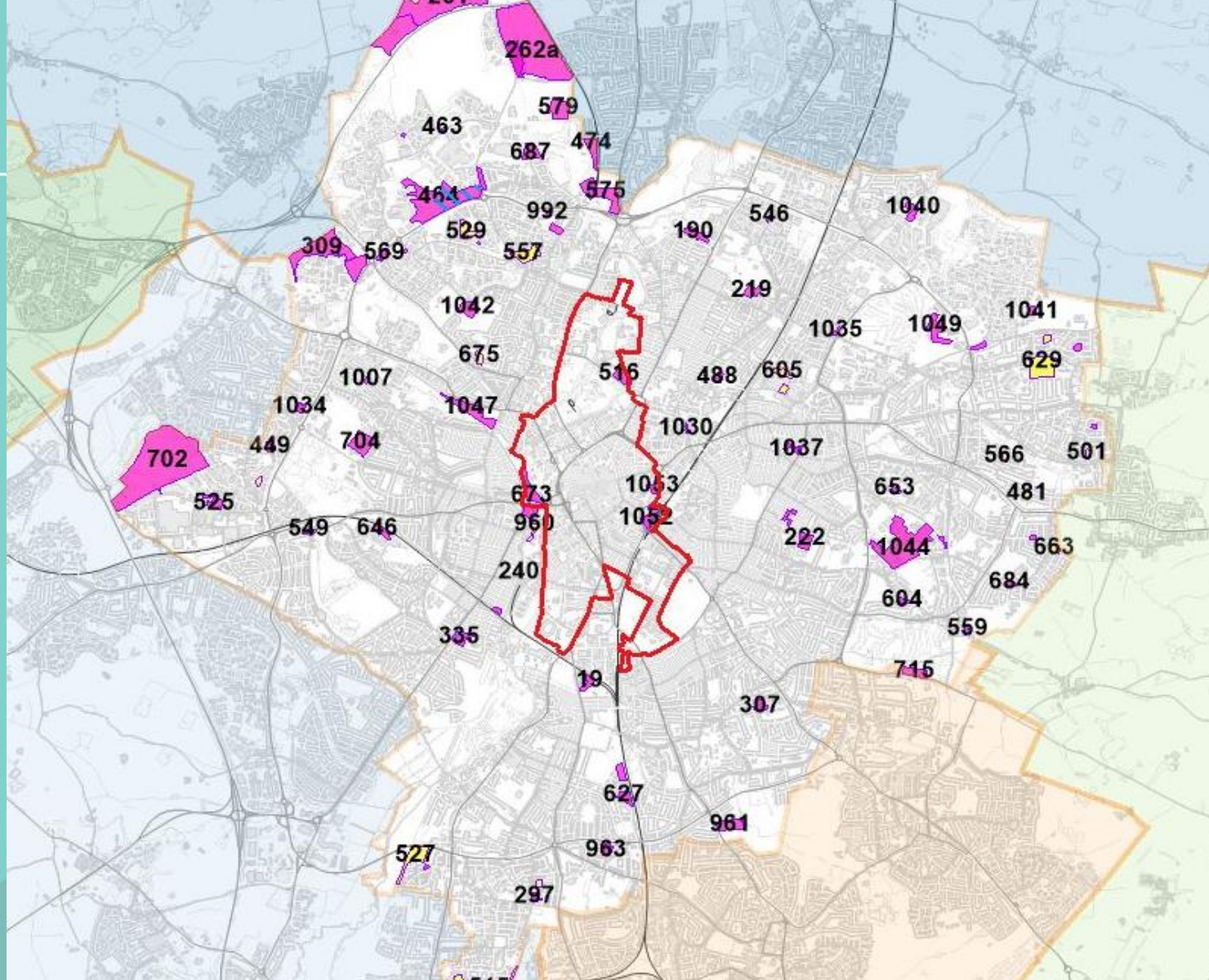
Housing Strategy

- Housing Need -1,712 a year until 2036
- 29,104 dwellings over plan period
- Any unmet need will need to be redistributed to adjacent districts and agreed through a Statement of Common Ground

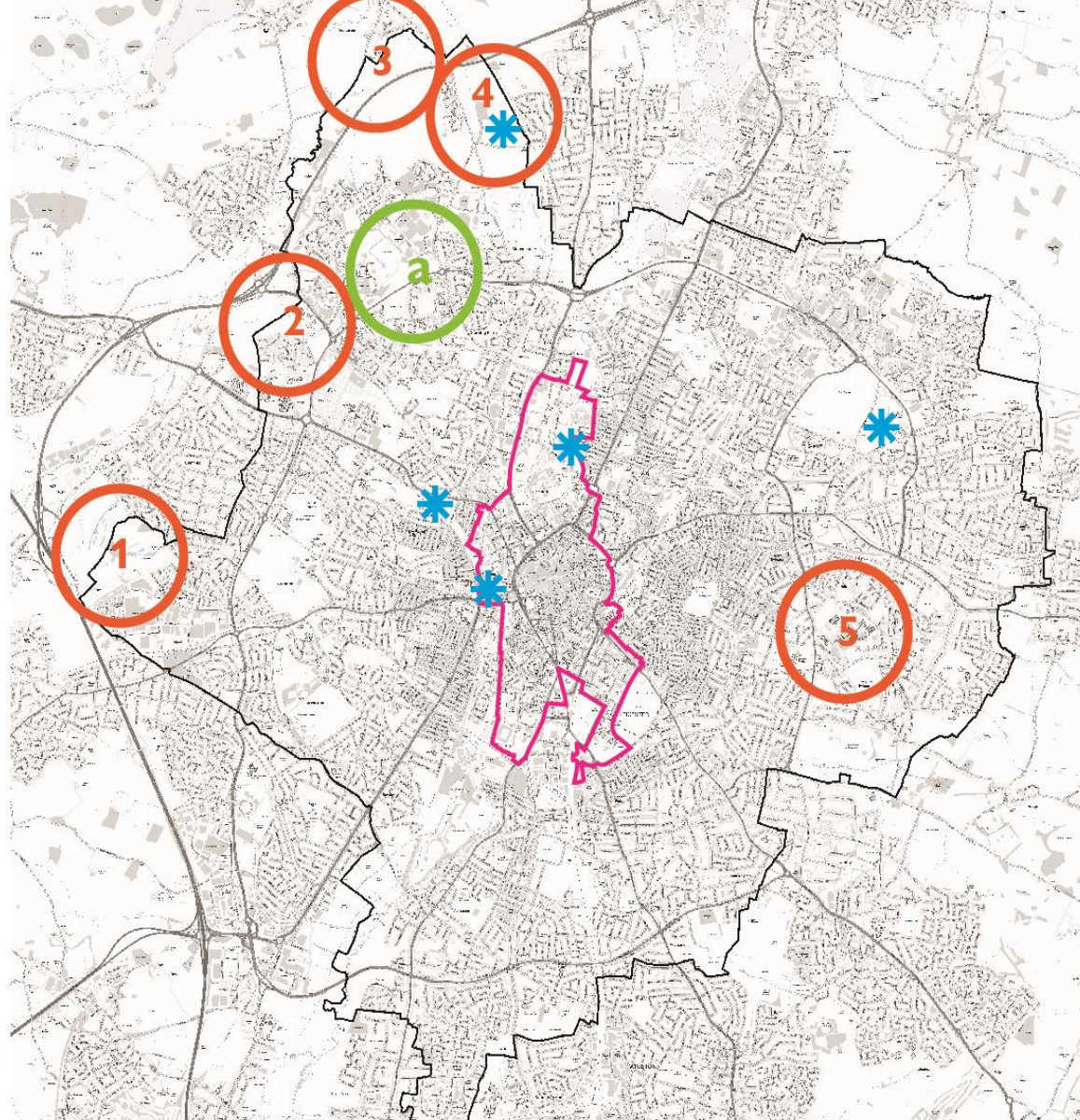


Housing Strategy – Draft Allocations

- 5 Strategic Sites
 - Former Western Park Golf Course (LCC ownership – Housing/Open Space/Employment)
 - East of Ashton Green (LCC ownership – Includes Open Space/Employment)
 - North of A46 bypass (LCC/Private ownership – Including Open Space)
 - Land at Billesdon Close and Paddock (Private ownership)
 - Leicester General Hospital (NHS)
- Approximately 85 other sites for housing (Mix of LCC and Privately owned sites)
- Central Development Area (CDA) – City Centre and Brownfield Sites
- Other Allocations – Education, Gypsy and Travellers and Red Hill Roundabout



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□ Central development area

- Strategic housing site
1. Western Golf Course
 2. Land West of Anstey Lane
 3. Land North of A46 Western Bypass
 4. Land East of Leicester Road
 5. Land at Leicester General Hospital

○ Strategic employment site

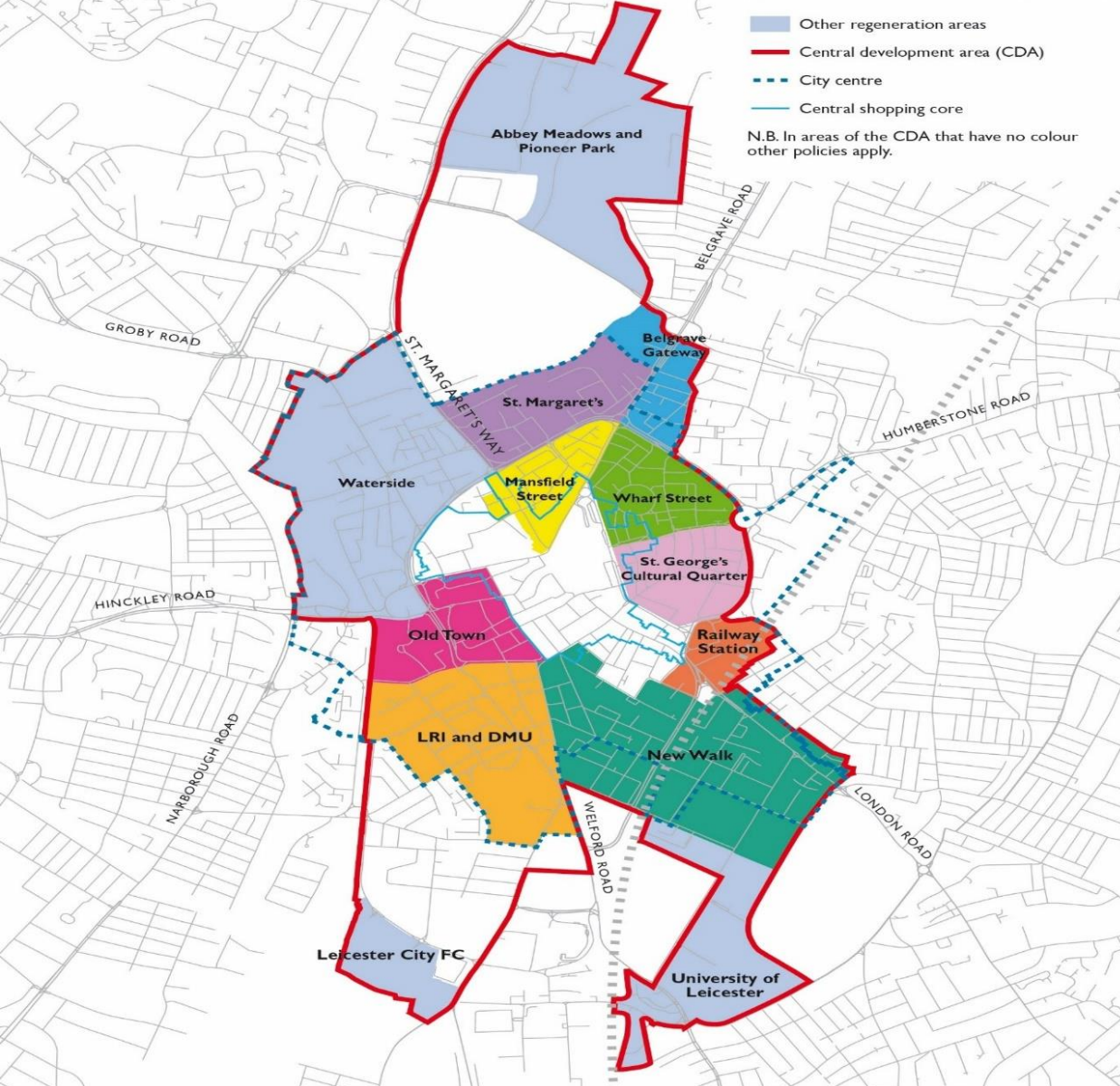
- a. Land at Beaumont Park

* Proposed new school allocation

Housing Strategy

- Housing need 29,104 dwellings
- Anticipated Supply identified in the Plan – 21,362 dwellings
- **Shortfall – 7,742 to be redistributed through agreement with the district councils**

Central Development Area (CDA)



- Providing around 4900 dwellings
- Also focus for commerce, retailing, culture, leisure and entertainment
- Character Areas defined
- Protect and enhance Historic Environment

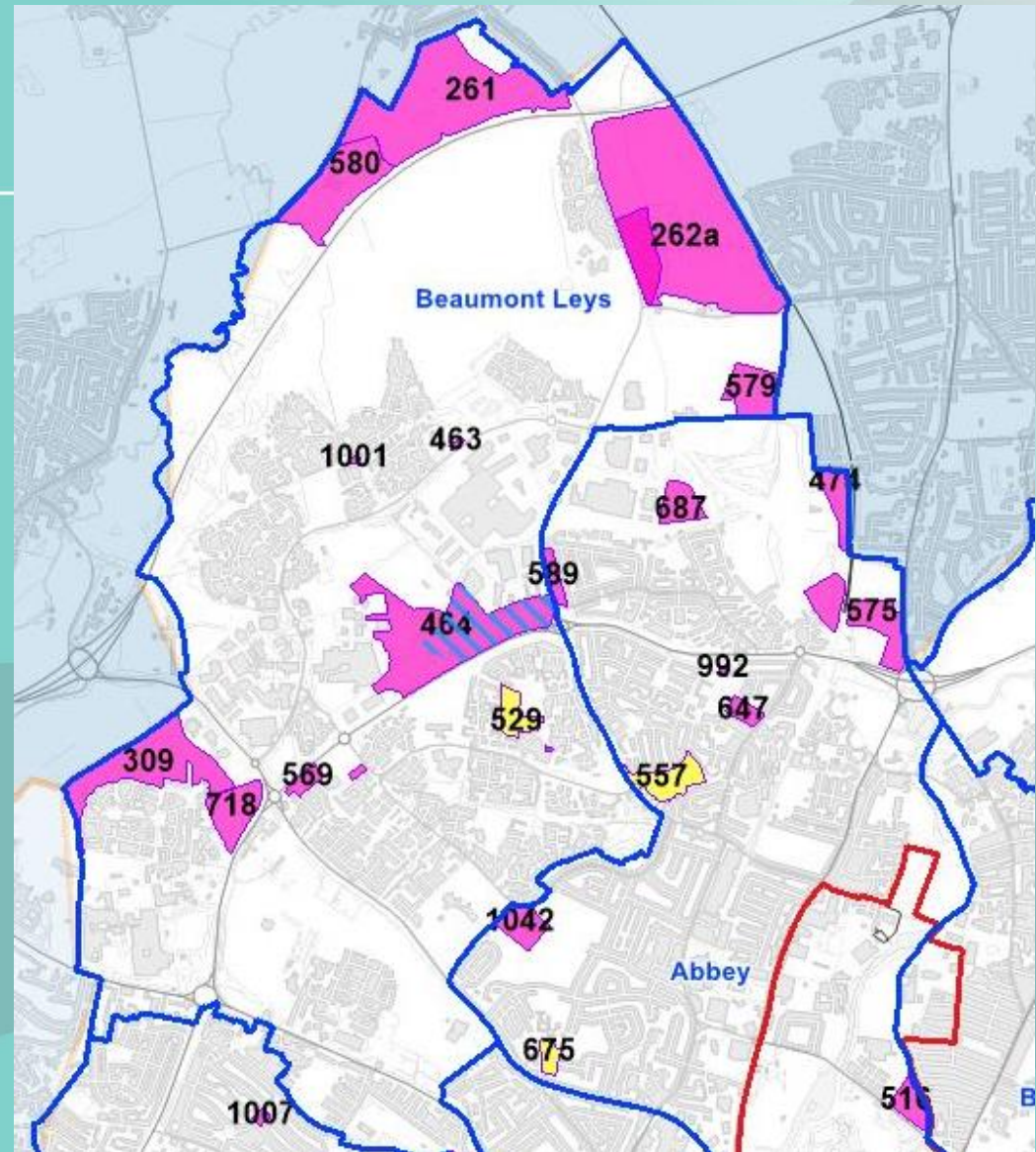
Key Strategy - Employment

- Employment Need – 67 Ha for light/general industry and small scale storage
- Sites provide 44ha of employment land
- 45,000 sqm offices
- Large scale warehousing/storage provided mainly in districts



Overview of Sites

- 10 sites in ward:
 - 4 strategic
 - 6 non-strategic
- 1,674 homes
- 13.66ha employment
- 11.94ha new POS
- 2 new schools



Land West of Anstey Lane

Housing

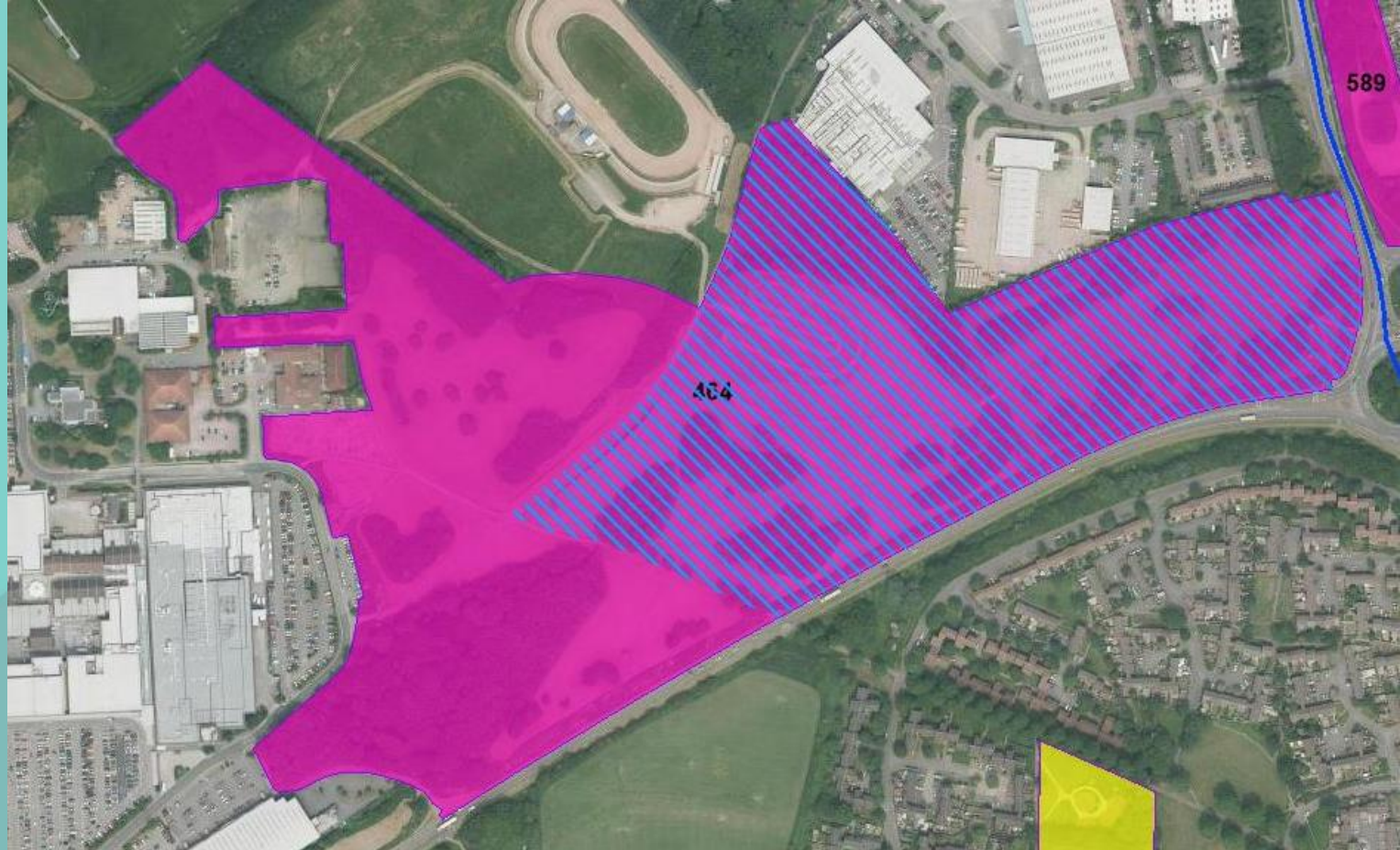
- 325 dwellings
- 2.43 ha public open space
- privately owned



Beaumont Park

Employment

- 8.8ha employment
- enhancement of remainder of Beaumont Park
- LCC owned



Land North of A46

Housing

- 611 dwellings
- 4.57 ha public open space
- mixed ownership



Ashton Green East

Housing, Employment & School

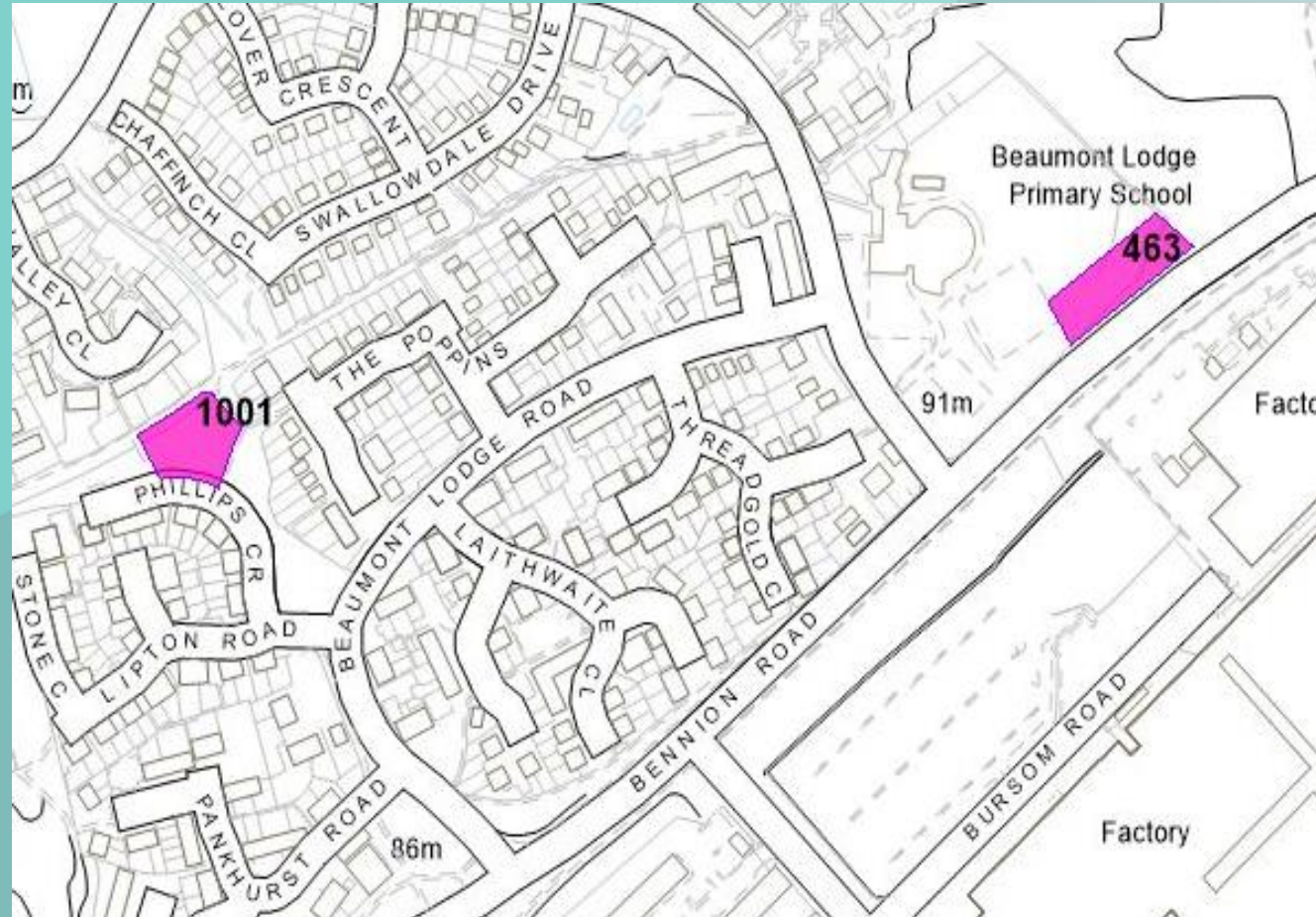
- 660 dwellings
- incl. self-build plots
- 4.86ha employment
- 4.94 ha public open space
- secondary school (1,200)
- LCC owned



Non-Strategic Sites

Sites 463 & 1001

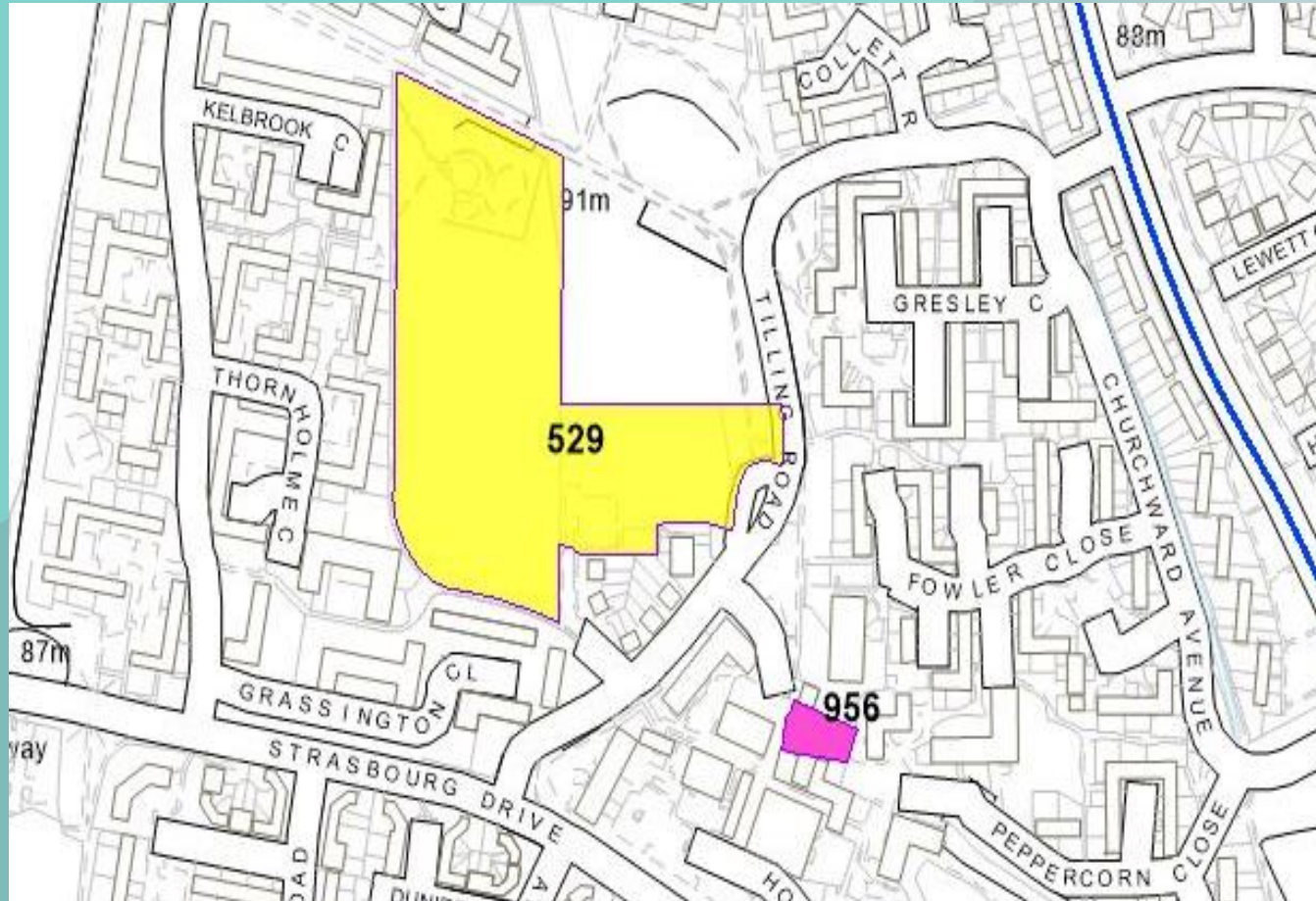
- Beaumont Lodge Primary School (site 463): 7 dwellings
- Phillips Crescent (site 1001): 5 dwellings



Non-Strategic Sites

Sites 529 & 956

- Glovers Walk Open Space (site 529): 30 dwellings & enhancement of remainder of open space
- 11 Old Barn Walk (site 956): retail or community use



Non-Strategic Sites

Sites 485 & 569

- Buswells Lodge Primary School (site 485): 8 dwellings
- Darenth Drive Open Space (site 569): 28 dwellings



Brook Mead Academy (Groby Road/Fosse Road North)

- early years, primary and secondary school
- 52 early years, 420 primary pupils and 900 secondary students
- primary school on part already approved and preparatory works underway (20171236)



Key Strategy – Open Space

- Balance between Housing, Employment and Public Open Space
- Informed by the Open Space Sports & Recreation Study (OSSR)
- Combination of population growth and planned development will mean that some green wedge will be lost and quantity of public open space will be reduced



Supporting Evidence

- Independent Infrastructure Assessment looking at needs over Plan Period :
 - Potential future Library, Youth Services and Community halls
 - Sports and Leisure facilities
 - Health Care provision
 - Emergency Services - inc liaison with Police Service

Timetable

- Issues and Options - Public Consultation complete
- Emerging Options, Sites and Development Management Policies – Public Consultation completed
- Full Council 19th February 2020 approved
- Public Consultation (Reg 18) – Started 14th September 2020 for 12 weeks (Ends 7th December)
- Submission Local Plan Consultation (Reg 19) – Autumn 2021
- Adoption Summer/Autumn 2022



