

NORTH EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY, 31 JULY 2017

Held at: Uppingham Road Methodist Church, 178 Uppingham Road, Leicester
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ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Fonseca
Councillor Khote
Councillor Osman

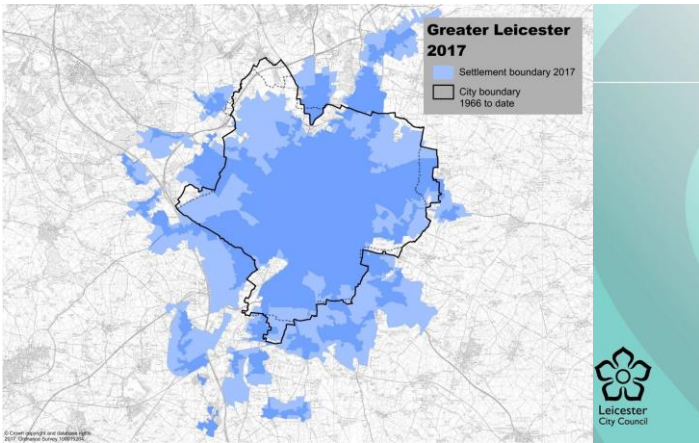
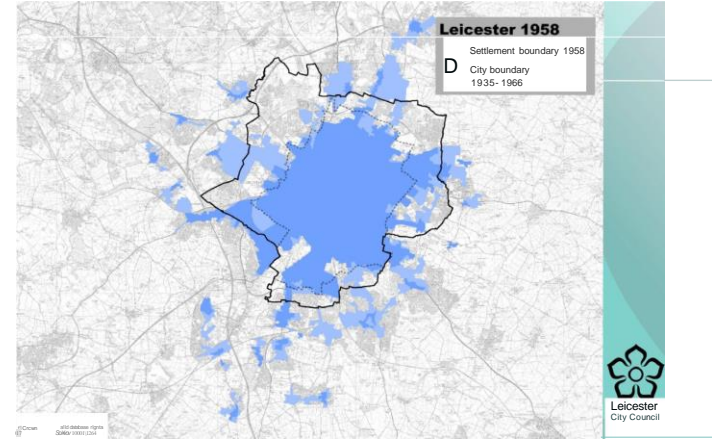
<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS	Councillor Khote as Chair announced that the Local Plan item would be taken as the first item on the agenda.
2.	LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN	<p>Rob Foers and Jeevan Dhesi, Senior Planners from Planning, Development and Transportation gave a presentation on the Leicester Local Plan; a copy of which is attached to the back of the action log. Points made included the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The consultation on the new local plan had started on 26 July 2017 and would continue to the end of October 2017.• The Local Plan set out the Council's planning framework up to 2031 and sought to meet the needs for homes, jobs, shopping, leisure and open space. It also set out policies to determine planning applications.• The next stage would be to formulate a draft local plan after taking into account the comments and views expressed in the consultation.• A Revised Draft Local Plan would then be drawn up; it was expected to be available during the Winter – Spring 2018.• There would then be a further period of public consultation. The finalised plan would need to be approved by the Planning Inspectorate and by full council before it was adopted. It was anticipated that this would be by the end of 2018.• The Local Plan would need to address key issues and challenges such as meeting significant population growth, housing, retail and employment needs and changes to the appropriate infrastructure.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was limited open space in Leicester for new housing and employment opportunities. A list of all potential development sites had been drawn up and views were sought from residents as to what sites should be developed and what should be protected. • As well as seeking views on general issues in the city, feedback was requested on local issues and officers were attending community meetings to seek residents' views. Officers were therefore keen to hear from residents in the North Evington Ward. <p>A number of comments were received from Councillors and residents, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A view was expressed that council policies should restrict gambling, pay day loans and on road vehicle sales – (there were issues with these on Green Lane Road for example). • Green Lane Road was a busy shopping area and attracted commercial tourists but it was looking tired and dirty. • There was a resurgence of small textile businesses in the area – could there be support for such businesses? • Population growth was an issue that affected North Evington; there were more house extensions and loft conversions being built and it was questioned whether there were appropriate planning policies to control that work. Officers responded that some building work did not need planning permission because it was allowed under permitted development rights. • Concerns were raised around parking. The lack of parking provision was already a problem and the situation would deteriorate further with the growth of retail areas and more housing developments. Officers responded that they were looking at parking standards. <p>Attendees were encouraged to respond to this phase of the consultation and reminded that comments needed to be received by end of October.</p>
3.	APOLOGIES	Apologies for absence were received from Shobhna Patel, Community Safety and the Housing Officer.
4.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	No declarations of interest were made.

5.	ACTION LOG OF PREVIOUS MEETING	The Action Log from the previous meeting held 28 March was agreed and noted.
6.	WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	Councillors stated that they had objected to the planning application for the recycling facility on Bridge Road, but in spite of their objections the application had been approved. The Councillors were very disappointed with the decision and had hoped that the site would have been used to provide an extra facility to complement Spence Street Sports Centre or used for parking.
7.	ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	<p>Attendees were asked to note an update on anti-social behaviour issues, read out on behalf of the Community Safety Officer. Points made included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An action plan had been put in place to tackle anti-social behaviour on Sparrow Park. • Shrubbery had been removed on Hastings Road to improve visibility; the CCTV camera was now facing the road. • Cameras had been installed in the park in Hallaton Street.
8.	HOUSING UPDATE	There was no update on Housing issues.
9.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>Jethro Swift – City Warden provided an update on local environmental issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A patch walk had been held on Larch Street to address issues such as anti-social behaviour and litter. This was attended by Jethro, Councillors and a number of partners including Asra Housing and the Police. • Cars for sale in Tithe Street – the cars were no longer there. Unfortunately, North Evington was one of the worst wards in the city for this particular problem. • Fly tipping - Fernie Road was one of the main roads for fly tipping. CCTV cameras were due to be installed and it was hoped that they would catch an image of the culprits. • Many residents in North Evington did not speak English, which made it difficult to educate them on such environmental issues. <p>The following concerns were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan spitting – this was a particular problem on Green Lane Road and Belgrave Road. Culprits

		<p>when caught could be fined, but it was difficult to catch them in the act of spitting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping on St Saviours Road. • People feeding pigeons on St Saviours Road - particularly problematic by a bench where people sat. • The feeding of pigeons and littering was a problem around the greenery in the middle of the Charnwood Estate. A request was made for CCTV cameras to be installed there.
10.	LOCAL POLICING UPDATE	<p>PC Claire Jackson provided an update on policing issues within the North Evington Ward. Points made included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Police with Councillors and agencies had held a Day of Action event on Sparrow Park to tackle anti-social behaviour. The aim of the event was to educate local residents; there was a reluctance by residents to report issues to the Police • A second Day of Action would be held in September; this would involve the same agencies. The Chair explained that because she had reduced mobility, she would not be able to attend events such as this.
11.	COMMUNITY WARD BUDGET	<p>Laura Burt, the Community Engagement Officer gave an update on the North Evington Ward Community Budget. There was an opening balance at the start of the year of £18544, which included £544 carried forward from the previous year.</p> <p>The following budget applications had been approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memon Youth Association for the Memon Festival 2017– (joint funding application to North Evington, Spinney Hills and Wycliffe Wards). £750 requested from North Evington and £500 agreed. • Northfield Bowls Club for a day trip to Scarborough. £500 requested and agreed. • Mr Rasik V Patel for Participants in Raas Garba Event 2017 (joint funding application to North Evington, Spinney Hills and Wycliffe Wards): £499 requested from North Evington and agreed. • St Barnabas and Hamilton Libraries to subsidise tickets for a dance performance at the libraries (joint funding application to North Evington and Humberstone and Hamilton Wards). £106 requested from North Evington and agreed.

		Taking into account the above funding applications, a balance remained of £16939.
12.	CLOSE OF MEETING	The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.



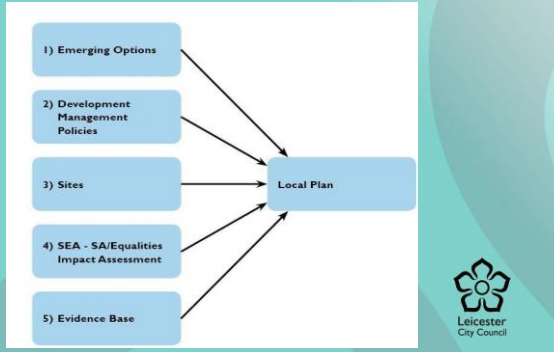
The Importance of a Local Plan

- Sets councils planning framework up to 2031
- Replaces Core Strategy 2014 and saved policies 2006
- Seek to meets needs for homes, jobs, shopping, leisure and open space
- Sets policies to determine planning applications

Leicester Local Plan 2014-2031
 Potential Development Sites
 Draft Development Management Policies
 Emerging Options 2017

Leicester City Council

Consultation Documents



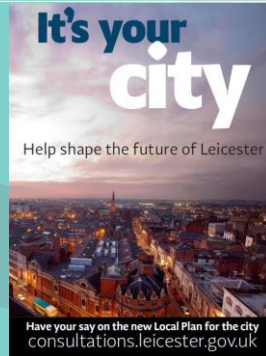
Timetable

- Approved Full Council – 6th July 2017
- Emerging Options, Sites & Development Management policies consultation: July - October 2017
- Revised Draft Local Plan: Winter - Spring 2018
- Further public consultation
- Public Examination and plan adopted: end of 2018



Consultation

- City wide letter/leaflet drop
- On line consultation, on social media and in libraries
- Exhibitions
- Community Ward meetings
- Stakeholder events
- 26th July to 31st October 2017



Key Issues/ Challenges

- Significant population growth
- Identify land for new
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Education
 - Community facilities



Key Issues /Challenges

- Housing Need– 34,000 by 2031
- Future Employment Needs – 45ha Employment land



Key Issues/ Challenges

- Protect and enhance the City's heritage and green environment
- City Centre and Regeneration Areas



Key Issues/ Challenges

- Shopping – City centre, Neighbourhoods
- Transport – Public transport, Reduce congestion, Improve air quality, parking



Key Issues /Challenges

- What infrastructure is needed
 - schools, health facilities, utilities,
- Future waste site and recycling rates
- Development Management Policies

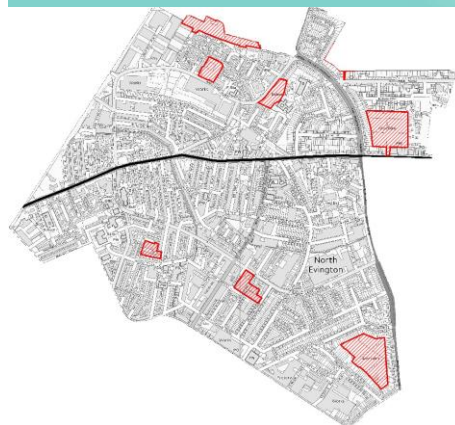


Local Issues – North Evington Ward



What are the key planning issues in your area?

- Green Lane Road – shopping and parking
- Gambling & pay day loans, vehicle sales
- Access to open space, community facilities
- Neighbourhood Employment Areas – Support textile industry
- Highway Improvement lines
- Your opportunity to influence the local plan

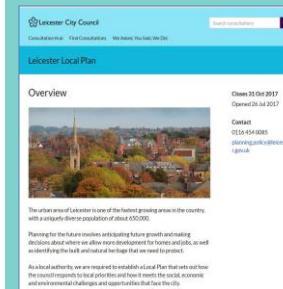


Potential Development Sites

- Sites with potential for development?
- Sites to be protected?
- Parks and open spaces
- Brownfield sites – former factories etc
- Any other sites?
- See Consultation documents



Thank you – Any Questions?



- <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/>
- www.leicester.gov.uk
 - ‘Emerging Planning Policy’
- Contact us on - 0116 454 0085
- Comments by 31st October 2017

