

An aerial photograph of Leicester, UK, taken at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, orange and pink clouds, transitioning into a darker blue as it meets the horizon. The city below is densely packed with buildings, many of which have their lights on, creating a warm, golden glow. A prominent church spire is visible in the distance. The overall atmosphere is serene and picturesque.

Draft Leicester Local Plan (2020 – 2036) Public Consultation

**Children, Young People and Schools' Scrutiny
Commission**

30th November 2020

White Paper: Planning for the Future


Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

White Paper August 2020

- Growth, renewal, protection designations
- National development management policies
- Permission in principle, permitted development and local design codes
- Housing Methodology
- Timescales



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The Importance of a Local Plan

Draft Local Plan for public consultation has been produced

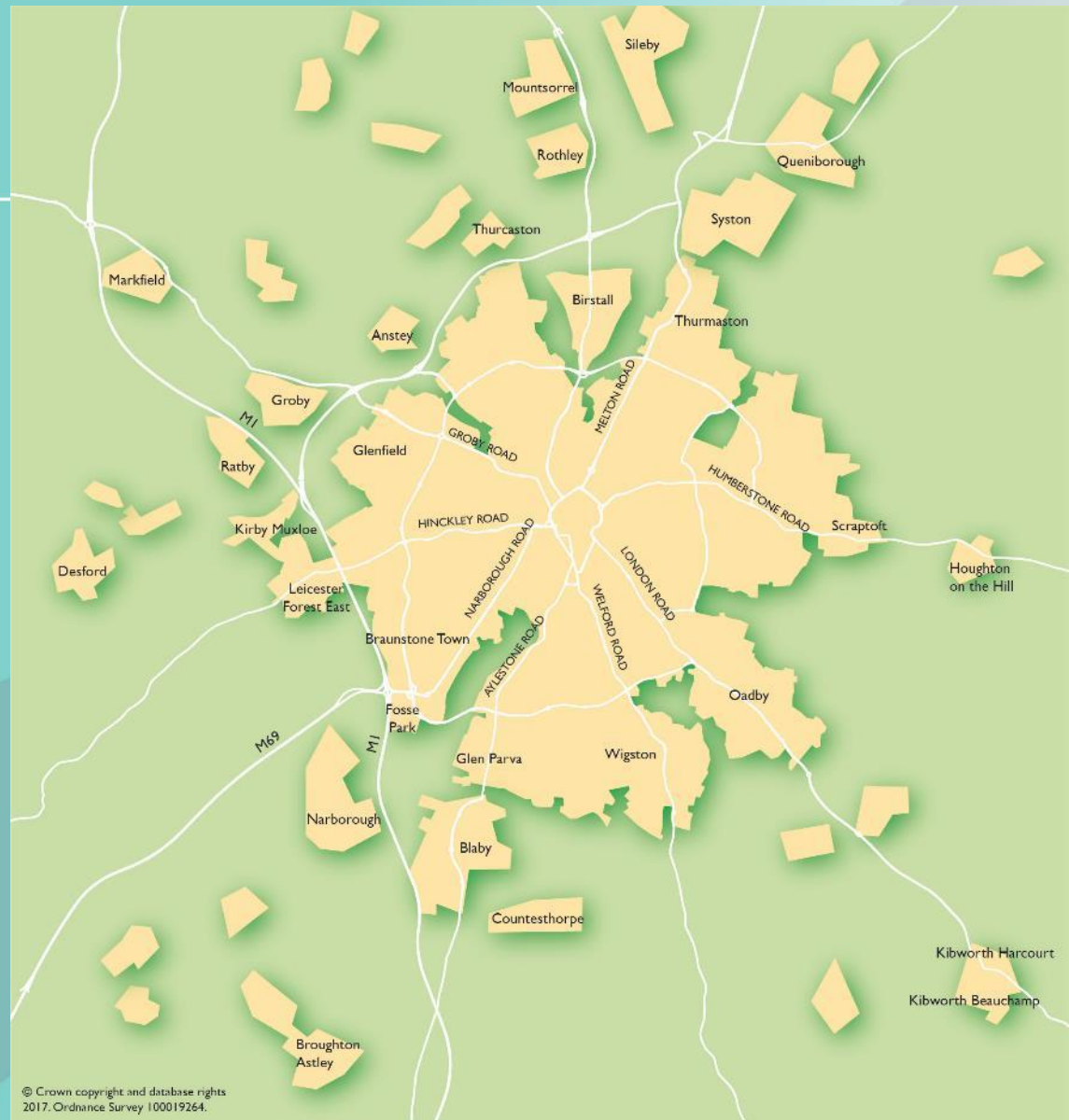
- Originally planned for March but delayed due to Covid to allow effective public consultation
- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) revised
- Consultation on same draft plan and supporting evidence proposed in March
- Additional evidence has been completed and will be consulted on at the same time but will not inform this current draft plan

The Importance of a Local Plan

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

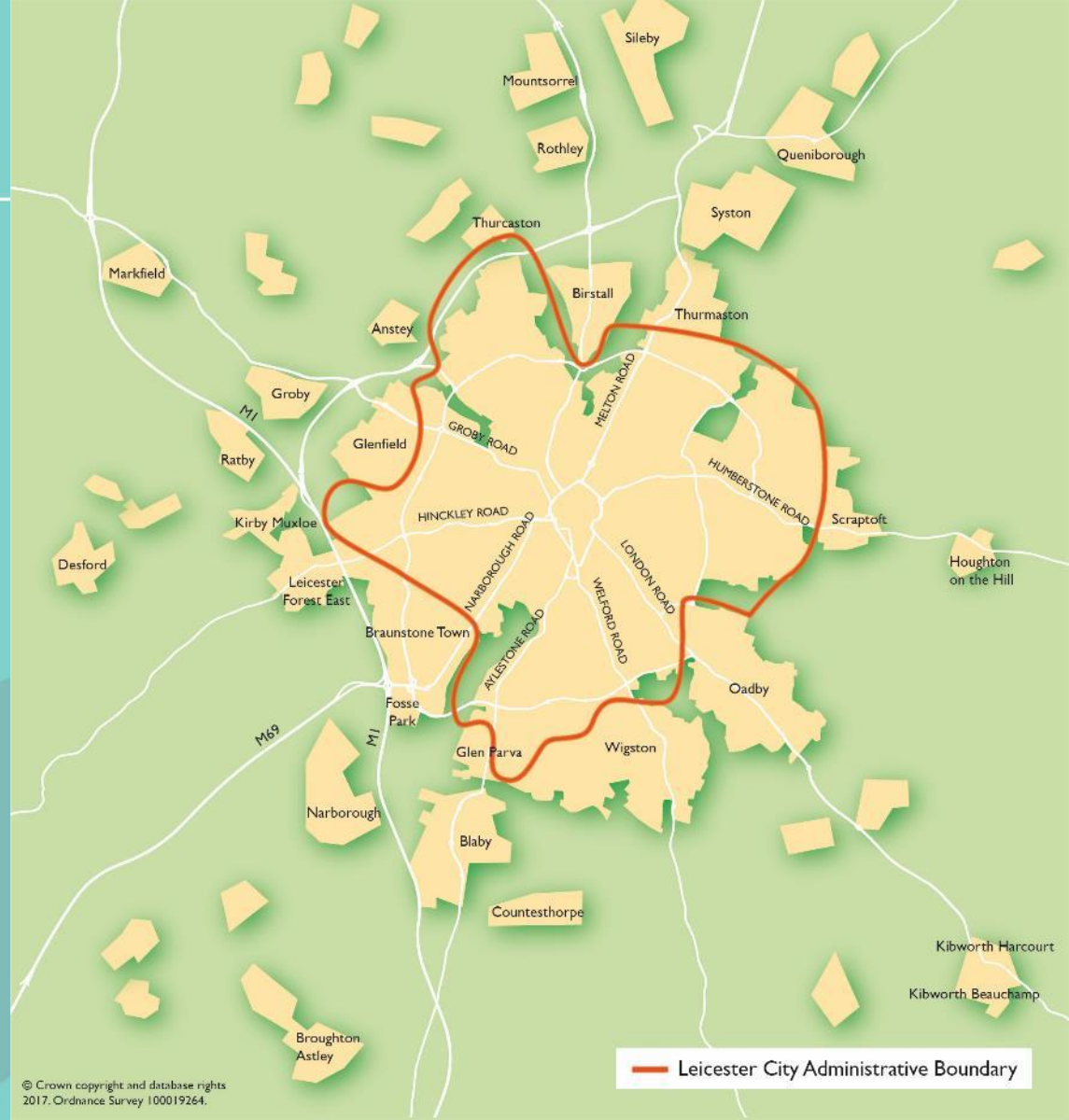
- Meet the needs for homes, jobs, shopping, and leisure
 - Allocate sites for the above
 - Set the council's planning policies (e.g. Climate Change and Public Health)
 - Encourage Investment & Economic Growth
 - Facilitate Place-making and set high quality design expectations
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-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

A Growing City



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- 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



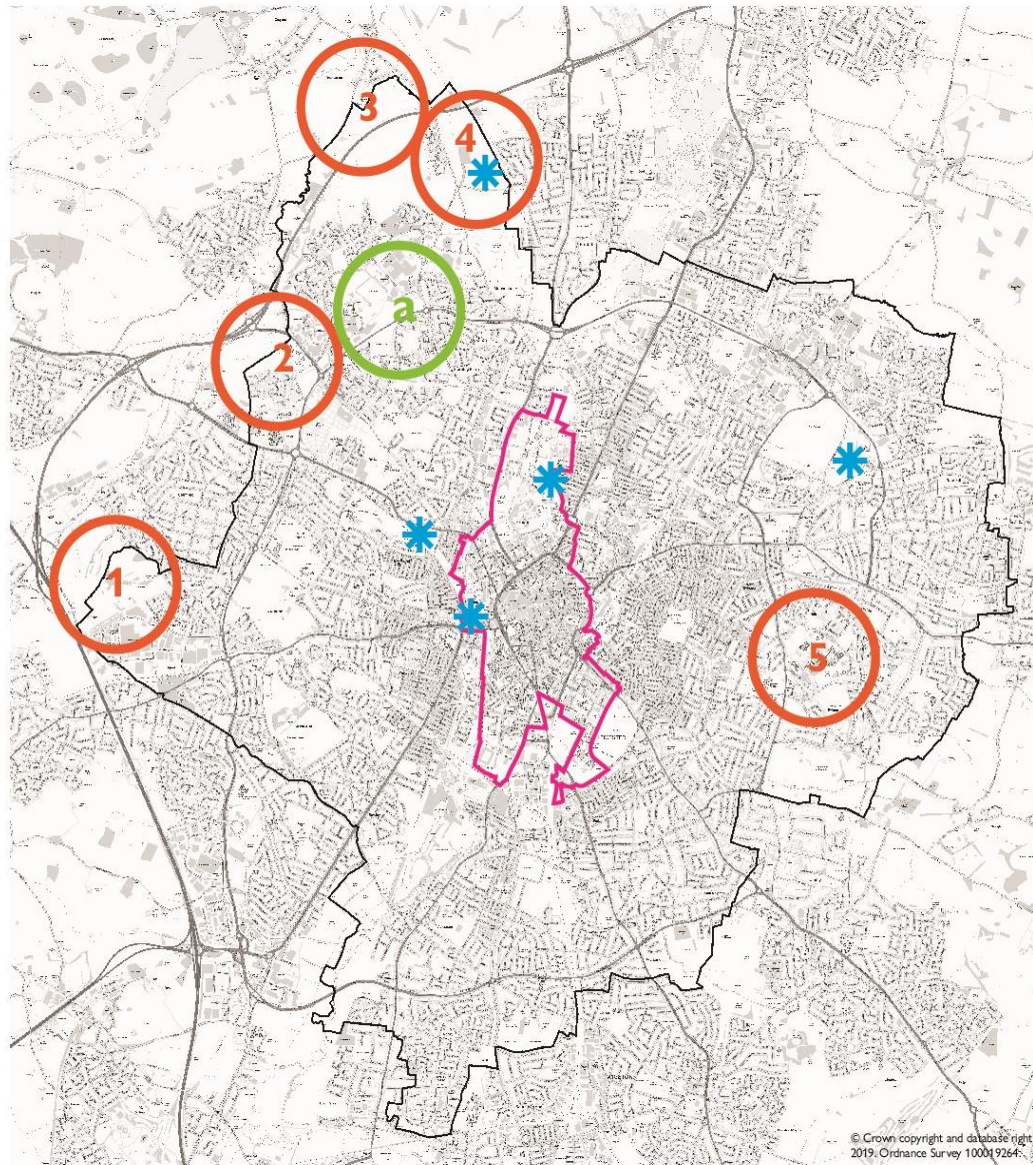
Housing Strategy

- Housing Need 1,712 a year until 2036
- 29,104 dwellings required over plan period
- 21,362 anticipated supply from sites in draft Plan
- 7,742 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



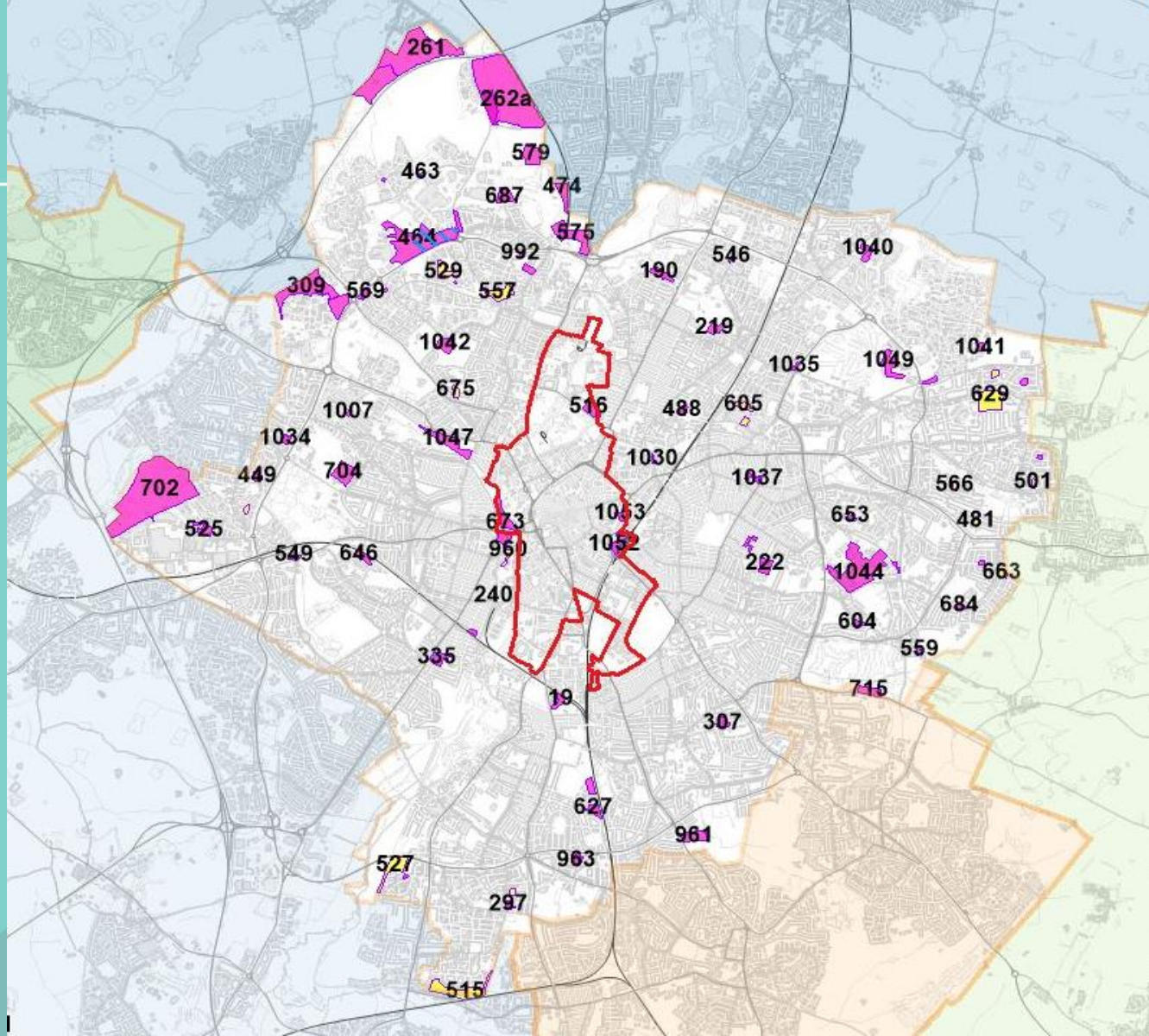
□ Central development area

○ 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



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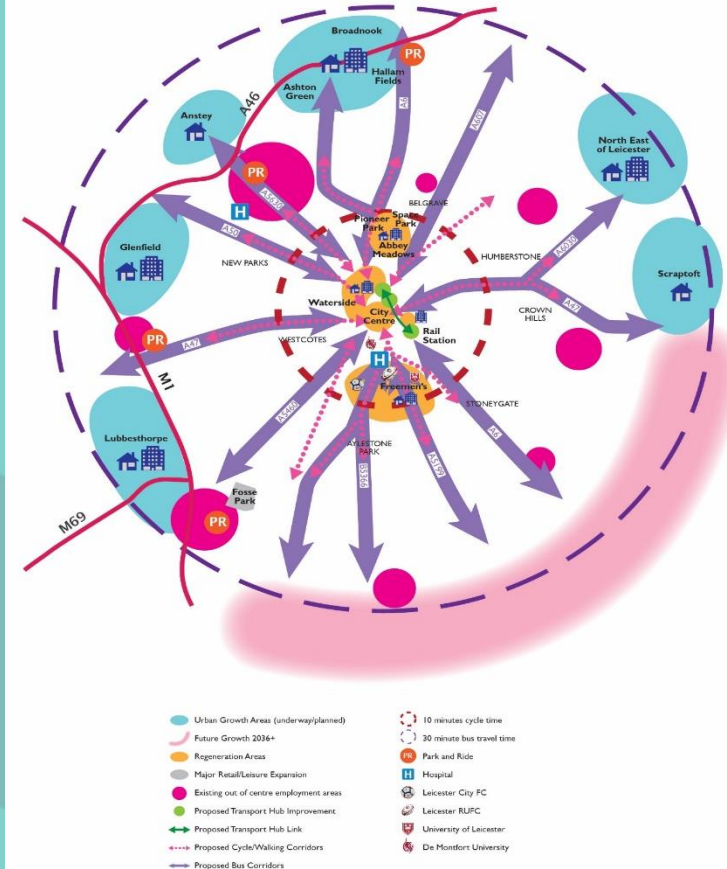
Key Strategy – Open Space

- Balance between Housing, Employment and Public Open Space
- 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
- However, opportunities to secure new public open space on Strategic Sites and improve existing public open space



Key Strategy – Transport

- Links to new Local Transport Plan (Consultation to commence early 2021), Transforming Cities Programme and Work Place Parking Levy
- Improving main transport hubs and the connections between them
- Fast, efficient, and enhanced bus network
- Promoting walking, cycling and sustainable transport
- Improving Leicester's Air Quality
- Supporting future transport Improvements including road and rail



Key Policies in Draft Local Plan

- Climate Change – policies will contribute in an integrated way including Air Quality, SuDs, flooding, transport, energy.
- Health and Wellbeing – Crossover with other policies. e.g. Good Design, Open Spaces, Employment, Transport
- Affordable Housing: Up to 30% on greenfield sites
- Internal Space Standards - City wide
- Houses in multiple Occupation/Student Housing /Retention of Family Homes



Key Policies in Local Plan

- Open Space – Maintain and enhance the quality of open space network (including s106)
- Biodiversity Gain – Protection of existing designated sites and support for net gain – subject to Government guidance
- Protection of existing sports pitches and support for new facilities



Infrastructure

- school place planning
- proposed Local Plan Policy- D10.1:
 - secures contributions to necessary infrastructure
 - e.g. schools, play space, sports facilities
 - but subject to development viability
- consultation includes a draft infrastructure assessment

Beauchamp City Free School (Ashton Green East)

- secondary school
- 1,500 students
- alternative site for school approved under existing consent ref:- 20100969



Castle Mead Academy (St. Augustine's)

- secondary school
- 1,200 students
- temporary teaching blocks approved and in situ (20190391)
- permanent school approved , under construction and close to completion (20191999)



Brook Mead Academy (Groby Road/Fosse Road North)

- Secondary school
- 1500 secondary students
- preparatory works underway (20171236)



Avanti Fields Free School (Manor Farm/Collis Crescent)

- early years & secondary school
- 472 early years and 900 secondary students
- school now approved (20191832)



Metropolitan Academy (Former Bus Depot, Abbey Park Road)

- funding application now withdrawn
- site within Central Development Area
- may be appropriate for other uses e.g. housing



School Playing Fields sites – selection process

- 34 school playing field sites included as part of comprehensive ‘emerging options’ potential development sites consultation in 2017
- planning suitability assessment (site constraints, flooding, Green Wedge, access, etc) carried out in 2019
- education colleagues consulted on planning-suitable sites and government ‘building bulletin’ guidelines applied, which links back to curriculum requirements
- six school playing field sites identified as potentially suitable and included in draft Local Plan consultation: Beaumont Lodge; Buswells Lodge; Herrick; Judgemeadow; Linden and Rowlatts
- all subject to consultation responses from residents, schools, Sport England, etc.
- Education Officers have spoken to schools individually

housing allocations affecting school playing fields

Beaumont Lodge (site 463)



Buswells Lodge (site 485)



Herrick (site 546)



Judgemeadow (site 559)



Linden (site 604)



Rowlatts Hill (site 653)



housing allocations affecting other relevant premises

Manor House Playing Fields (site 335)



Neston Gardens Playing Fields (site 627)



Southfields School, Newry Learning Centre (site 963)



Forest Lodge Education Centre (site 1034)



Land off Hazeldene Road (site 1041)



Timetable

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

