



# Have your say on the Draft Strategic Growth Plan for Leicester and Leicestershire

The Strategic Growth Plan is the opportunity for the ten partner organisations - the City Council, the County Council, the seven boroughs and districts, and the Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership – to prepare a plan which will shape the future of Leicester and Leicestershire. It will be a non-statutory plan but, in its final form, it will set out our agreed strategy for the period to 2050. It will provide an agreed framework for Local Plans prepared by individual authorities.

A draft Strategic Growth Plan has been prepared for the purpose of public consultation. It explains the approach that we have taken in preparing the draft plan, identifies broad locations where we think that development might take place and the infrastructure needed to deliver it. We would like to encourage local people, businesses, developers, landowners and statutory organisations to work with us and to comment on the draft plan. The feedback will be used to inform the final version of the plan.

Please read the supporting information provided before completing the questionnaire.

Thank you for your assistance. Your views are important to us.

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Please note: Your responses to the main part of the survey (Q1 to Q11, including your comments) may be released to the general public in full under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any responses to the questions in the 'About you' section of the questionnaire will be held securely and will not be subject to release under Freedom of Information legislation, nor passed on to any third party.

## Your role

Q1 In which role are you responding to this consultation? Please tick ONE option only

- Member of the public
- I represent a voluntary and community services (VCS) organisation
- I represent/own a local business developer/ landowner
- I am a developer/ landowner
- I am an elected member/ councillor
- I represent another stakeholder e.g. district/borough/parish council, health, police etc.
- Other

**Go to 'Key Priorities' section (Q4)**

**Continue**

Please specify 'other' below

Q2 If you are responding on behalf of a stakeholder organisation, please provide your details.

Name:

Role:

Organisation name:

Organisation postcode:

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Q3 Are you providing your organisation's official response to the consultation?

- Yes
- No

## Key priorities

The draft plan identifies four priorities:

- Creating conditions for investment and growth
- Achieving a step change in the way growth is delivered
- Securing essential infrastructure
- Delivering high quality development.

See page 12 of the consultation document.

Q4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the four priorities identified in the draft plan?  
Please tick ONE option only

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why do you say this? Are there any other priorities you think should be included?

## Proposals in detail

Our draft strategy proposes to build more development in major strategic locations and to reduce the amount of development that takes place in existing towns, villages and rural areas. This will allow us to plan for new housing and employment together with new and improved roads, public transport, schools, health services, local shops and open space. To achieve this the draft plan proposes a hierarchy of potential development locations close to economic generators and infrastructure:

- The delivery of a proposed A46 expressway, with a new J20a on the M1
- Leicester as an increasingly important regional city, with a strong City Centre
- Focusing growth in secondary growth areas, known as the Northern and Southern Gateways
- Concentrating growth at growth points in the form of Key Centres, these are identified at Lutterworth and Melton Mowbray
- Managed growth in Local Plans for Coalville, Hinckley, Loughborough and Market Harborough

See pages 13 to 16 of the consultation document.

The following sections explore each element of the proposals in more detail.

### The Primary Growth Areas

One piece of infrastructure is absolutely critical to our draft strategy - the 'expressway' proposal for the A46. This is included in the Midlands Connect Strategy and proposes a new road extending from a new or improved junction on the M69, and continuing to the south and east of Leicester, with a new junction on the M1 (J20a). The new road would rejoin the existing A46 near Syston. Improvements to the railway lines and services between Leicester, Coventry and Birmingham are also proposed.

Together with the proposals to create an expressway along the A5 - also proposed in the Midlands Connect Strategy - the combination of new and improved roads and railways in this area creates the opportunity for major development along a corridor extending from the M69 to the north-eastern fringes of Leicester.

Q5 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed corridor of growth around the south and east of Leicester linked to the construction of a new A46 expressway? Please tick ONE option only

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why do you say this?

Leicester has a pivotal role to play in the draft strategy. We propose that it should develop its role as the 'central city' supporting the market towns and rural areas around it. More jobs, leisure, arts, culture and entertainment facilities would be provided within the City Centre.

Q6 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that Leicester should develop its role as the 'central city'? Please tick ONE option only

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why do you say this?

## The Secondary Growth Areas

Two gateways are proposed. These are:

- Northern Gateway - focused around the northern parts of the A42 and the M1.
- Southern Gateway - focused around the A5, and the proposed new link between the M69 and the M1 (part of the A46 Growth Corridor)

Q7 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the two gateways identified? Please tick ONE option only on each row

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Northern Gateway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southern Gateway	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why do you say this? Are there any other gateway locations you think should be included?

Lutterworth and Melton Mowbray are identified as Key Centres.

- Melton Mowbray - Accessibility will be improved to a degree with the completion of the A46 Expressway, and would be enhanced by more localised improvements and better connectivity. Strategic growth, facilitated by the proposed Melton Mowbray Distributor Road, is already planned but there is scope for further strategic development in the town to support economic growth and regeneration of the town centre.
- Lutterworth - New development to the east of the M1, together with new infrastructure to relieve congestion in the town, is already planned. Further new growth would enable better services to be provided. More homes would allow employees to live closer to their places of work and reduce the high-levels of out-commuting from Leicester.



Why do you say this?

Q10 To what extent do you agree or disagree that growth in our villages and rural areas should be limited to providing for local needs? Please tick ONE option only

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why do you say this?



## Any other comments

Q11 Do you have any other comments on the draft strategic growth plan?

## About you

**The following questions are for members of the public (as identified in Q1).**

Leicestershire County Council is committed to ensuring that its services, policies and practices are free from discrimination and prejudice and that they meet the needs of all sections of the community.

We would therefore be grateful if you would answer the questions below. You are under no obligation to provide the information requested, but it would help us greatly if you did.

Q12 What is your gender identity? Please tick ONE option only

- Male
- Female
- Other (e.g. pangender, non-binary etc.)

Q13 Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?

- Yes
- No

Q14 What was your age on your last birthday? (Please enter your age in numbers not words)

Q15 What is your full postcode? This will allow us to understand the areas people are responding from. It will not identify your house.

Q16 Do you have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?

- Yes  
 No

Q17 What is your ethnic group? Please tick ONE option only

- White  Black or Black British  
 Mixed  Other ethnic group  
 Asian or Asian British

Q18 Many people face discrimination because of their sexual orientation and for this reason we have decided to ask this monitoring question. You do not have to answer it, but we would be grateful if you could tick the box next to the category which describes your sexual orientation. Please tick ONE option only

- Bi-sexual  Lesbian  
 Gay  Other  
 Heterosexual / straight

Thank you for your assistance. Your views are important to us.

Please return your completed survey to:

Strategic Growth Plan Consultation  
Leicestershire County Council  
Have Your Say  
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Leicester  
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