

LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE 2050: OUR VISION FOR GROWTH

LCC SCRUTINY COMMISSION
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STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN
(REVISED)

The Partners



THE PARTNERS AND GOVERNANCE



Partners

- Blaby District Council
- Charnwood Borough Council
- Harborough District Council
- Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
- Leicester City Council
- Leicestershire County Council
- LLEP
- Melton Borough Council
- NW Leicestershire District Council
- Oadby & Wigston Borough Council

Governance

- *Strategic Planning Group* – senior officers
- *Members' Advisory Group* – reporting to wider membership
- *Individual partner organisations* – making final decisions



KEY ACTIVITIES (1)

Date	Activity
August 2016	Strategic Growth Statement
January 2017	Housing & Economic Development Needs Assessment Joint Statement of Co-operation
February/ March 2017	Leicester City and Oadby & Wigston Borough Councils declare 'unmet need'
November 2017	Consultation Draft Plan considered by MAG Revised Joint Statement of Co-operation
November/ December 2017	Governance processes of individual authorities



KEY ACTIVITIES (2)

Date	Activity
January – May 2018	Public consultation on Draft Plan Joint Position Statement on Housing and Employment Land Availability
July - August 2018	Updated 'Work in Progress' plan produced to inform partner discussions
September 2018	Revised Draft Plan for Governance considered by MAG
October – December 2018	Governance processes within each partner organisation
December 2018	Final Plan published (subject to outcome of governance process)



PUBLIC CONSULTATION: PROCESS



Duration: 11 January – 10 May 2018 (17 weeks)

- Press releases, periodic media coverage
- Emails/letters to statutory consultees
- Emails/letters to organisations and groups identified by partners
- Public exhibitions
- Draft Plan and summary leaflets
- Paper copies of questionnaire and all evidence at main offices
- SGP website
- Links to the SGP website from Council websites
- Social media messages.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION: STATISTICS



Total number: 588

- 458 questionnaires
- 130 other formats
- Additional partner responses

Analysis of 458 questionnaires	No.	%
Members of the public	364	79%
Another stakeholder e.g. district/borough/parish council, health, police, etc.	37	8%
Elected Member/Councillor	24	5%
Local business/developer/landowner	14	3%
Other	8	2%
Developer/landowner	7	2%
Voluntary and community services organisation	4	1%

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY

- Already **over-developed**
- More **focus on small scale development**, disused sites, brownfield land, needs based housing, particularly in the City
- Build new towns or **new settlements** instead of extending existing ones
- Potential new settlements and development sites proposed

THE ENVIRONMENT

- **Damage to the countryside**, wildlife, agricultural land and landscape
- **Impact on villages and rural areas**, character and identity, communities
- Environmental considerations should be a **higher priority**
- More emphasis on **environmentally-friendly alternatives**



CONSULTATION RESPONSES

HOUSING

- **Too much housing in villages and rural areas**
- **Robustness of projections to 2050; more realistic assessment needed**
- Need to **provide sufficient housing**; lack of affordable housing
- Need environmentally friendly, **low-carbon/carbon neutral housing**

EMPLOYMENT

- **No more warehousing around Lutterworth**
- **Less reliance on logistics**
- More support for grass roots, **small enterprises**, etc.
- National **shortage of warehousing** and distribution floorspace
- Specific proposal for a **strategic rail freight interchange**



CONSULTATION RESPONSES

TRANSPORTATION

- **Impact on existing road network** and congestion
- Concerns about the **amount of new road building** and resultant congestion
- **Public transport is poor** and needs to be improved
- **Lack of sustainable travel measures** – overly focused on car-based travel

OTHER MATTERS

- **Not enough information;** proposed locations for development are vague
- **Methodology to determine housing need** is unclear
- **Other infrastructure needs to be determined** e.g. GPs, schools, etc.
- **Invest in digital infrastructure,** particularly in rural areas
- Refer to **minerals and waste plans**



CONSULTATION RESPONSES: A46 EXPRESSWAY & LEICESTER CITY



A46 EXPRESSWAY

- **Impact on existing road network**, congestion
- Impact on **character of towns and villages**, particularly in south/east
- **Damage to countryside** and wildlife, pollution, noise
- **Uncertainty**: route and connections to network; funding; more information/consultation needed

LEICESTER CITY

- The **'natural' central city**, economic hub of the region
- Previous growth has been excessive, **too busy and crowded**, growth would worsen congestion and car parking problems
- **Improvements needed to public transport** provision; better accessibility to surrounding rural areas



CONSULTATION RESPONSES: GATEWAYS AND KEY CENTRES

GATEWAYS

- **Northern Gateway: general support** - transport infrastructure; employment centres; ‘development-ready’ land; nearby cities, towns and villages;
- **Southern Gateway; less support** - suitability of road network, traffic associated with growth, impact on surrounding residential areas, particularly villages

KEY CENTRES

- **Lutterworth already congested** and has few alternative transport options
- **Melton Mowbray too far from A46 Expressway** to reap enough benefit
- **Mixed views on potential of infrastructure** to support growth
- **Need for employment growth vs congestion**



CONSULTATION RESPONSES: MARKET TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS



MARKET TOWNS

- Continue to be **sustainable locations for growth**
- **Need significant investment** for regeneration and transport infrastructure improvements
- **Development needed** to prevent future deterioration
- **‘Managed Growth in Local Plans’** protects against over-development

RURAL AREAS

- Should be **limited to providing for local needs**
- **Wider view** needs to be taken



BASIC PRINCIPLES

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

- ‘*Larger than local*’ – national and regional perspective
- For the longer term – to 2050
- Wider range of possibilities – balancing strategic and non-strategic development



KEY MATTERS AND PRIORITIES

Key matters:

- Delivering new housing
- Supporting the economy
- Identifying essential infrastructure
- Protecting our environment and built heritage

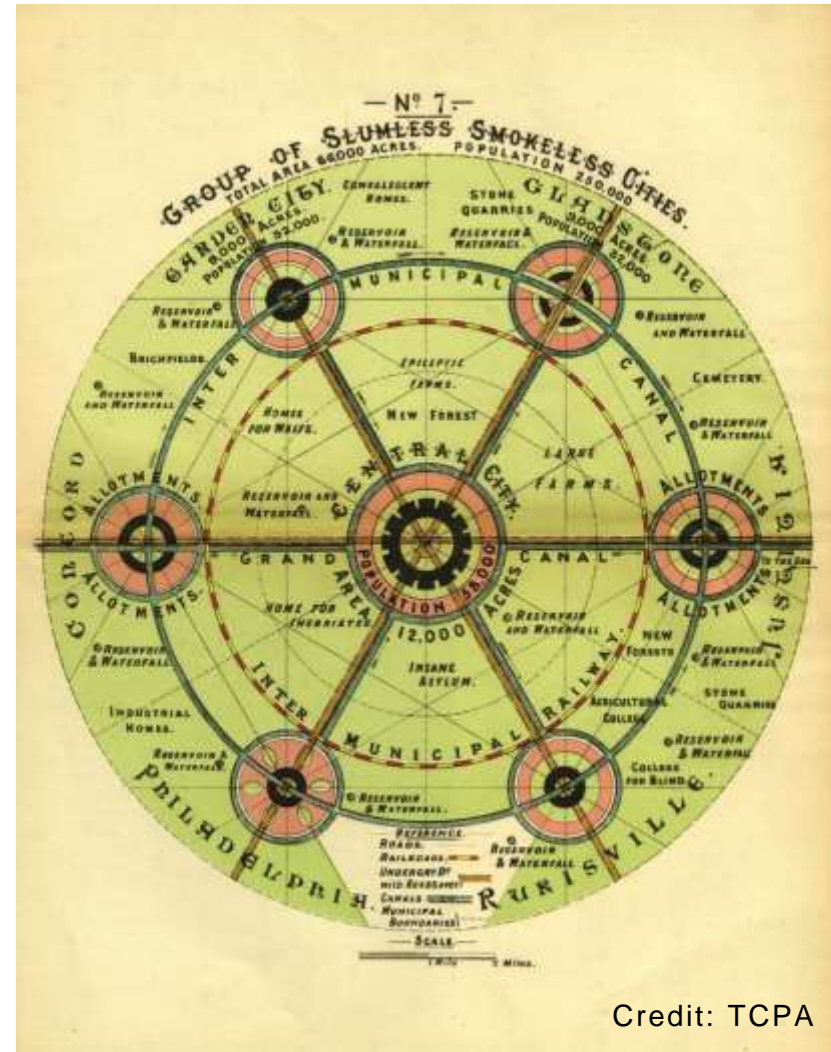
Priorities

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



OVERALL APPROACH

- ‘Central City’, providing higher order goods and services, supporting market towns and villages
- Strong, independent market towns, distinctive, characterful
- Engagement of rural areas, protecting environmental assets
- Garden towns/villages/suburbs



NATIONAL POLICIES

INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

- Improving productivity
- Enhancing UK prospects for growth
- A framework for L & L - Local Industrial Strategy



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HOUSING STRATEGY

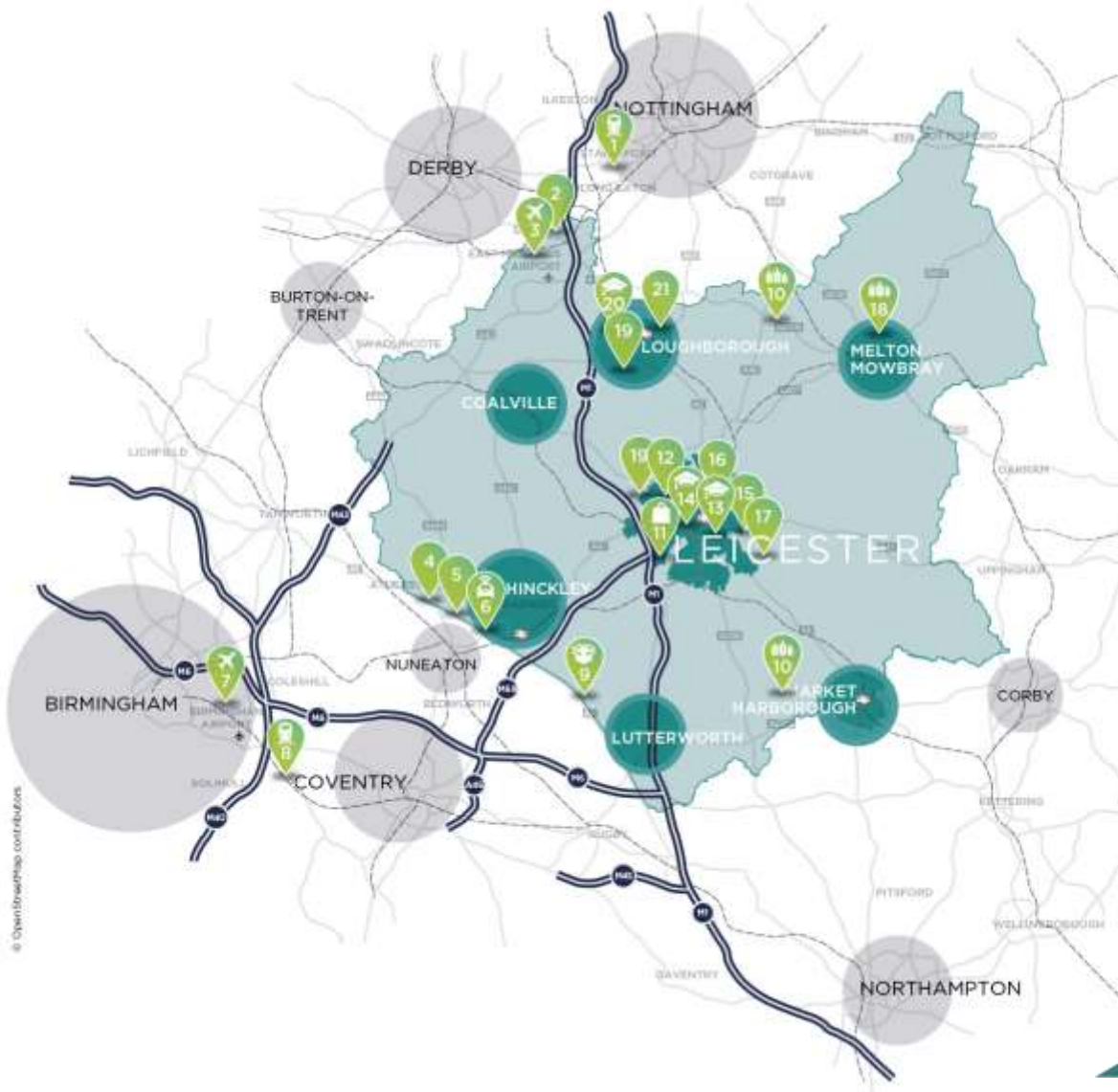
- Delivering homes at a faster rate
- Links to infrastructure provision
- New ways of undertaking strategic planning



OUR ECONOMY AND THE MIDLANDS ENGINE STRATEGY



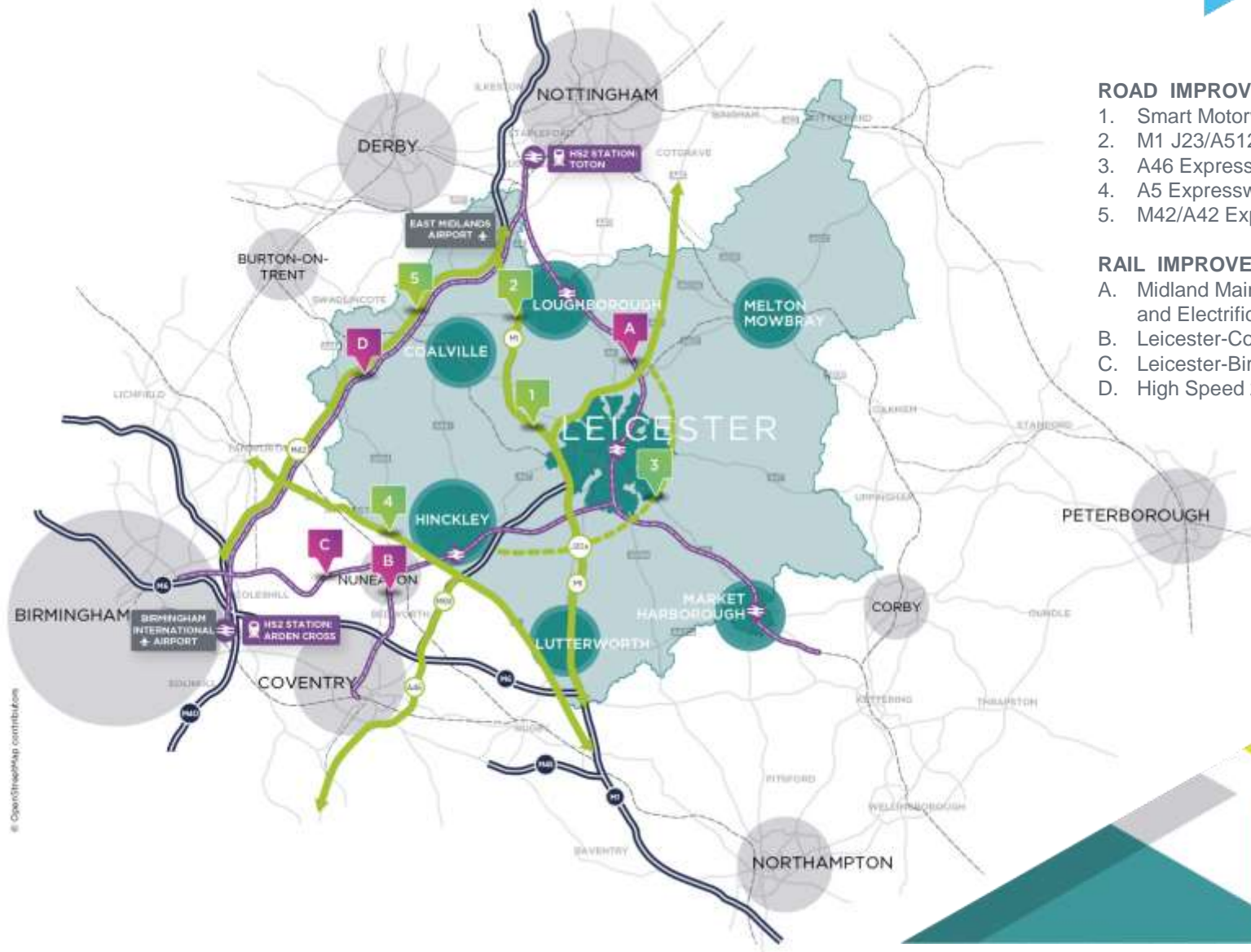
1. Toton Station (High Speed 2)
2. East Midlands Gateway (Strategic Rail Freight Interchange)
3. East Midlands Airport
4. Engineering Skills Training Centre at MIRA
5. MIRA Enterprise Zone
6. Centre for Connected Autonomous Vehicles
7. Birmingham International Airport
8. Arden Cross Station (High Speed 2)
9. Magna Park Distribution Centre
10. Agri-Food and Drink Processing
11. Fosse Park Retail Centre
12. City Centre and Strategic Regeneration Area in Leicester
13. Leicester University
14. De Montfort University
15. Global Space Technologies Hub
16. Space Research Centre & Earth Observation Centre
17. IBM Client Innovation Centre
18. Agri-Food and Drink Processing
19. Loughborough & Leicester Enterprise Zone
20. Loughborough University
21. Life Sciences Opportunity Zone



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INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE MIDLANDS CONNECT STRATEGY



ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

1. Smart Motorway M1 J19-23a
2. M1 J23/A512 improvements
3. A46 Expressway
4. A5 Expressway
5. M42/A42 Expressway

RAIL IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Midland Main Line Upgrade and Electrification
- B. Leicester-Coventry Upgrade
- C. Leicester-Birmingham Upgrade
- D. High Speed 2



Key:

AGRICULTURAL LAND GRADES:

- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3

NATIONAL FLOOD ZONES:

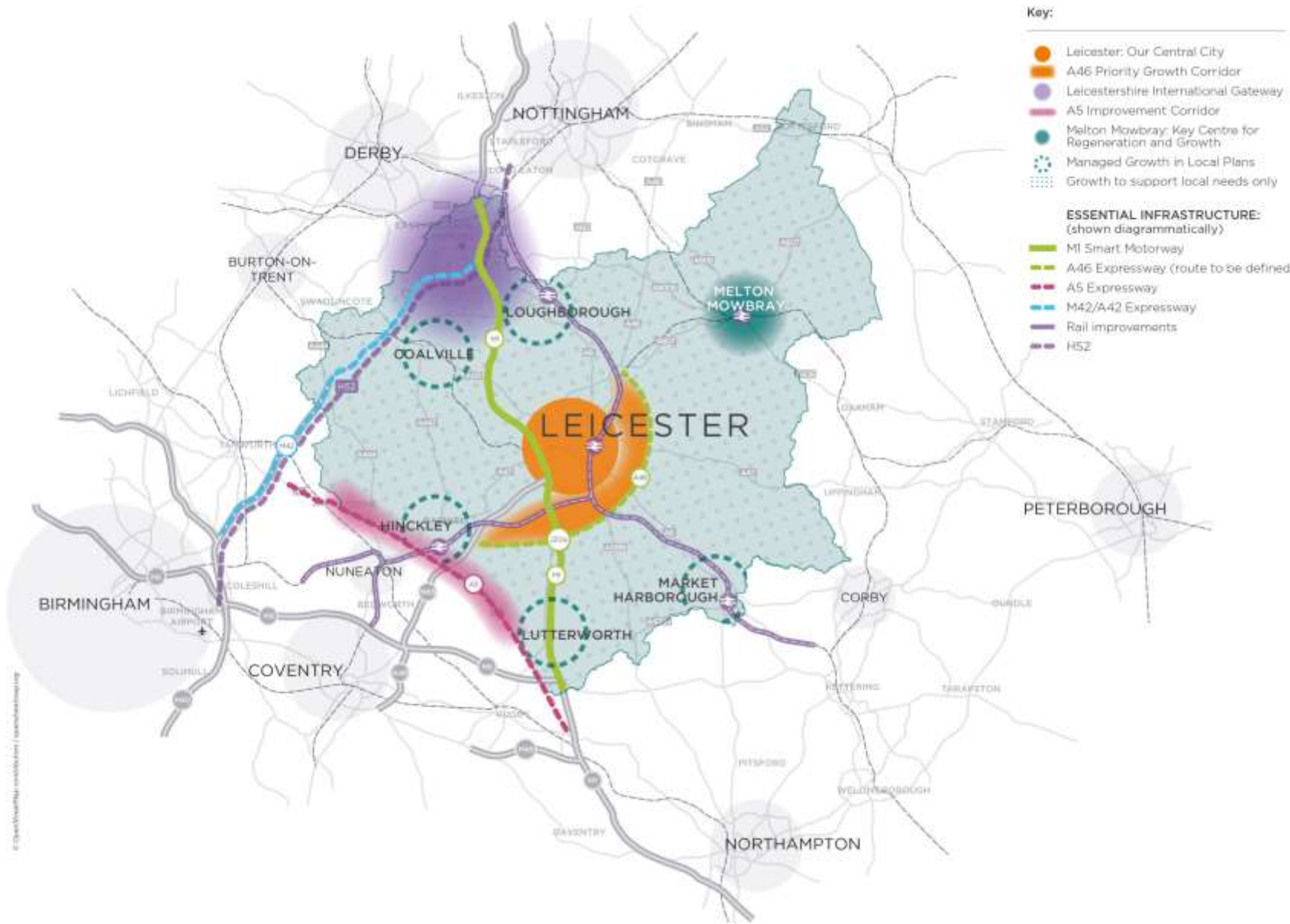
- Level 3
- Level 2

National / Charwood Forest

- Battlefield
- Parks and Gardens
- Ancient Woodland
- Green Wedge

- Scheduled Monument
- River Mease Catchment Area
- River Mease SAC
- Conservation Areas
- National Nature Reserve
- Geology
- LNRs and Wildlife Sites
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Archaeological Alert
- HS2

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- Key:**
- Leicester: Our Central City
 - ▬ A46 Priority Growth Corridor
 - Leicestershire International Gateway
 - ▬ A5 Improvement Corridor
 - Melton Mowbray: Key Centre for Regeneration and Growth
 - Managed Growth in Local Plans
 - Growth to support local needs only
- ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE:**
(shown diagrammatically)
- ▬ M1 Smart Motorway
 - ▬ A46 Expressway (route to be defined)
 - ▬ A5 Expressway
 - ▬ M42/A42 Expressway
 - ▬ Rail improvements
 - ▬ HS2

HOUSING/EMPLOYMENT LAND NEEDS (2011-50)



	Housing	Employment land (B1/B2/B8)
2011-31	96,580	367-423 ha
2031-50	90,516	Not quantified at this stage*
Total (2011-50)	187,096	

- Difficulties of long term economic forecasting



NOTIONAL CAPACITY (2031-50) CONSULTATION DRAFT PLAN



	Notional Capacity (dwellings) (Draft Plan)
A46 Growth Corridor (including the Southern Gateway)	40,000
Northern Gateway	10,000
Melton Mowbray and Lutterworth	5,000
Total	55,000
Note: Additional development on non-strategic sites (c35,000)	



NOTIONAL CAPACITY (2031-50) REVISED DRAFT FOR GOVERNANCE

	Notional Capacity (dwellings) (Revised Plan)
A46 Priority Growth Corridor	38,000
Leicestershire International Gateway	11,200
Melton Mowbray Key Centre	3,800
Total	53,000
Note: Additional development on non-strategic sites (c35,000)	



NOTIONAL HOUSING NEED AND SUPPLY (2031-50) REVISED PLAN



LPA	Notional Needs (Figures extrapolated from HEDNA)		Delivery on non-strategic sites		Delivery on strategic sites	Total Delivery [HDC: -2,000] [MBC: +800] [NWLDC: +1,200]	
	dpa	Total	dpa	Total	Total	dpa	Total
BDC	361	6,859	110	2,060	15,500	924	17,560
CBC	994	18,886	470	8,890	10,000	994	18,890
HDC	514	9,766	150	2,930	13,000	838	15,930
H&BBC	454	8,626	140	2,590	7,500	531	10,090
LCC	1,668	31,692	550	10,450	0	550	10,450
MBC	170	3,230	80	1,520	3,800	280	5,320
NWLDC	448	8,512	240	4,520	5,200	512	9,720
O&WBC	155	2,945	60	1,140	1,500	139	2,640
Total	4,764	90,516	1,800	34,100 (38%)	56,500 (62%)	4,768	90,600



ANY
QUESTIONS?