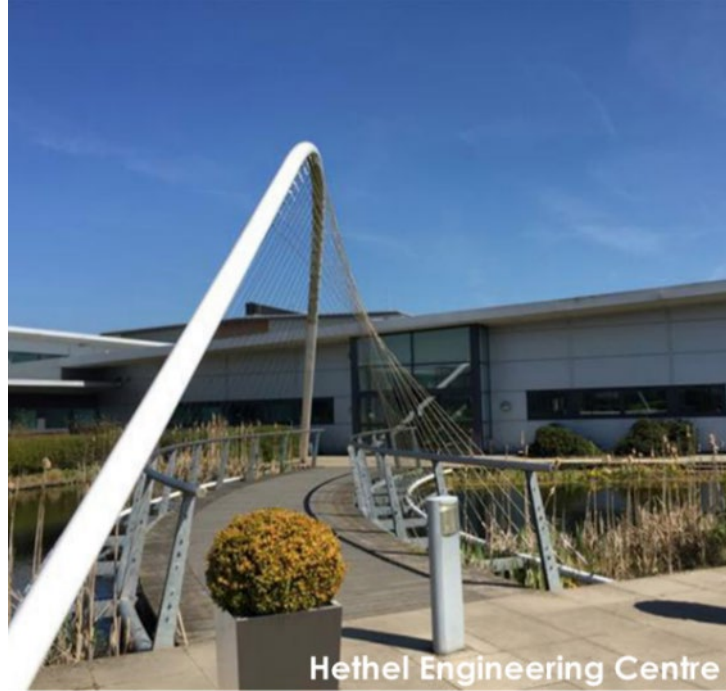


Greater Norwich Local Plan adoption

SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT PANEL
FEBRUARY 27TH 2024





Local Plans critical documents setting the development framework for an area. To do this, they:

- Contain planning policies which are the basis for deciding whether to approve planning applications
- Allocate sites for development (homes, employment etc) based on evidenced local needs and opportunities
- Ensure buildings + places are sustainable, beautiful + high quality
- Facilitate infrastructure delivery (schools, community facilities, transport + Green Infrastructure (parks, wildlife areas, woodlands etc))
- Protect + enhance the natural, built + historic environment
- Respond to climate change + support nature recovery.



The GNLP

- Uses updated evidence to provide our new growth strategy + the sites to meet our growth needs
 - Helps to address the housing crisis (meets growth need, assists delivery, provides for a mix of homes including affordable housing) – 28% AH in city centre, 33% elsewhere.
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- Sets build standards – water, space, adaptable homes
 - Supports inclusive economic growth, both high value sectors (food and health research, digital creative, high value engineering in Tech Corridor) + other employment – overall supports move to post carbon economy
 - Requires Sustainability Statements + Design Codes to ensure good design
 - Protects and enhances the environment (requires Green Infrastructure, visitor pressure tariff, addressing nutrient neutrality). Focus in Norwich on links to and from valleys, Marriott's Way + Mousehold Heath.
 - Plans for infrastructure to support growth – working with providers including health care (7-9 new healthcare facilities + 5-7 extensions), highways, education (12 new primary + 1 secondary school) and utilities

MAJOR FOCUS ON ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND DELIVERABILITY



The Strategy



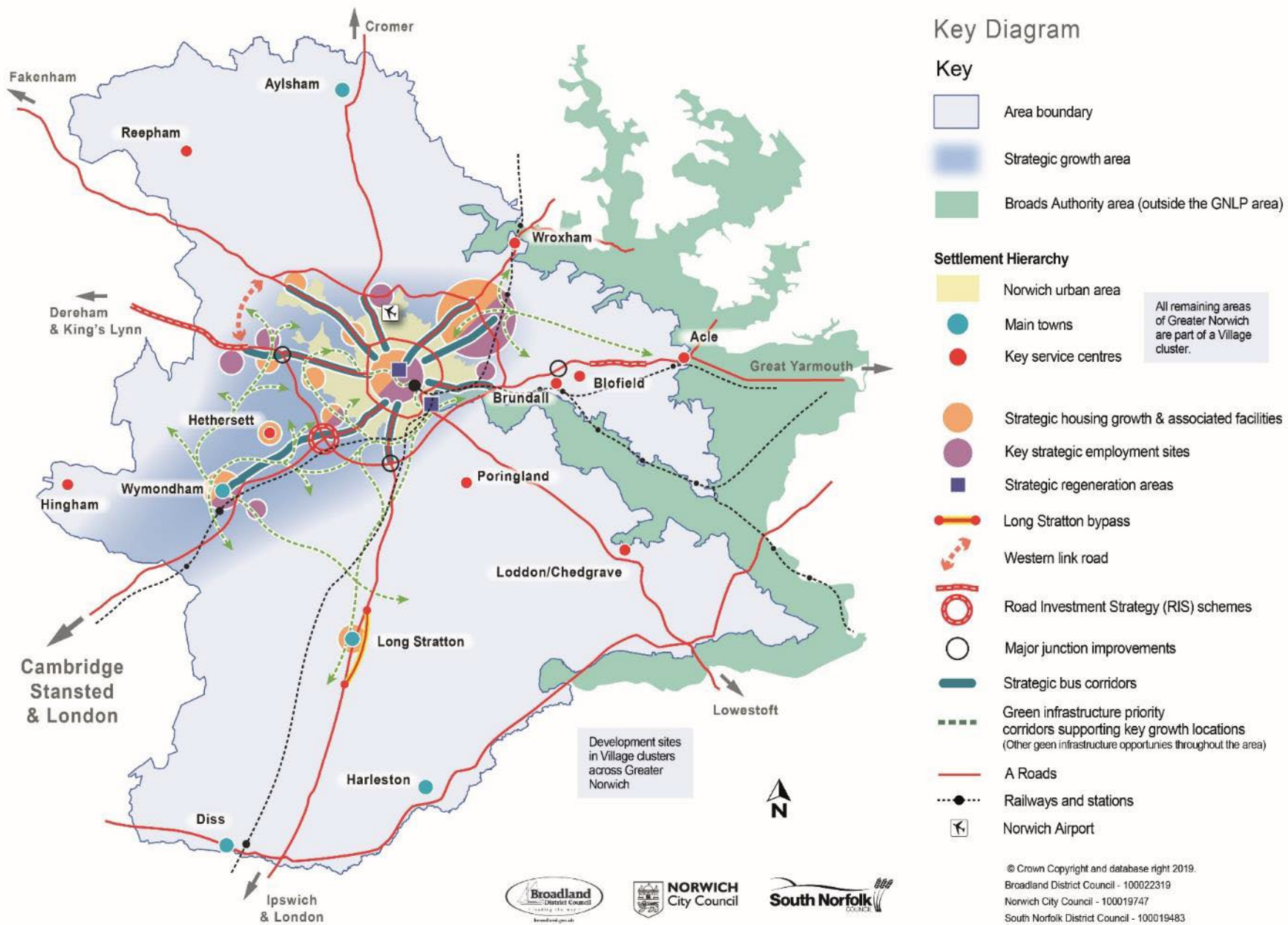
Main issues focussed on at examination: Site deliverability (housing trajectory), Gypsy and Traveller sites, East Norwich, nutrient neutrality policy.

Strategy has been found sound by Inspectors (with mods).

Builds from existing plans, with existing commitment (68% of total), provides for up to **45,050** new homes **2018 to 2038**.

- Establishes **Strategic Growth Area (SGA)** - Norwich urban area including the fringe parishes + Cambridge Norwich Tech Corridor
- 10,725 homes in **Norwich CC area** + 62% new homes in the **Norwich Urban Area** - infill + regeneration to maximise brownfield capacity + urban extensions (Norwich sites in annex 2 of report)
- East Norwich and North City Centre **Strategic Regeneration Areas**
- **City centre** high density mix employment, housing, leisure + other uses. Strengthen regional employment, retail, cultural + visitor centre roles.
- 15% **Main towns**, 8% **key service centres**, 9% **village clusters**, 6% **windfall**

360 ha. of employment land - strategic sites all in SGA (including City centre, Norwich Research Park (including UEA growth) + Airport area) + local sites.



Anticipated timetable to adoption

- Inspectors' report published 20/2/24

- Decision to adopt to be made by each of the 3 councils
 - Broadland Cabinet 19/3 and Council 28/3
 - **Norwich Cabinet 6/3 and Council 12/3**
 - South Norfolk Cabinet 18/3 and Council 25/3
- Adoption Notices published day after each Council meeting



Benefits of adoption

All areas must have a National Planning Policy Framework compliant local plan adopted by Dec. 2026

Many of our current local plan documents run out in 2026 (though AAPs, DM policies and NPs retained)

Successful joint strategy is a considerable success – 2nd joint plan nationally to be reviewed

Plan-led joint working provides greater certainty for economic investment in our area + can help access national funding streams

Continuity - further develops recent strategic approach + allows for future new settlements

Supports strategic growth, thriving communities + enhancement of infrastructure + services

NPPF recent changes
= 5-year land supply fixed

Gain from significant time and money spent on the plan (though the 7 years taken is average)

What happens after adoption?

- 6-week legal challenge period
- Produce final hard copies and online documents
- Develop an Interactive Map

Other workstreams to be agreed through forthcoming cabinet meetings (GNDP proposed to be continued).

