

# What is the Greater Norwich Local Plan

The Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) is being produced by Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council working together with Norfolk County Council through the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP).

## Growing stronger communities together

Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council working with Norfolk County Council through the Greater Norwich Development Partnership are creating a new plan for Greater Norwich - and you have the chance to shape it.

The local plan, which will cover the period to 2036, will set out a vision and strategy for growth and include policies which will be used to determine planning applications in the Greater Norwich area.

The GNLP will identify sites for new homes, jobs and infrastructure and sets out what is going to be developed, where it will happen and how it will be achieved. We have already had a 'call for sites' and 600 sites were submitted for consideration. More sites can be submitted through this consultation.

**The vision for Greater Norwich to 2036 is: To grow vibrant, healthy communities supported by a strong economy and the delivery of homes, jobs, infrastructure and an enhanced environment.**

The objectives of the local plan are –



The Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation runs from Monday 8 January to Thursday 15 March

The Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation documents, the Growth Options document and the Site Proposals document, can be viewed and downloaded online:

- [Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation](#)
- [Growth options](#)
- [Site proposals](#)

## Why are the councils producing a new GNLP?

Local plans must be kept up to date – the Government suggests a review is required at least every five years and plans should look forward at least 15 years. The current local plans, which include the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and separate site allocations documents for the area, were adopted at various points between 2011 and 2016. They include policies which require an early review.

Local plans take some time to produce and the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) is expected to be adopted in 2020. The current plans look to 2026 and the new GNLP will look to 2036 to maintain the 15 year time frame.

## Why the area needs growth

The Greater Norwich Local Plan will look both at the needs of our current communities and at those of future generations.

Changing population patterns and increasing housing need both lead to a need for new housing.

But growth does not just mean new houses and more people. It includes more and better jobs and new and improved infrastructure, with new schools, open spaces, transport and leisure facilities for everyone.

This needs to be done in a way which will protect and enhance the natural environment.

## What will the new GNLP contain?

The GNLP will:

- Contain a vision and objectives for the area and strategic policies.
- Allocate land for a range of uses, such as housing, employment, leisure and retail.
- Identify land that should be protected from development.
- Outline how we will monitor the plan's effectiveness.

The Greater Norwich Local Plan will support and promote the growth of an enterprising, creative broad based economy with high productivity and a skilled workforce.

It will include policies that:

- Support the economy through investing in infrastructure, enhancing the environment and helping improve quality of life for residents.
- Enable development of strategic employment locations in the city centre, the Norwich Airport area, Broadland Business Park/Broadland Gate, Norwich Research Park, Wymondham / Hethel, Longwater and the Food Enterprise Zone.
- Promote the Cambridge/Norwich Tech Corridor growth initiative.
- Promote strong communities.
- Provide employment close to where people live.

- Support a thriving rural economy.

## Why do we need your help?

We need your help to shape the future of the Greater Norwich area, making sure the final local plan meets the needs and wishes of our communities, and would like to hear what you think. As this is the main consultation on the local plan, we need your views to shape the plan's content. We want to grow stronger communities together, so we are inviting everyone to have their say – even if it is only on one aspect of the plan which concerns or interests you.

## Housing

More housing is needed because:

Greater Norwich is an attractive place to live and work and more people migrate to the area than leave, mainly from elsewhere in the UK.

People are living longer, there is a tendency for smaller households and young people are finding it increasingly difficult to move into their own home.

More people are in need of housing as not enough homes have been built in recent years. Government policy aims to significantly boost the supply of houses for all in society.

Sites for around 35,700 homes are already identified in the existing local plans or they have planning permission. This is 83% of the sites needed for the period to 2036 (the total number is about 42,900 homes).

No decisions have been made yet on where the additional growth needed to 2036 will go (7,200 additional homes). The responses to the consultation and other evidence will help make these decisions.

## Infrastructure

Growth in housing and jobs needs to be supported by new and improved infrastructure. Infrastructure includes a wide range of facilities and services such as:

- Green spaces
- Community facilities
- Roads
- Schools
- Medical facilities

New development contributes towards the cost of new infrastructure by providing or contributing funding to new facilities.

## Environment

We will continue to protect the most valued parts of our area and enhance green infrastructure for nature and people. To help to do this, the GNLP will maximise the amount of development on 'brownfield' sites. Where we identify greenfield sites for development, we will base our decisions on evidence which will enable us to provide new green spaces, protect valuable landscapes, improve nature sites, and protect our natural resources, including minerals and water.

More information can be found online at <http://www.gnlp.org.uk/>