

Oadby and Wigston EIP

POLICE EVIDENCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE NEED.

How policing is currently delivered

We are working on the assumption that new development and its occupiers should be policed at the same level as existing resource deployment to existing households and employment floorspace. This is in line with the GIA aspiration in assessing infrastructure needs [p55]. Leicestershire police service covers a broad sub-region including Leicestershire and Rutland. It is one service. Police are subject to Home Office requirements for staffing, response times and means of delivery and applying these as current results in the following.

- There are 382,000 households in the Police area and we employ 3,647 staff to cover these giving a ratio of 104.77 households to one member of staff.
- Our total accommodation [excluding cells] is 53,500 m² giving a ratio of 14.7 m² per member of staff
- Our current custody accommodation is allocated on the basis of one cell per 800 households. Planning of custody accommodation happens force wide and isn't necessarily location specific. As a result requirements will need to be further examined closer to development start.
- Our capital start up costs average £5k per new member of staff covering advanced communication and IT needs and vehicles
- Our recent experience is a building cost of £3500 for our general needs and £4500 for custody accommodation. These figures include security and IT networking as well as land costs
- In relation to employment floorspace we assume 40% site coverage and in projecting Policing needs we assume that the resultant site is developed for residential use

Applying this to what is proposed in the Core Strategy suggests.

Based on current policing pattern the proposed 1036 new units, 5,800m² of new offices and 1.3ha of new employment would generate a need for 11 additional police staff. Based on current gross levels of utilage 11 staff will need 162m² of premises. An additional cell will also be required. Cost of accommodation would be £567k plus £50k for a cell based on our recent procurement. Capital start up costs would be £55k for 11 staff and based on our current on costs. To meet the Policing need to service growth proposed in the Core Strategy we would need to spend £672K.

Alternatively looking at Police resources currently deployed to cover Oadby and Wigston.

363 Police staff are either directly engaged or deliver services to O and W. In the latter the figure includes a roundup to full time/shift equivalent.

They police 22400 Households.

Core Strategy proposes 1,000 home urban extension plus concentration of housing in existing urban area. 550 additional units are proposed in the two town centres. This together with cumulative, unplanned development, and the activities of developers exploiting the local land supply issue, would, we suggest take this to a total of at least 2,000 new dwellings in the plan period. This is an addition of 10% over the number of existing units.

Applying the same ratio to police staff on the assumption that the existing level of service is to be maintained we would need to add 36 staff to our establishment and accommodate them.

Conclusion whichever way Police needs are looked at - forcewide or locally - the very minimum we will need to recruit and accommodate is at least 11 staff.

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Important Points from the Growth Infrastructure Assessment

Para 30.68/9, Para 131

Need for local study as second phase of infrastructure work

Page 6, second bullet

GIA not to over-ride local providers policies

Para 2.41

Recognises appropriate solutions need to be in local strategy and *** to be in place to demonstrate how to address in the future

Para 19.28/9

Recognising infrastructure need of the Police

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