

*Borough of Oadby & Wigston*



# Oadby & Wigston Core Strategy

Development Plan Document

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## Foreword

We feel privileged to live and work in the Borough of Oadby and Wigston. The things we enjoy about the Borough of Oadby and Wigston result, of course, from the interaction of our local communities and the built and natural environment. Sometimes the existence of key features are incidental, sometimes they have evolved over a period of time, and sometimes they have been planned; whatever the case, we need to try and ensure that in the future, our communities have the same opportunities to enjoy all that is best about Oadby and Wigston.

It would be naive to say that things should or will remain the same; the Borough faces many pressures and challenges that can only be dealt with by tackling each issue with a thoughtful and evidenced approach. We must, for example, find sustainable solutions for meeting people's housing needs, supporting the provision of high quality employment, protecting the natural environment and addressing all the economic, environmental and social issues that face our communities today and also in the future.

The process for preparing new planning documents to guide the Borough in implementing the vision for our community is a long and complex procedure. We have to consider a range of issues, consult widely with our partners and representative organisations, commission specialist studies and consider existing evidence. This process has enabled us to produce the document now before you based on a solid set of principles from which to deliver a better future for our communities and local businesses.

This Core Strategy provides a clear vision for how new development can address the challenges we face and identifies where and when new development will take place in the Borough of Oadby and Wigston up to 2026. It outlines how much development will take place and how it will be achieved.

The spatial objectives and policies will set the context for other documents in the Local Development Framework and will therefore, help to shape the way our communities today and in the future will work and live their lives.

Councillor John Boyce

Leader of Oadby and Wigston Borough Council





## Equalities Statement

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council seeks to celebrate our diversity. It does, however, recognise that individuals and communities may experience unlawful discrimination in many ways despite equality laws and many examples of good practice in the Borough.

The Council considers equality as a basic human right and believes that all groups should be treated with respect and valued equally. We actively oppose all forms of unlawful or unfair discrimination.

As a Council we believe that no one within our community should be disadvantaged, irrespective of where they live, gender, age, disability, religious belief, race and sexual orientation.

We will ensure that every effort is made to provide key services to all. Oadby and Wigston Borough Council actively encourages public engagement and participation from all sections of the community in all aspects of decision making and provides a variety of ways and means of doing so.

