

Annexe 2 - Schedule of Minor Changes

The Council published a "Schedule of Changes" in January 2010, which are all minor and relate to the published Core Strategy. These are shown at the start of this annexe. Other minor changes listed as MCs below have subsequently been put forward and can also be made to update, correct or clarify the DPD. Following revocation of the Regional Spatial Strategy, the Council put forward a set of additional changes to reflect the up-to-date position. These too are included at the end of the annexe.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES (published by the Council in January 2010)

Page	Policy / Paragraph / Figure	Action	Proposed change	Reason for change [with cross reference to Annexe 1 where applicable]
After Contents page		Insert	List of Figures and page number	To add clarity to the whole document
After Contents page		Insert	List of Policies and page numbers	To add clarity to the whole document
Throughout the document			Correction of minor spelling and punctuation errors	To add clarity to the whole document
Throughout the document			Change % sign to 'per cent'	To add clarity and consistency to the whole document
Throughout the document			If referring to the Borough geographically, it should always be referred to as 'the Borough of Oadby and Wigston'.	To add clarity and consistency to the whole document
Throughout the document			Amend 'Leicester University' to 'University of Leicester'	To add clarity and consistency to the whole document
Throughout the document			Amend 'Section 106 agreement' to 'Section 106 Agreement'	To add clarity and consistency to the whole document
Throughout the document			Where 'Developer Contributions' are referred to the first letters should be lower case – 'developer contributions'.	To add clarity and consistency to the whole document
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			to the first letters should be upper case – 'Developer Contributions SPD.	document
Throughout the document			Where Planning Policy Statements are referred to it should be, for example, in the form: 'Planning Policy Statement 1: Delivering Sustainable Development (year e.g. 2004)'. Use quotation marks instead of speech marks	To add clarity and consistency to the whole document
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3	Contents	Amendment	Change Contents page to reflect all changes as a result of the Schedule of Change.	To add clarity to the document
7	1.2	Insert	The forth sentence should read: 'The Oadby and Wigston Borough Local Development Framework...'	To add clarity to paragraph 1.2
9	1.7	Insert	'East Midlands Regional Plan (2009)'.	To add clarity to paragraph 1.7
11	Submit for Examination		Change tense from future to present and ultimately past	To create consistency with the rest of the section
17	3.6	Amendment	The word 'unusual' should be changed to 'unique'.	To add clarity to paragraph 3.6 [see CC1]
17	3.6	Insert	Insert 'City' after 'Leicester' in the last sentence.	To add clarity to paragraph 3.6 [see CC1]
18	3.11	Amendment	...Oadby and Wigston, should be amended to 'Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston'.	To add clarity to paragraph 3.11 [see CC1]
21	3.30	Insert	The paragraph should reference that each Conservation Area has a Conservation Area Appraisal. The first sentence of paragraph 3.30 will now read: 'In total, there are 9 Conservation Areas, all of which have an individual Conservation Area Appraisal and are seen to be influential in preserving the townscape of the Borough'.	To add clarity to paragraph 3.30 [see CC1]

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33	4.26	Amendment	Change 'Green Gym' to 'Green Earth Community Garden Project'.	The project has been renamed
37	Figure 4	Amendment	3rd Line change 'at' to 'of'	To add clarity to the sentence [see CC8]
37	Figure 4	Formatting	Move Figure 4 strap line up the page so that it is positioned immediately beneath the table and above the sentence explaining the 'source' from which it has been derived.	Format consistency [see CC8]
49	Figure 6	Formatting	Title colour should be changed to 'green'.	Format consistency [see CC4]
50	Policy 2	Amendment	Change 'SO8' to 'Spatial Objective 8'	Format consistency [see CC16]
50	Policy 2 - Paragraph 2	Insert	After 'implement' add 'Area Action Plans and'	To add clarity to the sentence [see CC16]
52	Figure 6	Insert	Insert 'Figure 6: Characterisation of Centres' beneath the table.	Format consistency [see CC19]
53	Figure 7	Amendment	Remove title 'List of Retail and Shopping Centres within and Beyond the Borough Boundary' and insert the following after the table: 'Figure 7: List of Retail and Shopping Centres within and Beyond the Borough Boundary'.	Format consistency [see CC19]
53	Figure 7	Amendment	Amend 'main towns' to 'town centres'	To add clarity to the table [see CC19]
53	Figure 7	Amendment	Amend 'Grove Park' to 'Grove Farm Triangle'	To add clarity to the table [see CC19]
53	Figure 7	Amendment	Amend 'Kelmarsh Road' to 'Kelmarsh Avenue'	To add clarity to the table [see CC19]
55	Policy 3	Insert	Add Spatial Objective 9 to list of Spatial Objectives at the end of this policy.	To add clarity to the policy
63	Figure 7	Amendment	Change title from 'Figure 7' to 'Figure 8'	Format consistency
70	Figure 8	Amendment	Change title from 'Figure 8' to 'Figure 9': Code Levels for Mandatory Minimum Standards in Carbon Dioxide Emissions'.	Format consistency [see CC20]
72	6.28	Amendment	This paragraph will now read: 'When relating to climate change, reference should also be made to	To add clarity to paragraph 6.28 [see CC20]

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			Core Strategy Policy 5 Green Infrastructure, Core Strategy Policy 9 Flood Risk and the Water Environment and Core Strategy Policy 14 Design and Sustainable Construction'.	
73	6.31	Amendment	In last sentence change 'Core Policy 1' to 'Core Strategy Policy 1'.	To add clarity to the sentence
81	Policy 12	Amendment	Remove Spatial Objective 2 from the list.	To add clarity to the policy
82	Figure 9	Amendment	Change 'Figure 9' to 'Figure 10'.	Format consistency [see CC11]
82	Figure 12	Amendment	Change 'Figure 12' to 'Figure 11'.	Format consistency [see CC11]
83	7.37	Amendment	Change last sentence to read: 'However, the government is currently promoting the Standards through the Code for Sustainable Homes, with the overall aim of all housing being built to meet the Standards from 2013'.	To add clarity to the policy
84	Policy 13, Bullet 7	Insert	Insert the word 'upon' so that this bullet reads: 'would not adversely impact upon environmentally sensitive areas...'	To add clarity to the policy [see CC12]
86	Policy 14	Amendment	Change title to: 'Design and Sustainable Construction'.	To add clarity to the policy
86	7.47	Insert	Insert 'Core Strategy' at the beginning of the sentence.	To add clarity to the sentence [see CC30]
87	Table	Insert	Insert 'Figure 12: Seven Key Urban Design Objectives' (write in green bold font). Underneath, insert: 'Source: By Design, Urban Design in the Planning System'.	Format consistency
88	7.50	Insert	First sentence should be: 'By Design, Urban Design in the Planning System (2000) was prepared by...'	To add clarity to the sentence
88	7.51	Insert	The second sentence in paragraph 7.51 should	To add clarity to the sentence

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			begin: 'The Borough Council...'	
88	7.52	Insert	The first sentence in paragraph read: '...as defined by the Borough Council...'	To add clarity to the sentence
88	7.54	Insert	The last sentence should include 'Core Strategy Policy 8'.	To add clarity to the sentence
88	7.56	Insert	Insert the word 'Document' after Allocations Development Plan.	To add clarity to the sentence
89	7.57	Insert	Where each policy is listed, the words 'Core Strategy' should be inserted.	To add clarity to the paragraph 7.57
91	Figure 11	Amendment	'Figure 11' should be changed to 'Figure 12'.	Format consistency
92	7.64	Insert	At the beginning of the forth sentence, it should read: 'The Borough Council...' The word 'borough' should also be inserted into the next sentence before 'Council'.	To add clarity to the sentence
93	Policy 17	Amendment	After 2nd paragraph put a line space.	Format consistency
93	Policy 17	Amendment	After policy text add: 'This policy will assist in the delivery of Spatial Objective 8: Sustainable Design and Infrastructure, Spatial Objective 9: An Accessible Borough, Spatial Objective 10: Promoting Healthy Lifestyles, Spatial Objective 11: Empowering a Safe Community, Spatial Objective 12: Enhancing Green infrastructure, Spatial Objective 13: Green Wedges and The Countryside, Spatial Objective 14: Enhancing Local Heritage'.	To add clarity to the policy
94	Figure 12	Amendment and insert	'Figure 12' should be changed to 'Figure 13' Underneath, a sentence should be inserted to read: 'Source: The Open Space, Sport and Recreational Facilities Study (2009)'.	Format consistency
95	7.75	Insert	Insert '(2009)' at the end of the paragraph.	To add clarity to the paragraph 7.75

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97	Chapter 8	Amendment	Ensure that the text of each of the Spatial Objectives is exactly the same as that which appears in Chapter 4.	Consistency throughout the document
97	8.4	Insert	The fourth sentence should read 'The Annual Monitoring Report...'	To add clarity to the paragraph 8.4
117	8.15	Amendment	Change 'Green Gym' to 'Green Earth Community Garden Project'.	To add clarity to the paragraph 8.15
125	Chapter 9	Amendment	Move Chapter 9: Glossary to end of document and re-name as 'Appendix 5: Glossary'.	To add clarity to the document
131	Appendix 1	Insert	<p>Introduction to Appendix One:</p> <p>'The Housing Trajectory provides a breakdown of how and when the total housing requirement is intended to be delivered in the Borough up to 2026. This is broken down by year and identifies completed dwellings; committed dwellings; and, projected deliverable dwellings.</p> <p>Projected deliverable dwellings are consistent with the remaining housing to be provided between 2008 and 2026 as indicated in Figure 4. A graphical interpretation of the Housing Trajectory is provided in Figure 5.</p> <p>The Housing Trajectory will be monitored annually as part of the Annual Monitoring Report'.</p>	To add clarity to the appendix [see CC8]
133	Table	Amendment	Remove 'Year No. SHLAA' on the top line.	To add clarity to the appendix
135	Appendix 2	Insert	<p>Introduction to Appendix Two:</p> <p>'Appendix Two has been included to illustrate the</p>	To add clarity to the appendix

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			<p>items of infrastructure that have been identified as essential to support the delivery of growth in the Borough within the Local Infrastructure Plan 2009-2010.</p> <p>The Oadby and Wigston Local Infrastructure Plan 2009-2010 has been produced as a separate document and submitted as part of the evidence base to support the Core Strategy. The Local Infrastructure Plan will be reviewed annually and will be developed in line with all up to date local, regional and national policy guidance’.</p>	
136	Appendix 2	Amendment	Change New Inn Pub to 'non-committed' and move the entire row down so that it is above the 'new cemetery’.	To add clarity to the appendix

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MC1	11 & 12	Preparing the Core Strategy	<i>Remove all text</i>
MC2	8	Paragraph 1.4	<i>Delete "Development Control" from the DPDs listed in paragraph 1.4</i> <i>Add "Oadby & Wigston Town Centre Masterplans Area</i>

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			<i>Action Plan" to the list of DPDs.</i>
MC3	53	Figure 7	<i>Delete "Regional and Sub Regional Shopping Centres – Fosse Park, St George’s Retail Park, Grove Park" from the table, and add the same information as a footnote.</i>
MC4	57	Paragraph 5.96	5.96 Leicestershire County Council’s policy document, Highways, transportation and development (known as HTD) <u>the 6Cs (6 County/City Authorities) Design Guide</u> aims to achieve the delivery of quality developments. <u>It includes the maximum car parking standards that apply to proposals for development in the Borough, including proposals arising through Local Development Framework Documents.</u> Proposals for development should take this document into account alongside the Sustainable Transport and Accessibility policy.
MC5	81	Paragraph 7.64	<i>Change the first sentence to read "Community facilities include facilities such as community halls, health centres, schools and cultural facilities such as museums, and libraries and theatres. These"</i>
MC6	82	Figure 12	<i>Delete this and replace with new Figure 9 as shown in</i>

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		Percentage of household stock required by 2016	<i>Annexe 1, but change the heading to read "Projected household types and optimum housing stock". Delete the sub-heading "Approximate percentage of need estimated by 2016 from total of dwellings required", and replace with "Approximate shape of housing stock required in 2016".</i>
MC7	93	Policy 17	<i>Change the third paragraph to read "In relation to open space, sport and recreation facilities, the Borough Council will seek to protect existing sites from development where there is a demand to retain them; and where <u>they incorporate a green infrastructure asset that contributes to the green infrastructure in the Borough;</u> and, where the equivalent cannot be provided elsewhere. New development will be expected "</i>
MC8	94	Figure 12 Quality and Access Standards for open space	<i>Amend the last line so that it reads "Small Halls/Community Venues... 10 minute walk time"</i>
MC9	95	Paragraph 7.76	<i>Add a new sentence at the end: "<u>Green infrastructure is defined in paragraph 5.109 and green infrastructure assets are defined in paragraph 5.113.</u>"</i>
MC10	33	Spatial Objective 12	<i>Spatial Objective 12: <u>Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure</u></i>

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			<p><i>Delete all the text and replace it with:</i></p> <p><i>"Development should be respectful of the natural environment, landscape and townscape character and contribute towards Biodiversity Action Plan targets of protecting, creating and managing and enhancing important habitats and green assets. Due to the predominantly urban nature of the Borough to ensure that new development includes proposals to enhance the landscape and biodiversity, for example, through planting trees, creating ponds and other natural habitats.</i></p>
MC11	119	Paragraph 8.17	<p><i>Spatial Objective 12: <u>Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure</u></i></p> <p><i>8.17 Delete all the text and replace it with:</i></p> <p><i>"Development should be respectful of the natural environment, landscape and townscape character and contribute towards Biodiversity Action Plan targets of protecting, creating and managing and enhancing important habitats and green assets. Due to the predominantly urban nature of the Borough to ensure</i></p>

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			<i>that new development includes proposals to enhance the landscape and biodiversity, for example, through planting trees, creating ponds and other natural habitats.</i>
MC12		Policies 1,5,8,9,17	<i>Wording underneath the policies should be changed to read "This policy will assist in the delivery of Spatial Objective 12: <u>Protecting and Enhancing Green Infrastructure</u>".</i>
MC13	35	6.14	'The new Supplementary Planning Guidance Document will also take account of the most up to date renewable energy generation and carbon dioxide emission reduction targets'
MC14	39	6.26	'This will contribute to tacking tackling climate change.'
MC15	47	6.39provides a base-line baseline understanding of the strategic water related issues in the Borough.....
MC16	74	7.47	Core Strategy Policy 14 Design and....

Editorial changes to reflect the revocation of the Regional Spatial Strategy

Page	Section	Comment
7	1.2	In 2004, the ‘planning system’ was amended under the <i>Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act</i> . This resulted in Local Plans and Structure Plans being replaced by a ‘two tiered’ plan led system comprising of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Frameworks. When combined, these determine how the planning system shapes local communities. The Oadby and Wigston Local Development Framework will replace adopted policies in the saved Oadby and Wigston Borough Local Plan as set out in Appendix 3. On the 6th July 2010, Regional Spatial Strategies were formally revoked under Section 79 (6) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, and no longer form part of the Development Plan for the purposes of Section 38 (6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Although Regional Spatial Strategies have been revoked and will be abolished, the evidence base underpinning them is still a valid consideration.
8	Figure 1	See attached document.
9	1.6	The Core Strategy sets out the vision, spatial objectives and planning strategy for the Borough up to 2026. The Core Strategy provides the basic principles and policies that will steer built development and the use of land, establishes the overall general scale and location of development, and the approach to the key issues facing the Borough. In summary,

		<p>the Core Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains a clear vision from which spatial objectives, strategic policies, monitoring and implementation frameworks will flow; • Is linked to the sustainable communities agenda, helping determine the broad location of new housing and employment land necessary to meet the level of local need required requirements of the East Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy and the Three Cities Sub Regional Strategy within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston; and • Is guided by sustainable development principles.
9	1.7	<p>The Core Strategy is consistent with the evidence base of the revoked East Midlands Regional Plan and national planning policy, as expressed within Planning Policy Guidance (PPGs), Planning Policy Statements (PPSs), Circulars and Ministerial statements. It also acts as a key implementation mechanism for the Leicestershire Sustainable Community Strategy and more locally the Oadby and Wigston Sustainable Community Strategy, prepared by the respective Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs).</p>
13	2.4-2.7	<p>2.4 — All current Regional Strategies for the East Midlands area form important components of the Integrated Regional Strategy (IRS) Framework. The Integrated Regional Strategy Framework draws together the key issues and challenges for the East Midlands and provides an overarching picture of what is happening</p>

		<p>in the region. The Integrated Regional Strategy Framework has been developed by national government to enable all policies across the region to contribute as fully as possible to improving people's quality of life and wellbeing.</p> <p>2.5 — Integrated Regional Strategy Framework component documents include, the Regional Economic Strategy, the Regional Spatial Strategy (more commonly known as the Regional Plan), the Regional Environment Strategy and the Cultural Strategy. These documents have been developed within the context provided by the Integrated Regional Strategy Framework and together help the region move towards its vision, objectives and priorities, culminating in a more sustainable future.</p> <p>2.6 — With the East Midlands Regional Plan forming part of the Development Plan as well as being a component of the Integrated Regional Strategy Framework, it is a key strategic document in the moving forward of the region up to 2026. However, it does not go into site specific issues. The East Midlands Regional Plan provides a broad development strategy for Local Authorities in the East Midlands to follow and identifies the scale and distribution of provision for new housing and priorities for the environment, transport, infrastructure, economic development, agriculture energy, minerals and waste treatment and disposal'.</p>
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		<p>2.7 — With the Regional Plan referring to the East Midlands as a whole, sub regional strategies have a more localised focus. The Borough of Oadby and Wigston falls within the Three Cities Sub Area. The Three Cities Sub Area contains the Principal Urban Areas of Derby, Nottingham and Leicester. The East Midlands Regional Plan focuses regeneration and growth in the sub areas of Derby, Leicester and Nottingham and adjoining settlements. The Three Cities Sub Area defines a number of Housing Market Area groupings, including one covering the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area.</p> <p>2.4 The East Midlands Regional Plan was revoked on 6 July 2010. However, the evidence base that informed the document is still in existence and relates to some of the Policies in the Core Strategy.</p>
15	2.15	<p>Local strategies and policies are the most detailed and locally specific of all the strategy and policy levels considered. Documents produced by the Borough Council use national, regional and sub regional strategies and policies as the base context to guide local and area specific documentation and agreements. For example, the Oadby and Wigston Economic Development Strategy is very locally specific and deals with particular issues within the Borough itself, but is based upon principles and strategies set out in the National Economic Strategy and the Regional Economic Strategy.</p>

	Revised Chapter 3 3.50	The Core Strategy will identify sufficient land to accommodate the Borough's additional housing requirement to 2026 established by the Regional Plan . It will aim to ensure that issues of design take account of the Borough's location within the Leicester Principal Urban Area and that a broad range of housing types are provided to reflect the needs of the local community.
32	4.23	Ensure adequate affordable housing and a sustainable blend of choices to meet local need and the requirements of the Regional Spatial Strategy . The focus of new housing will be in Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston Town Centres to facilitate their regeneration. There will be one Direction for Growth to Wigston to support its function as the Borough's main town in terms of national retailer representation and civic function.
35	Core Strategy Policy 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate land for the development of a minimum of 1,800 new dwellings (90 dwellings per annum) between 2006 and 2026 as set out in the Regional Plan for the East Midlands
36	5.2	The Spatial Strategy also takes account of the policy context relating to the Borough as set out in Chapter 2, in particular that provided by the Regional Plan for the East Midlands . One of the main policy drivers that have has shaped the Spatial Strategy is the fact that the built up part of the Borough is wholly located within the Leicester Principal Urban Area. The Spatial Strategy reflects the key role that the Borough of Oadby and Wigston plays in shaping the Leicester Principal Urban Area, both in supporting the regeneration of Leicester and in the spatial relationship that

		exists between the Leicester Principal Urban Area and the main towns in Leicestershire. It is recognised that this relationship is of benefit to the whole of the Leicestershire Housing Market Area, including Oadby and Wigston, particularly in terms of supporting the local economy, strategic green infrastructure and shaping how people go about their daily lives.
37	5.4	The Spatial Strategy makes provision for a minimum of 1,800 new dwellings (90 dwellings per annum) between 2006 and 2026. This amount is set out in the East Midlands Regional Plan and The need for this amount was fully evidenced through the process of it's the preparation of the revoked East Midlands Regional Plan and the amount is consistent with Oadby and Wigston Borough Council's representations made in respect of this. Provision will be made for this level of growth within the various Development Plan Documents in the Local Development Framework.
37	Figure 4 Heading: first row	East Midlands Regional Plan Housing Requirement for the Borough of Oadby and Wigston: 2006-2026
38	5.8	Planning Applications involving proposals for windfalls should be considered in the context of Strategy Policy 1 which sets out the most sustainable approach to the location of residential development in the Borough. Consistent with paragraph 59 of Planning Policy Statement 3, a windfall allowance has not been taken into account within the Spatial Strategy's approach to housing delivery. Any windfalls coming forward from 1 st April 2009 will therefore be additional to the East Midlands Regional Plan Housing

		Requirement for the Borough of Oadby and Wigston of 1,800 dwellings between 2006-2026.
41	5.27	The Spatial Strategy is set around the principle that the centres of Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston will be the focus for new development up to 2026. This means they will accommodate a significant amount of growth up to 2026 and that development elsewhere in the Borough should have regard to the Spatial Objectives associated with these centres. This will assist in their regeneration which is a key principle upon which this Core Strategy is based, reflecting the Vision and Spatial Objectives. This also reflects the objectives of the East Midlands Regional Plan which aims to maximise the capacity of the Leicester Principal Urban Area. Within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston these centres provide the best prospect of achieving this by taking the opportunities that exist within the centres to make better and more efficient use of land in the most accessible locations.
42	5.31	The Spatial Strategy supports housing development on suitable land within the Leicester Principal Urban Area outside of the centres of Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston. This reflects the Spatial Objectives to provide new housing development in locations that are easily accessible to the centres in order to support their regeneration and reflects the objectives of the East Midlands Regional Plan which aims to maximise the capacity of the Leicester Principal Urban Area.
43	5.35	However, the Spatial Strategy is flexible enough to be able to accommodate some fluctuation. The effect of any

		<p>significant higher housing delivery on infrastructure will be closely monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report and should be taken into account in when determining future housing provision for allocations directed towards the Borough in future reviews of the East Midlands Regional Plan.</p> <p>housing provision in the Borough</p>
43	5.37	<p>The Direction for Growth will form an extension to the Leicester Principal Urban Area within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston. This is necessary because it is not appropriate or possible to accommodate all of the housing growth allocated to be provided in the Borough in the East Midlands Regional Plan within the Leicester Principal Urban Area and because there is a need to provide some new employment land in the Borough, as previously demonstrated in figure 4 and paragraphs 5.16 to 5.26.</p>
43	5.38	<p>The term Direction for Growth is used within this Core Strategy to describe the identification of greenfield land on the edge of the Leicester Principal Urban Area for mixed use development. It is significantly smaller in comparison to the Sustainable Urban Extensions that are required likely to be provided in a number of district council areas by the East Midlands Regional Plan. However, despite this distinction the general principles in relation to Sustainable Urban Extensions will still apply in that development, infrastructure and stakeholders will be required to come together to provide a highly sustainable development.</p>
44	5.41	<p>The requirement for only one Direction for Growth was</p>

		established early on in the process of preparing the Core Strategy. The amount of housing growth allocated to be provided in the Borough through the East Midlands Regional Plan would not require significant levels of development adjoining the Leicester Principal Urban Area and evidence relating to infrastructure provision and the sustainable accommodation of greenfield growth indicated that a single Direction for Growth would offer the most sustainable approach.
46	5.54	The Spatial Strategy also takes account of the wider context in terms of growth to the south and south east of Leicester. The revoked East Midlands Regional Plan requires required the vast majority of growth in Harborough District to be located at Market Harborough and adjacent to the Leicester Principal Urban Area. Although the spatial strategy for Harborough District is yet to be agreed, development in these locations is likely to put additional pressure on the A6 which is already congested, particularly through Oadby and towards Leicester City Centre. Furthermore, a potential Eco Town in the vicinity of Oadby would also increase pressure on the A6.
46	5.55	The Spatial Strategy to locate development to the south east of Wigston will reduce the pressure placed on the A6 arising from development in the Borough. This will allow the necessary level of growth to be delivered in the relevant general locations described above as set out in the East Midlands Regional Plan with the least possible disruption to existing infrastructure.
46	5.57	The Borough has suffered in the past because a limited

		number of small housing developments have only made very small contributions to new infrastructure provision either on or off site. They contribute little to the principles of sustainable development. The East Midlands Regional Plan acknowledges that Although development of the scale of a Sustainable Urban Extension is not appropriate in Oadby and Wigston; however , the Borough Council is keen that similar principles of sustainability are incorporated into applied to any greenfield development adjoining the Leicester Principal Urban Area.
49	Key Diagram	See attached document.
51	5.74	Consistent with the Spatial Strategy, development will be focused in the Borough's existing town and district centres in order to strengthen and regenerate them. This approach also reflects the objectives set out in the East Midlands Regional Plan, which intends to maximise the capacity of the Leicester Principal Urban Area. Promotion and management of change will be achieved through the emerging Town Centre Masterplan Area Action Plans that have been prepared for Wigston and Oadby, and the South Wigston Masterplan which will be incorporated into the Allocations Development Plan Document. Alongside regeneration of employment land within town and district centres, residential development will be encouraged. The Spatial Strategy seeks the provision of 393 new dwellings spread across the centres of Wigston, Oadby and South Wigston, as well as providing locations for new employment land.
57	5.95	The revoked East Midlands Regional Plan includes included

		<p>the Regional Transport Strategy which foeuses focused on encouraging the development of sustainable travel patterns through; reducing the need to travel, especially by car; managing traffic growth and congestion; improving opportunities for walking and cycling; promoting a step change improvement to the reliability, capacity, quality, accessibility and coverage of the public transport network; making better use of existing transport networks through better management; and, only developing additional highway capacity when all other measures have been considered. These principles are important locally in the Borough of Oadby and Wigston and the Core Strategy, other Development Plan Documents within the Local Development Framework, the Local Transport Plan and the Local Strategic Partnership will work together to deliver them this strategy within the Borough.</p>
60	5.105	<p>Green Infrastructure is a term that has evolved within Government, social and regenerative policies to describe the network of green spaces and natural elements. that intersperse and connect our cities, towns and villages. Within the East Midlands Regional Plan Natural England define Green Infrastructure is defined as “networks of multi-functional green space and natural elements that intersperse and connect our cities, towns and villages” and play a key role in delivering sustainable communities which sit within and contribute to, the type of high quality natural and built environment required to deliver sustainable communities” in both rural and urban environments. Green Infrastructure also plays an important role in terms of climate change mitigation (eg through carbon storage) and climate change adaption (eg through moderating urban</p>

		temperature extremes). Further guidance on climate change is provided in Policy 8: Climate Change and Renewable Energy.
69	6.13	The East Midlands Regional Plan gives direction to the district level by stating that “local authorities should develop policies and proposals to secure a reduction in the need for energy through the location of development, site layout and building design”. This policy is in line with the East Midlands Regional Plan ‘energy hierarchy’ which encourages local authorities to reduce the need for energy, to use energy more efficiently and to use renewable energy.
78	7.14	The study identifies trends across the Leicester and Leicestershire Housing Market Area (as defined in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment East Midlands Regional Plan) and the sub-markets that function within it. The Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (December 2008) indicated that there was an annual shortfall of 214 dwelling units up to 2016. New housing in the Borough will be provided The adopted East Midlands Regional Plan states new housing in the Borough should be provided at a level of 90 dwellings per annum. This would require the Council to set a threshold for affordable housing provision of 238%.
84	7.40	In order to assess these needs, a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland was carried out. This provided the evidence necessary to inform the development of policy in the now revoked East Midlands Regional Plan. which sets out the minimum net additional pitch requirements (residential and transit) that Local Development

		Frameworks should make provision for up to 2012. Beyond 2012 it suggests that an ongoing increase of 3% compound growth per year should be assumed.
84	7.41	For Oadby & Wigston the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment identified a need arising for requirement for Gypsies and Travellers is 1 residential pitch. The Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment defines a pitch as an ‘ <i>area of land on a Gypsy and Traveller caravan site developed for a single family</i> ’. The location of a site to meet this need will be identified through the Allocations Development Plan Document.
85	7.43	The Core Strategy must also contain a criteria based policy for the provision of Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople sites. This should be used to guide the allocation of sites to meet identified accommodation needs and unexpected demand (such as the assumption that there is an ongoing increase of 3% compound growth per year as stated in the East Midlands Regional Plan) . The policy should seek to ensure that Gypsies and Travellers are accommodated in sustainable locations with access to a range of essential services such as education, healthcare, welfare, shops, water and sewerage facilities where possible (such as connection to the main sewer or through provision of a septic tank). The location of the site should not result in unacceptable living conditions for its occupants such as contaminated land, poor ambient air quality or being within an area liable to flooding.
98	Table Row 8, Column 2	East Midlands Regional Plan; Core Strategy; Town Centre Masterplan Area Action Plan Development Plan

		Documents; Allocations Development Plan Document
107	8.12	Ensure adequate affordable housing and a sustainable blend of choices to meet local need and the requirements of the Regional Spatial Strategy . The focus of new housing will be in Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston Town Centres to facilitate their regeneration. There will be one Direction for Growth to Wigston to support its function as the Borough's main town in terms of national retailer representation and civic function.
126	Glossary	East Midlands Regional Plan: is was prepared by the regional planning body – The East Midlands Regional Assembly , emda . The Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) sets out the long-term spatial vision for the East Midlands and the strategic policies and proposals to deliver that vision. It was formally revoked under Section 79 (6) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 on the 6th July 2010.