

Places in Charnwood

Loughborough East, Loughborough North West and Loughborough South West Area Forum (C1-3)

Four Area Forums cover the Main Town of Loughborough, the three above and a small part of the Shepshed, Dishley and Hathern Forum. Loughborough is a Sub-Regional Centre and includes two priority neighbourhoods – Loughborough East and Loughborough West - and is one of the areas in the County where a Sustainable Urban Extension has been proposed in the draft Regional Plan.

Loughborough is the largest town in Leicestershire. On one hand it has one of the best Universities in the country. On the other a substantial proportion of the population have lower than average earnings, there are higher levels of benefits claims, low skills and school attainment levels. It hosts major business but the town centre does not attract all the major retailers. It is a town with great potential for growth and improvement partly because of its excellent transport links and relatively youthful population.

DRAFT PRIORITY OUTCOMES:

C1.1 An improved town centre, better range of shops, leisure and evening economy, less crime and anti social behaviour, less litter and graffiti and reduced air pollution.

[Cleaner and Greener 3.3.2, 3.3.4, 3.3.5; Safer Communities 1.3, 3.1, 3.2; Access to Services 7.1.1, 7.1.4; Economic Development 5.1, 5.2; Sport and Culture 2.6]

C1.2 A wider range of knowledge based businesses and employment opportunities.

[Economic Development 5.1, 3.4]

C1.3 Higher adult skills levels and increased attainment for school children.

[Economic Development 5.3, 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.4; Children and Young People 5.4.1]

C1.4 Improved social cohesion where resident and students, old and young, different cultures and faiths continue to get on well together.

[Stronger Communities 2.1, 2.1.1, 2.2; Equalities 2.3; Sport and Culture 6.1]

C1.5 Children and young people have spaces, places and activities to engage them

[Stronger Communities 2.1.8; Volunteering 2.7.2; Children and Young People 1.5, 2.8, 5.4.2; Access to Services 7.1.1; Healthier Communities 6.9.1; Sport and Culture 2.6]

C1.6 Relative deprivation, as measured by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation, has been reduced in the priority neighbourhoods, with specific attention to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

[Vulnerable People 1.1; Vulnerable Places 1.2; Safer Communities 1.3, 3.1, 3.2]

C1.7 New development is physically and socially integrated and environmentally sustainable and housing is of an excellent standard and meets local housing needs.

[Cleaner and Greener 3.3.2; Housing 3.7, 3.8, 3.8.1, 3.8.3; Vulnerable People 1.1.3]

C1.8 More travel by public transport, walking and cycling means that traffic is less of a problem and congestion is reduced in the town

[Transport 3.5, 4.5, 4.5.1]

C1.9 Historic and environmental assets, including the Great Central Railway, have been safeguarded

[Cleaner and Greener 4.4.3; Transport 3.6]

C1.10 Better access to health facilities across the town

[Healthier Communities 7.1.1]

C1.11 The 2012 Olympics has been used to benefit the town.

Bradgate and Rothley, Mountsorrel and Birstall Area Forum (C4)

This Forum covers the Main Town of Birstall (included in the Principal Urban Area of Leicester), the Rural/Service Centres of Rothley, Anstey and Mountsorrel and a priority neighbourhood which covers part of Mountsorrel.

The area lies between the northern fringes of Leicester City and the southern fringes of Loughborough, the attractive Charnwood Forest and the busy Soar Valley. There are some larger villages, (Birstall, Mountsorrel, Rothley and Anstey) but most villages are relatively small. Most people have higher incomes than the county average and children do well at school. Some villages have older than average populations. There are substantial new developments at Birstall (housing) and Rothley (employment).

DRAFT PRIORITY OUTCOMES:

C4.1 Village centres including Anstey, Birstall & Mountsorrel are maintained and improved with less litter and vandalism and fear of crime

[Safer Communities 3.1, 3.2, 3.2.2; Cleaner and Greener 3.3.4]

C4.2 The relative deprivation in the Mountsorrel priority neighbourhood is reduced with specific attention to reducing anti-social behaviour

[Vulnerable Places 1.2; Safer Communities 3.2]

C4.3 Youth facilities including the Soar Valley Centre are fully used.

[Access to Services 7.1.1; Rural 7.2.5; Children and Young People 1.5, 2.8.1, 5.4.2; Stronger Communities 2.1.8; Healthier Communities 6.9.1]

C4.4 Cohesion in communities is improved and communities living in the new developments are integrated with previously existing communities.

[Stronger Communities 2.1.1, 2.1.6, 2.2.1; Housing 3.8, 3.8.3]

South Charnwood Area Forum (C5)

This Forum covers the Main Town of Syston and Town/Large village of Thurmaston (within the Leicester Principal Urban Area), the key Rural/ Service Centre of East Goscote and a priority neighbourhood covering Syston and Thurmaston. It is also one of the areas in the County where a Sustainable Urban Extension has been proposed in the draft Regional Plan.

This area extends from the north eastern fringe of Leicester through the villages in the Wreake Valley and to farming areas in the east. There are shopping facilities in Syston and at Thurmaston which adjoins Leicester and where an 'out of town' shopping centre was completed a few years ago. The eastern part of the area is far more rural in character.

DRAFT PRIORITY OUTCOMES:

C5.1 Syston and Thurmaston centres are developed with better shops and businesses, improved parking, less litter, vandalism and anti social behaviour.

[Access to Services 7.1.1, 7.1.4; Safer Communities 3.2.1; 3.2.2; Cleaner and Greener 3.3.4; Economic Development 5.1, 5.2]

C5.2 New development provides more affordable housing and a wider range of knowledge based employment that is physically and socially integrated and environmentally sustainable.

[Housing 1.4, 3.8; Economic Development 3.4, 5.1; Cleaner and Greener 3.3.2]

C5.3 Cohesion in communities is improved and communities living in the new developments are integrated within previously existing communities.