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*“Green Infrastructure comprises the networks of multi-functional greenspace which sit within, and contribute to, the type of high quality natural and built environment required to deliver sustainable communities.”*

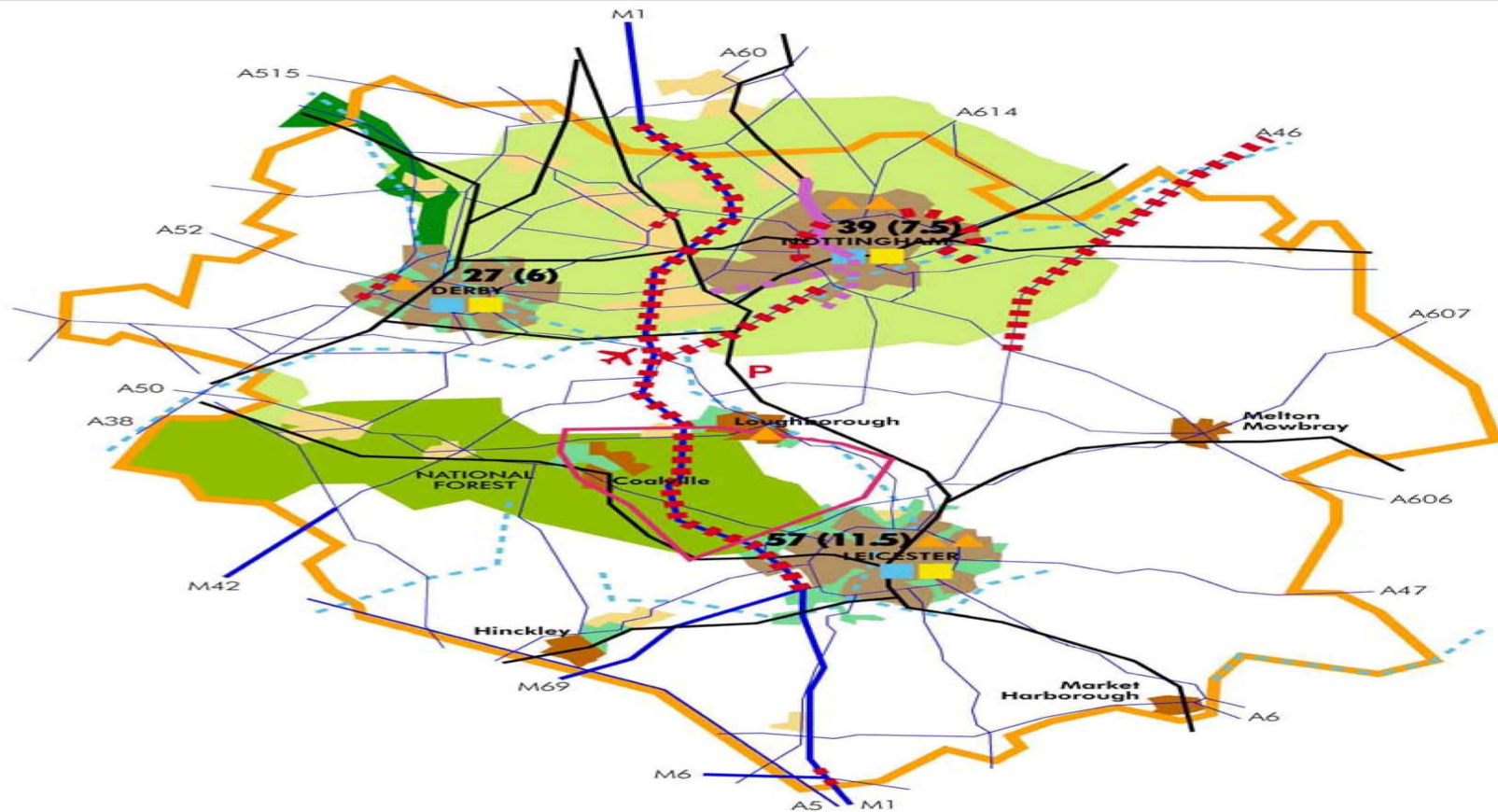
*GI is a holistic approach to viewing the natural environment which acknowledges the multiple benefits and vital functions it provides for the economy, wildlife, local people, communities and cultural assets alike.'*

- Providing high quality green spaces near to where people live
- Enhancing people's physical and mental health and well being
- Creating space for wildlife and linked-up habitats
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Attracting and retaining jobs
- Improving access to heritage, landscape and townscape
- Reducing flood risk

The objectives of the Regional Park are :

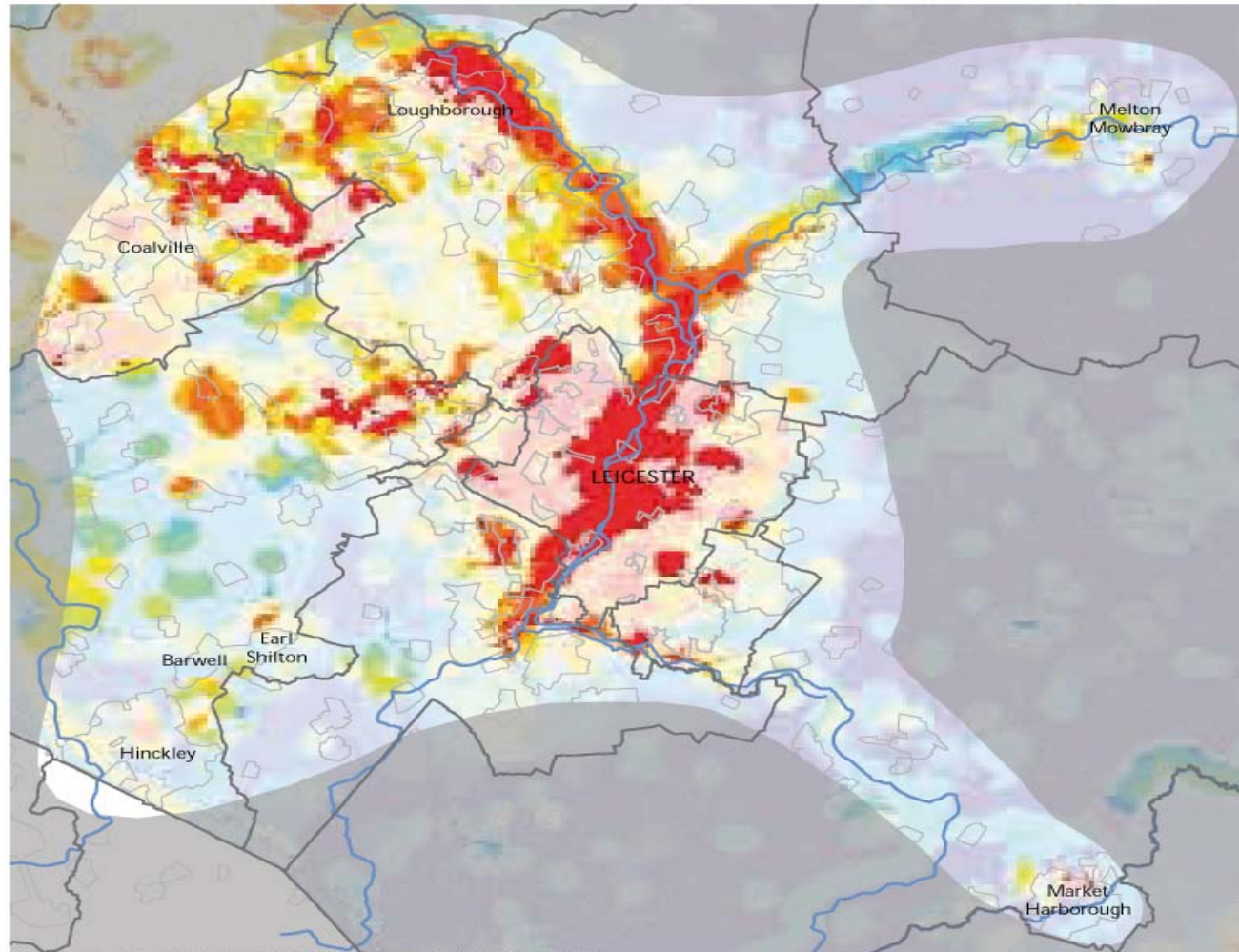
- To manage and promote landscape and settlement character, including biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and industrial heritage features.
- To promote sustainable leisure and tourism.
- To support agricultural diversification and woodland and rural economy uses which respect local character.

# Green Infrastructure and Charnwood Forest



**Potential Growth Opportunities Map  
KEY DIAGRAM**

- |   |   |   |                           |
|---|---|---|---------------------------|
|  | 3 Cities Growth Point   |  | Charnwood Forest          |
|  | Strategic River Corridors   |  | National Forest           |
|  | Nottingham East Midlands Airport                                    |  | Principal Urban Areas     |
|  | Main Roads  |  | Sub-Regional Centres      |
|  | Motorways   |  | Urban Areas               |
|  | Railways  |  | Regional Shopping Centres |
|  | NET Line One  |  | Green Belt                |
|  | NET Line extensions   |  | Green Wedges              |
|  | Parkway Station   |  | World Heritage Site       |
|  | Major road and junction improvements                                |  | Regeneration Priorities   |
| <b>FIGURE</b>   | Growth Point housing numbers ('000s, based on housing market areas) |  | Universities              |




## KEY

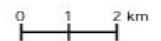


Potential for Combined Multiple Public Benefits  
(As per Map 31c of the Green Infrastructure  
for the East Midlands - A Public Benefit Mapping Project,  
East Midlands Regional Assembly, 2005)



-  Urban Areas
-  District/Borough Boundaries
-  Principal Rivers and Canals

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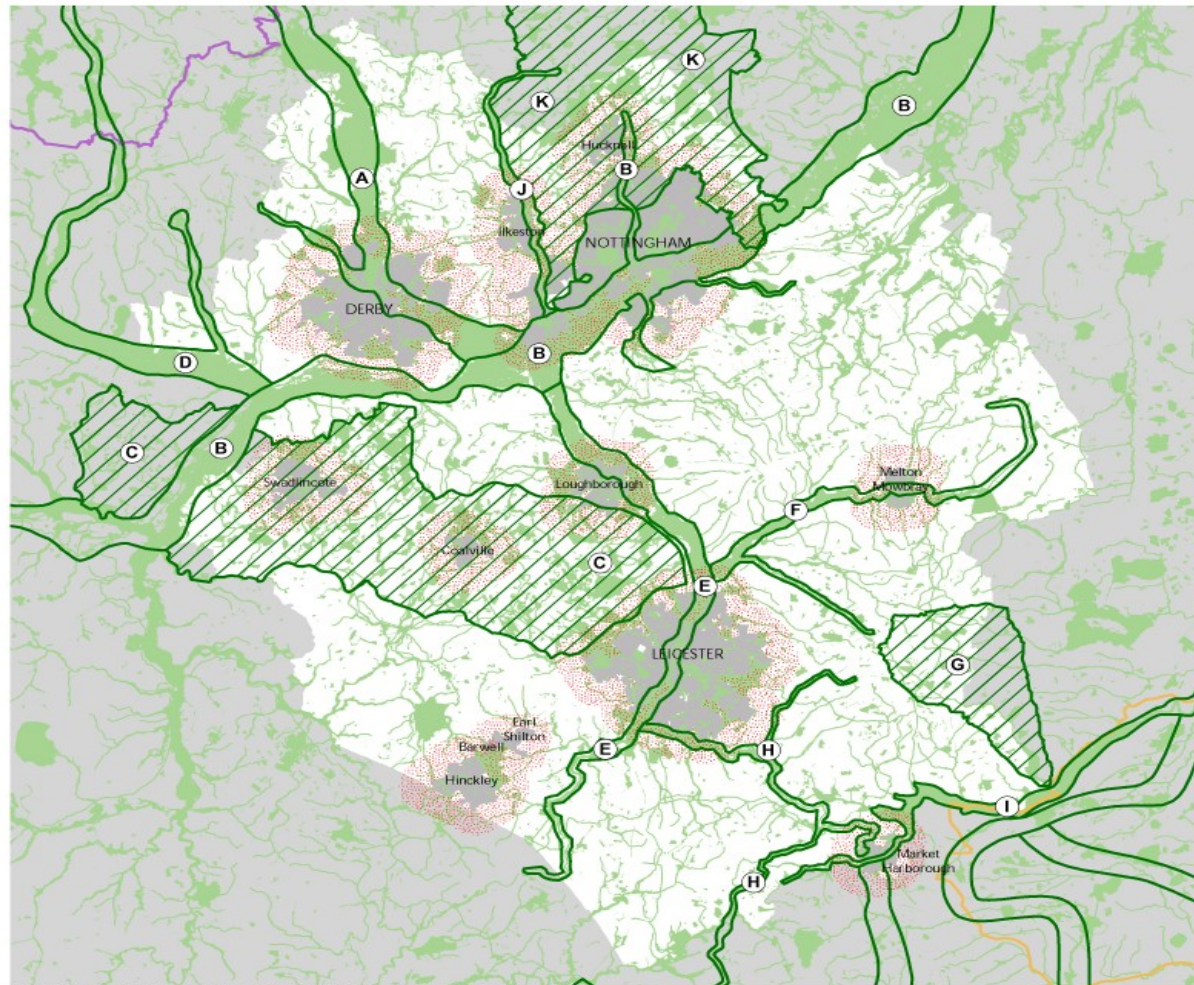
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## TOWARDS A GI STRATEGY FOR THE 6Cs GROWTH POINT

Annex A3: Strategic GI Network for the Leicester Principal Urban Area and the Sub-Regional Centres of Coalville, Hinckley (including Barwell & Earl Shilton), Loughborough, Market Harborough & Melton Mowbray



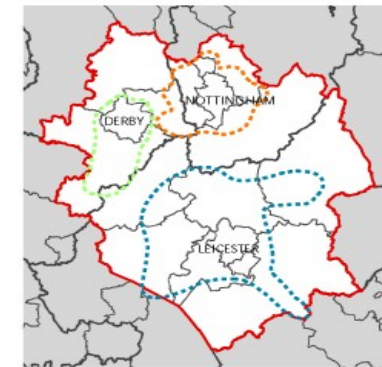
Figure 2.7  
Strategic Public Benefits  
of GI Provision



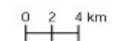
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-  Sub-Regional Green Infrastructure Corridors
- A - Derwent Strategic River Corridor
- B - Trent Strategic River Corridor (Including River Leen)
- C - National Forest (Including Charnwood Forest)
- D - Dove Strategic River Corridor
- E - Soar Strategic River Corridor
- F - Wreake Strategic River Corridor
- G - Leighfield Forest
- H - Sence Strategic River Corridor
- I - Welland Strategic River Corridor
- J - Erewash Strategic River Corridor
- K - Greenwood Community Forest
-  Urban Fringe Green Infrastructure Enhancement Zones
-  Combined Existing Strategic Green Infrastructure Assets (See Figure 1.2)
-  Principal Urban Areas and Sub-Regional Centres
-  Peak District National Park
-  Rockingham Forest (as digitised by CBA)

Strategic GI Networks for the Three Cities within the 6Cs Growth Point (See Figures 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4)



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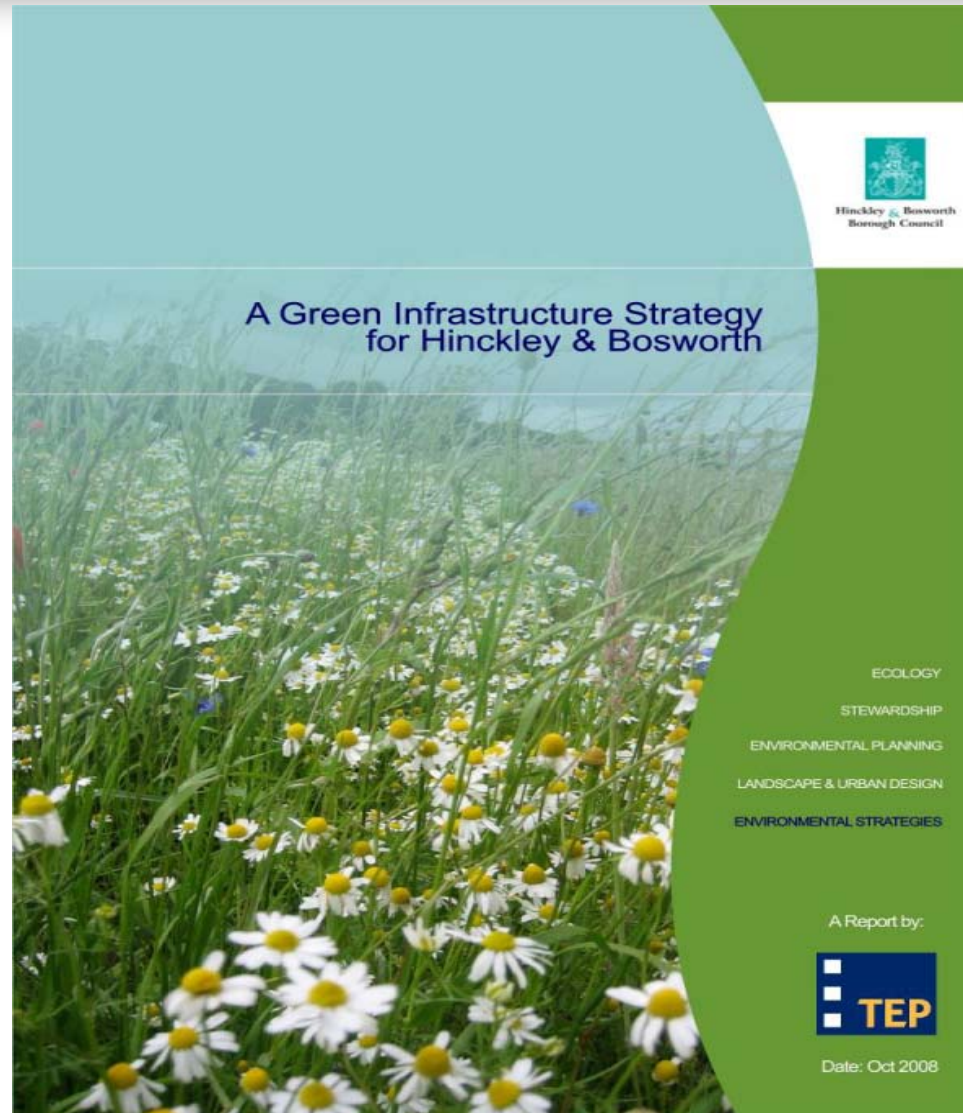
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TOWARDS A GI STRATEGY FOR THE 6Cs GROWTH POINT  
Strategic Framework



Figure 4.1  
Proposed Strategic GI Network



# QUESTIONS

Q. Did the £3m 6Cs GI money provide anything on the ground, or did it all go on administration and bureaucracy?

A. This money wasn't just for Leicestershire but also for parts of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, and most has gone to on the ground projects. A Charnwood Forest bid for 6Cs GI funding for access improvements in and around The Outwoods failed, but the National Forest Cycling Centre received >£300,000 and some funding has also gone to projects in the Soar Valley. The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust (L&RWT) also received funding to purchase land adjoining the Hobby Horse Roundabout in the Soar Valley.

Q. How much has Leicestershire been dependent on Aggregates Levy funding for projects?

A. Over about the past seven years >£300,000pa has been available for Aggregates Levy funded projects. From April this funding will no longer be available to LCC and the grants project supported by it will end.

C. The Aggregates Levy raises £25m pa from Leicestershire.

A. We used to get back a small proportion of that figure but will now receive none of that money.

C. The L&RWT wrote to all Leicestershire and Rutland MPs about this, but the message was that the Government had taken this money back and the Minister would not budge.