

Governance of the Charnwood Forest Regional Park

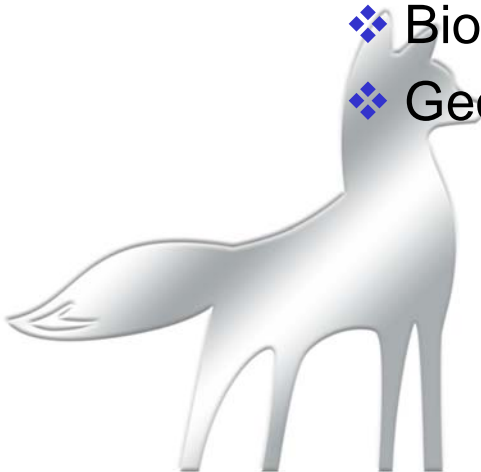
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Background

- ❖ Local Authority commitments
- ❖ Regional Spatial Strategy
- ❖ Government views on Greenspace
 - ❖ Making Space for Nature (Lawton Report)
 - ❖ The Nature of England
 - ❖ Locally valued Greenspace
 - ❖ Landscape Importance
 - ❖ Biodiversity importance
 - ❖ Geodiversity



Background 2

❖ Previous work

- ❖ Planning Policies 2007
- ❖ Vision Statement 2009
- ❖ Topic Paper 1 Origins and Objectives 2010
- ❖ Topic paper 2 Planning Process 2010

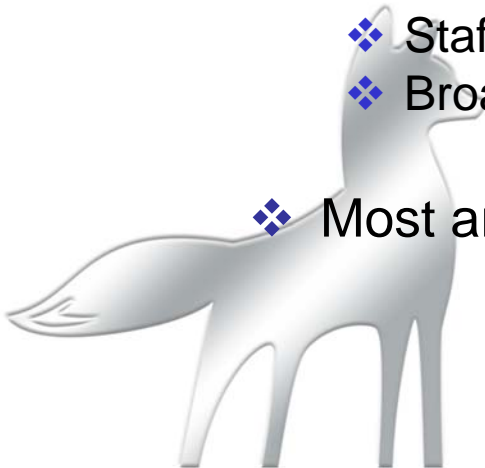
❖ Governance

- ❖ Most difficult
- ❖ Most important
- ❖ Link to Resources
- ❖ Consultation launch today



Regional Parks

- ❖ Well established in Europe
- ❖ Initiatives in UK
 - ❖ No single template
 - ❖ No single set of criteria
 - ❖ No rigid management model
- ❖ Most do share:
 - ❖ Small management board
 - ❖ Delivery by project officers and partners
 - ❖ Staffing levels 3-7
 - ❖ Broader stakeholder group
- ❖ Most are too resource intensive for current circumstances.

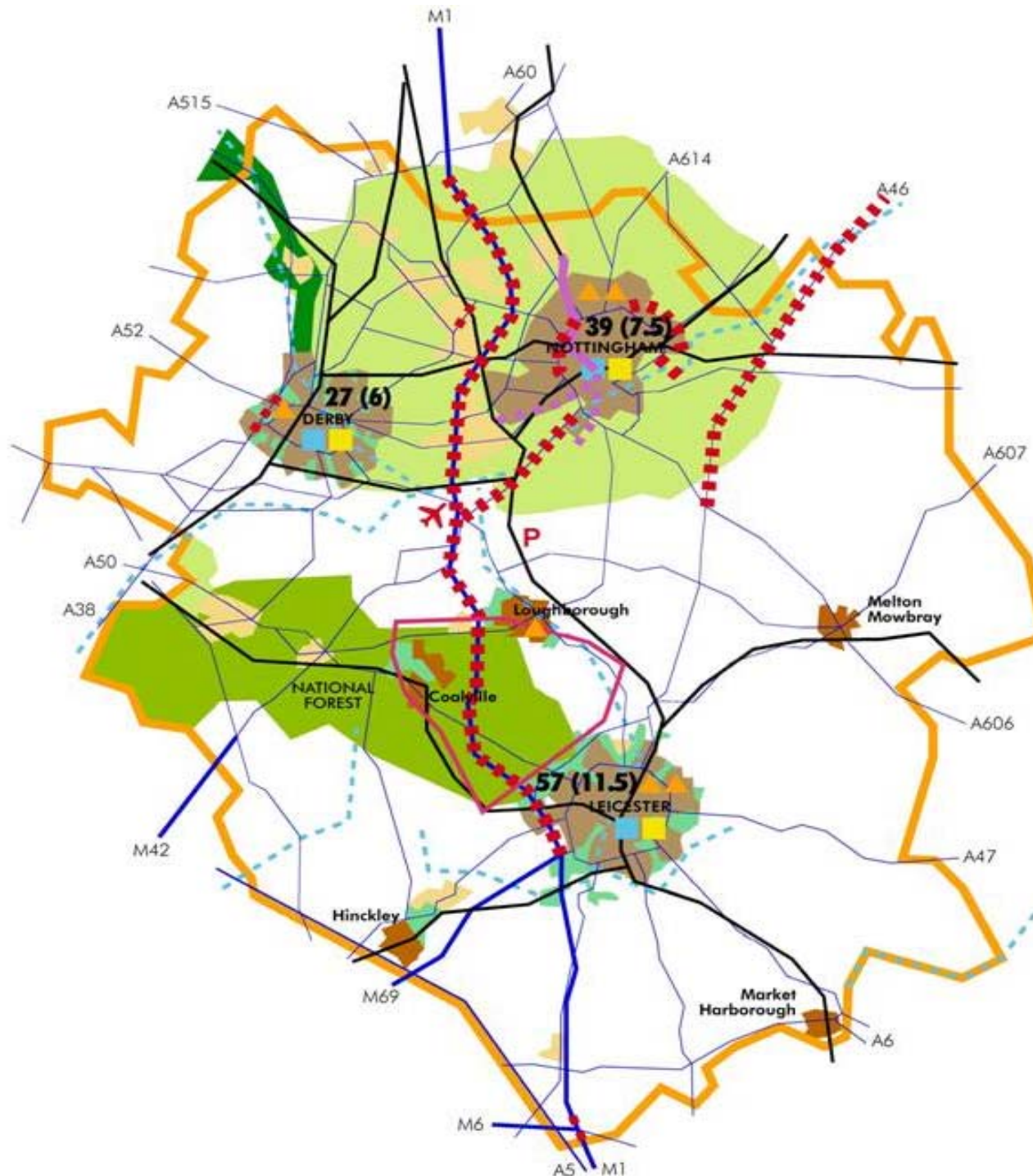


Links

- ❖ National Forest
- ❖ L&RWT/Aggregate Industries Living Landscape Scheme
- ❖ Strategic Environment Commissioning Hub
- ❖ Leicestershire's Greenspaces
- ❖ 6Cs Green Infrastructure Strategy

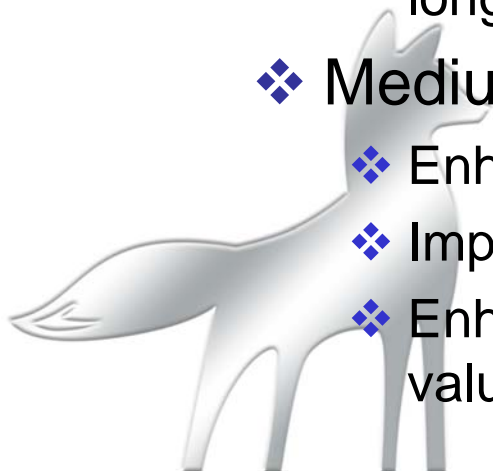


The 6Cs Growth Point



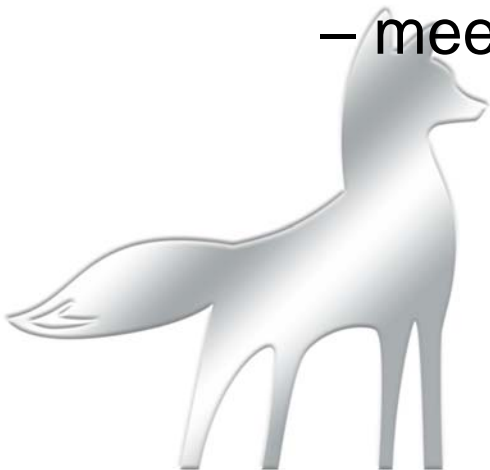
Moving Forward

- ❖ Potential funding opportunities
- ❖ Short term activities
 - ❖ Use Vision Statement – rather than preparing a strategy
 - ❖ Formalise partner endorsement of time commitments
 - ❖ Promote connectivity and co-operation
 - ❖ Influencing activities and programmes of others
 - ❖ Seek funding to support more formalised project for medium to long term
- ❖ Medium to Long Term
 - ❖ Enhance visitor economy
 - ❖ Improve branding and identity
 - ❖ Enhance the biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural heritage value of the area and its distinctive landscape



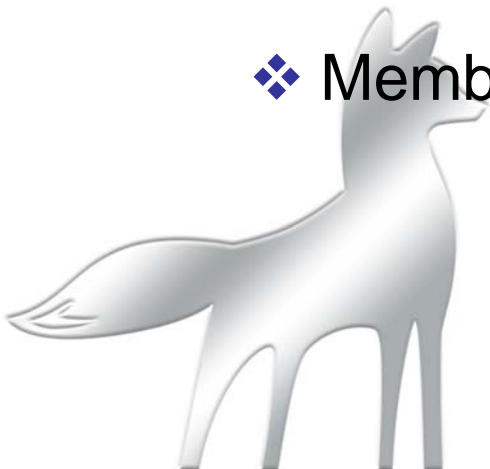
Proposals

- ❖ LCC officer time formally allocated to co-ordinate delivery of short term activities
- ❖ Stakeholder organisations invited to assist in providing a remodelled steering group
- ❖ Involvement of elected member group after Local Government elections in May
- ❖ Existing stakeholder body central to the future structure – meet twice a year.



Consultation timetable

- ❖ Topic Paper 3 consultation documents out by e-mail or post 3rd March
- ❖ Deadline for comment 30th April
- ❖ Review and report on comments (end June)
- ❖ Member approval from all 4 Authorities July - August



QUESTIONS

Q. In respect of terminology, is the term 'Regional Park' still appropriate?

- A. This is a good point, although Charnwood Forest still functions at a regional level. Although not a specific consultation question, stakeholders are invited to give some thought to this in their response to Topic Paper 3.
- C. Charnwood Forest Park might be an alternative, cf Kielder.

Q. When will Charnwood Forest Regional Park be formally recognised?

- A. As this isn't a statutory designation, no government approval is required, so this will be once the four authorities have formally recognised whatever governance structure is agreed.

