

**LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND WOODLAND STRATEGY
ADDENDUM : FEBRUARY 2006**

Contact details

Enquiries should now be addressed to the Director of Community Services

Chapter 2

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Structure Plan 1996-2016 has now been adopted.

Changes to the planning system have taken place with the development of the Regional Spatial Strategy, and supporting documents covering environment, biodiversity and forestry, and Local Development Frameworks.

Many of the County Council's own strategies have been updated. The Community Strategy and Cultural Strategy have been published since 2001. For full details please refer to the County Council's website.

Chapter 3

The CAP Single Payment Scheme has now been introduced.

A ban on fox hunting came into force in 2005.

The proposed widening of the M1 has local implications for landscape character.

Chapter 4

The latest figure for Leicestershire and Rutland's woodland cover is 3.8% of their area (Forestry Commission, National Inventory of Woodlands and Trees, 2002).

Chapter 6

Leicestershire County Council's *Landscape Conservation Grant Scheme* and *Local Landmark Grant Scheme* no longer run. They have been replaced in part by an expanded *SHIRE Grant Scheme*.

The *FLAG (Forward with Leicestershire Aggregates Grants) Scheme* has been introduced by the County Council, with Aggregates Levy funding, to support environmental projects designed to mitigate and compensate for historic and ongoing impacts from mineral extraction.

MAFF has been superseded by DEFRA. Their *Environmental Stewardship Scheme* has replaced the *Countryside Stewardship Scheme*.

The Forestry Commission has introduced a new suite of grants – the *England Woodland Grants Scheme*.

LEAF has ceased to operate. *Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN)* and the *SITA Trust* now distribute funding through the Government's Landfill Tax Credit Scheme.

The County Council's *Landmark North West Countryside Management Project* has now ceased.

Appendix 3

Please refer to the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Structure Plan 1996-2016 on the County Council's website for current adopted policies. Relevant policies are :

- Strategy Policy 5 : Green Wedges
- Strategy Policy 8 : Development in the Countryside
- Strategy Policy 10 : Good Design
- Strategy Policy 13 : The National Forest
- Strategy Policy 14 : Charnwood Forest
- Strategy Policy 15 : Rutland Water
- Strategy Policy 17 : Strategic River Corridors
- Environment Policy 1 : Historic Environment
- Environment Policy 2 : The Natural Environment in Urban Areas
- Environment Policy 3 : Biodiversity Enhancement
- Environment Policy 5 : Woodlands
- Resource Management Policy 13 : Restoration Aftercare and Afteruse

Appendix 4

Please refer to individual council websites for up to date information on Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks.

Useful websites

Leicestershire County Council – www.leics.gov.uk
Leicester City Council – www.leicester.gov.uk
Rutland County Council – www.rutland.gov.uk
Blaby District Council – www.blaby.gov.uk
Charnwood Borough Council – www.charnwood.gov.uk
Harborough District Council – www.harborough.gov.uk
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council – www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
Melton Borough Council – www.melton.gov.uk
North West Leicestershire District Council – www.nwleics.gov.uk
Oadby and Wigston Borough Council – www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk
Countryside Character Network – www.ccnetwork.org.uk
Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group – www.fwaq.org.uk
DEFRA – www.defra.gov.uk
Forestry Commission – www.forestry.gov.uk