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All the latest information for residents is available at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/coronavirus or over the phone on 0115 981 99 11.

Arena car park resumes as holding area for tip



From today the borough council are again assisting the County Council and their contractors Veolia in managing traffic levels at the Household Waste Recycling Centre adjacent to Rushcliffe Arena on Rugby Road in West Bridgford.

Until further notice it will see resumption of the Arena car park as a holding area with visitors asked to queue in the loop by the building and guided in four or five cars at a time.

Views sought on New Strategic Plan for the Greater Nottingham Area



Residents, organisations and businesses are being asked to have their say on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan to help shape future planning for the area.

Councils are required to set out strategic policies to address local priorities for development.

Rushcliffe Borough Council has joined Broxtowe and Gedling Borough Councils and

Nottingham City Council in developing a joint Strategic Plan, which sets out the policies, which will help guide future development across their combined areas.

The plan looks at how Greater Nottingham's longer-term development needs can be met up to 2038 supported by more detailed policies which will be developed in each council's own individual Local Plan.

Being able to plan for future development needs such as housing and growth is important to the prosperity of local people. Planning for development will also provide a vital stimulus to the local economy, which will help the area recover from the impact of COVID-19, by encouraging investment, which helps to create jobs and supply chain business.

Once approved, the document, along with other planning policies, can be used for guidance by developers and planners as part of the planning process.

The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan aims to:

- Have the right number and types of new homes, which are built in the right places and meet the needs of our local population and diverse communities;
- Create vibrant and viable city and town centres, which are sustainable and are places where people want to live and work;
- Provide the right conditions for economic development which generates new jobs and economic growth, and to enable strong, safe and healthier communities.

The Strategic Plan will also consider other planning issues such as the climate emergency and how the plan can help achieve each council's ambition to become carbon neutral.

Approval of the Strategic Plan is a matter for each Council and the Growth Options document will first be in the public domain as part of the agenda for Gedling Borough Council's Cabinet meeting on July 2. The consultation, once approved, will last for ten weeks starting from next Monday, July 6 and ending on September 14.

Once the consultation has closed, comments will be considered and a summary of responses made available along with the councils' response.

A draft Strategic Plan will be published next year when there will be a further opportunity to comment. Subject to approval by the Councils, there will be an opportunity to have your say on the Strategic Plan. Full details can be found at www.gnplan.org.uk

Agencies ask for support to manage demand of water this summer



The Environment Agency and Severn Trent are asking for help to manage the demand of water this summer.

Demand in the Midlands has increased sharply as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 emergency, combined with an exceptionally dry spring and the agencies have witnessed spikes in usage of up to 40 per cent in some cases.

If the long-range weather forecasts are accurate there will be enough water for the summer, despite the exceptional conditions. But the margin of comfort is small and they are therefore taking additional steps to ensure safe, reliable supplies of water for the whole community.

Specifically they are asking all users:

- To not use hoses to water gardens, municipal parks and other outside areas on days when the temperature rises above 22°
- To not wash vehicles more than once a month between now and September (except for reasons of essential hygiene)
- To help spread the message why these measures are necessary and encourage others to be more water conscious.

Further tips about water saving can be found at: <https://www.stwater.co.uk/wonderful-on-tap/save-water/you-can-make-a-difference/>

Planning Inspectorate changes announced to support economic recovery



The Government has announced a set of measures bringing forward temporary changes to the planning system to support economic recovery.

The Business and Planning Bill 2019-21 includes new measures that will grant the Planning Inspectorate the ability to use more than one procedure – written representations, hearings and

inquiries – at the same time when dealing with a planning appeal, enabling appeals to happen more quickly.

It will also allow scope for Inspectors to be more flexible, given the difficulty in operating physical inquiries and hearings at present.

It is anticipated that these new measures will come into effect in late July before Parliamentary summer recess. However, in the short term, the Planning Inspectorate will continue to plan and run events in a virtual capacity to protect staff and customers and maintain a stability of service.