

Joint Structure Plan for Kingston Upon Hull and the East Riding Of Yorkshire



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This document has been prepared for the combined local authority areas of Kingston upon Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire to replace the *Humberside Structure Plan*, as it affects these areas.

The Joint Structure Plan has undergone a rigorous process of public consultation and has been independently tested through an Examination in Public. The Plan has been amended to take on board many of the comments made during the consultation stages and in most cases, recommendations put forward by the Examination in Public Panel have been fully accepted. Changes have also been made in response to the Sustainability Appraisal of the Plan.

The Joint Structure Plan was adopted on 29th June 2005 and became fully operational on that date.

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Foreword

The combined area of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire displays tremendous diversity in terms of its various settlements and the wider countryside. In many respects, the character and issues facing Hull are completely distant to those found in many of the smaller East Riding settlements and to those of the largely remote rural and coastal areas. Yet, there is much that links the wider area together. The relationship between where people live and work and the patterns of movement to access various services and facilities do not respect administrative boundaries.

Such relationships are also much more complicated than in previous years as a result of, for example, increased personal mobility relating to use of private transport. Both areas also share common threats such as the risk of flooding from the Humber Estuary and from other rivers and watercourses.

Preparing the Joint Structure Plan has provided us with a valuable opportunity to consider the two areas together and to produce a comprehensive approach that seeks to address existing problems and weaknesses and to promote strengths and opportunities. Officers and Members from both authorities, together with various other stakeholders, have worked together over a number of years to ensure that this Plan directs appropriate levels and types of development to the most sustainable locations, whilst protecting features of strategic environmental value. Achieving both urban and rural renaissance is at the heart of this exercise.

Although, under the provisions of the new Planning Act, the requirement to prepare Structure Plans is abolished, both authorities remain committed to delivering the strategy of this Plan. The Joint Structure Plan is part of the Development Plan and will act initially as a 'Joint Core Strategy' for the combined area. This commitment is reflected in both authorities Local Development Schemes. Both authorities are also committed to monitoring the Joint Structure Plan and in due course to replacing this plan with new Core Strategies. It is anticipated that much of the strategic direction established in the Joint Structure Plan will be carried through into these Core Strategies.

The joint nature of this exercise should be regarded as a positive example of how the two authorities can work together. This spirit of co-operation should help to ensure that decisions affecting residents and businesses in both areas over a long period of time are reached in an appropriate manner, with the best interests of the whole area at heart. It is proposed that joint working arrangements will continue to operate through our involvement in strategic and regional planning matters and, where appropriate, in the preparation of our Local Development Frameworks.



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User guide

A Structure Plan consists of a **written statement** of policies and proposals, illustrated by a **key diagram**. An **explanatory memorandum** justifies the reasoning behind the policies and proposals of the Plan, and explains their relationship to national and regional policy. The explanatory memorandum is not part of the Plan, but can be bound in the same document – as is the case with this publication. The policies and proposals, which constitute this Plan, are shown in coloured typeface. They are prefixed by a letter for each chapter (for example, H for housing) and a number for each policy within the chapter (for example, H5, for the fifth housing policy). All other text forms the explanatory memorandum.

Content

This Joint Structure Plan (JSP) is set out in three sections, as illustrated on the contents page.

Section A provides the context for the Plan. Following an introduction, an overview is provided of the key international, national, regional and local policies and strategies within which the Plan has been prepared. The characteristics and issues facing the Plan area are then summarised.

Section B establishes the Plan's overall development strategy. A vision and a series of aims provide a statement as to what the Plan is trying to achieve. Priorities for action for four sub-areas are then set out to explain the key implications of the Plan on different parts of the JSP area. The development strategy provides the direction for the future location of development.

Section C comprises 6 topic-based chapters, setting out how the overall development strategy will be delivered.

The **key diagram** is shown at the back of the document. This is a diagrammatic map, illustrating the main policies and proposals for the Plan area.

Interpretation

The Plan is designed to be read as a whole. The policies and proposals need to be considered in an integrated way, and not in any priority order. Many development proposals will need to be considered in relation to policies in more than one chapter.

A **glossary of terms** is provided in Appendix 1. This explains any necessary technical terms to aid understanding of the Plan. Such terms are italicised in the main body of the plan.

References are made throughout the Plan to other strategies, plans and guidance notes. Details of each of these are included within Appendix 2 at the end of the Plan. Again, such references are italicised in the plan.

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