

New Growth Points

Partnership for Growth with Government

Newark on Trent



“Our vision for Newark on Trent is to enhance and build upon the quality of its urban environment in the form of a sustainable urban extension of the town. Newark provides an excellent location for accelerated growth, which will benefit local regeneration goals and result in the delivery of substantial affordable housing and new infrastructure for new and existing residents and businesses”.

Newark on Trent is located in central/eastern Nottinghamshire and has a population of 36,000. Building on the quality of its historic core, the town has been greatly enhanced by regeneration-led development in recent years. It has excellent strategic transport links being located on the East Coast Main Rail line and A1/A46 road network. The ambitions of Newark and Sherwood District Council to expand the town could provide further economic and infrastructure investment and address affordable housing shortages. In supporting Newark on Trent as a New Growth Point, the Government is entering into a long-term partnership with Newark and Sherwood District Council, recognising the potential for sustainable expansion of the town, subject to the statutory regional and local planning process.

Councillor Roger Blaney, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Development and Regeneration, Newark and Sherwood District Council

Local partners’ ambitions for Newark on Trent include:

- A Southern Relief Road for the town
- An additional 5,000 homes by 2016, 30% of which will be affordable homes
- A mixed use development, including 100 hectares of employment land
- A 40 hectare Country Park
- Community facilities including 4 new Local Centres
- A multi-sports hub

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Levels of growth will be subject to comprehensive testing and public consultation through the regional and local planning processes to ensure that individual proposals are sustainable, acceptable environmentally and realistic in terms of infrastructure. For Newark on Trent, future work will include using the findings of a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and a Water Cycle Study to inform decisions on levels and locations of growth, and working with the Department for Transport to assess the impacts of growth proposals on the transport network and to develop sustainable transport solutions.

Achieving these ambitions will depend on a range of public and private funding programmes, including developer contributions. Government is committing to work with local partners to achieve sustainable growth to get the best outcomes from this investment and to help overcome obstacles to delivery. In support of Newark and Sherwood District Council's ambitions for Newark on Trent Government is allocating around £65,000 in 2007/08 from the first year's funding pot, subject to detailed negotiation and appraisal. Future funding is dependent upon the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review in 2007.

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As a New Growth Point, Newark and Sherwood District Council's aim is to build at least 6,000 homes by 2016 of which around 5,000 would be at Newark on Trent.