

# Greater Norwich Development Partnership

## **Matter 6**    **Norwich City Centre (policy 11) and the Remainder of the Norwich Urban Area Parishes (policy 12)**

**Note:** EIP93 sets out the minor changes to the text of JCS1 to address revocation of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

A    Does the JCS provide sound core strategic guidance for the future planning of the City Centre?

1. Policy 11 of the JCS and its accompanying Key Diagram provide a sound, evidence based strategy for the planning of the City Centre to 2026. The strategy aims to makes the best of the distinctive assets of the city centre, most particularly its world class heritage assets. It implements national planning policy by promoting retail, leisure, office housing and educational development to promote regeneration and ensure the city centre retains its status at the top of the sub regional hierarchy.
2. The City Centre Topic Paper (TP1) provides detail on the strategy. It identifies:
  - recent planning approaches for the city centre
  - the national and regional policy and the local strategic context for the policy; (although the regional planning policy for Norwich is no longer extant, the priorities it set reflect national policy and are still relevant to Norwich)
  - the evidence base for the policy
  - why the chosen city centre strategy proposed in the Joint Core Strategy was identified as the best approach
  - The main areas of change and justifies the strategy for those areas
3. This strategic approach has received general support in consultation.

- B** Does it provide adequate indication of/explanation for the proposed change to the Proposals Map concerning Brazengate Shopping Area and Riverside Shopping Area?

1. This issue is dealt with in EIP79.

- C** Does the JCS policy 12 provide sound core strategic guidance for the future planning of the remainder of the Norwich Urban Area Parishes?

1. Policy 12 provides a positive strategic framework for development in the suburban areas of the Norwich urban area. The policy coordinates activity across all three districts.
2. It aims to implement national policy, particularly that in PPS1, PPS4 and PPG13 by, amongst other things, promoting regeneration, high density development in accessible locations, green infrastructure and employment development.
3. It is considered that it provides the level of detail which can reasonably be expected in a core strategy.
4. There are very few representations challenging this policy, and some of those relate to wider issues for example the growth triangle, or more detailed matters of wording.

- D** If the JCS is unsound in relation to either of these matters, are there any specific changes that would render it sound? [It would be necessary to consider whether these required further consultation or sustainability appraisal.]

1. The GNDP does not consider that there are any amendments required to the policies to make them sound, other than those relating to the Proposals Map in matter 6B, dealt with in EIP79. Proposed minor changes (JCS 2 and EIP93) address drafting errors and provide clarity.