Local Plan; Vision and Objectives:

What will Doncaster look and feel like in 2032?

3.1. ‘Doncaster Growing Together’ is the ‘Team Doncaster’ strategy for our borough. It is a set of ambitious plans and ideas for the future of the borough. It has one vision for Doncaster:

“A thriving place to learn, work, live and care”

3.2. The Strategy has four themes – Learning, Working, Living and Caring. Team Doncaster is open to investment and by working together it will achieve great things allowing the borough to meet challenges to thrive and attain:

- A strong local economy supporting progressive, healthy, safe and vibrant communities.
- Our full potential in employment, education and care.
- Prosperity and pride in Doncaster.

3.3. A key ambition of ‘Doncaster Growing Together’ is to use the economic growth already achieved to ensure all residents can participate in a strong and productive economy with higher living standards. This is also the focus of Doncaster’s ‘Inclusive Growth Plan’ which aims to enhance our distinctive strengths and assets and better connect them within Doncaster and to other economies in the region, UK and globally. Together, both seek to ensure Doncaster is modern, well connected, attractive and environmentally sustainable with quality housing, leisure, environment and cultural offers.

3.4. This vision is informed by the ambitions of the City Region, its Growth Plan and the Council’s own economic strategy as well as various strategies which are being currently being developed for the Northern Powerhouse. These set out the potential for a growing northern economy with improving strategic transport infrastructure that will benefit Doncaster’s accessibility. The City Region Growth Plan was submitted and accepted by Government and its target of creating 70,000 new jobs is the starting point for planning our local housing and employment need.

How will Doncaster grow and develop over the next 15 years?

By 2032, Doncaster will:

- in line with Doncaster’s Inclusive Growth Plan, have shaped economic success by investing in our future; encouraged existing businesses to expand, attracting new businesses to the area and encouraged a low carbon economy to combat climate change.
- develop more inclusive labour markets by providing integrated support for residents to access quality job opportunities.
- in line with the Sheffield City Region Strategic Economic Plan become an important economic hub with a stronger more balanced economy.

1 http://www.teamdoncaster.org.uk/
become a University City and ensure residents have the education and skills businesses need.
be a leading centre in logistics, aviation, rail and civil engineering, focusing on main transport corridors, including harnessing the potential of the airport along the ‘growth corridor’ to Doncaster town centre.
meet our communities housing needs and aspirations focusing growth in the main urban area, main towns, service towns and larger villages providing a diverse range of homes, services and improved links in between.
ensure that new development and infrastructure requirements such as, roads, broadband, open space, health facilities and schools are improved and or delivered together.
enhance the vitality of our existing town centres and the wider borough making a more attractive, healthier, safer and more active place to live, visit and work.
ensure the sustainability of villages and rural economy through appropriate development.
protect and enhance our natural and historic environment including our tourist attractions, with new developments taking account of their local surroundings and character.
be a place where nature flourishes and wildlife can move easily across the borough, through a network of well-connected green infrastructure.
be a prosperous place to live, work and visit where growth will address health inequalities, and community deprivation.

How will the vision be achieved?

3.5. To help achieve this vision and inform the Local Plan’s policies, a series of objectives have been developed in parallel with the Sustainability Appraisal process.

Supporting the conditions for attracting jobs and growth:
1. encourage and support a competitive diverse and stable economy focusing on our town and district centres, Doncaster Sheffield Airport growth corridor and strategic transport network;
2. create and improve access to high quality employment and training opportunities for everyone in Doncaster;

Regeneration and community pride:
3. stimulate regeneration to tackle deprivation especially in the most disadvantaged areas and ensure an inclusive approach for those at risk of poverty, discrimination and social exclusion;
4. encourage the re-use of sites and buildings, especially well located and underused brownfield land (e.g. redundant/unused land and empty properties) to help revitalise areas of low demand and stimulate growth;

Quality of place:
5. ensure our towns, suburbs, villages and countryside benefit from high quality appropriate development that reinforces distinctive and vibrant places;
6. protect, maintain and enhance the character and appearance of our conservation areas, historic buildings, historic parks and gardens, and scheduled monuments;
7. protect and enhance our green and blue infrastructure especially our areas of green space for sport, recreation, play and nature;

Transport and Accessibility:
8. make efficient use of existing infrastructure to improve accessibility to jobs and services and aim to reduce the need to travel by car by ensuring all journeys are undertaken by
the most sustainable mode of transport;

Homes and communities:

9. ensure housing provision meets the housing need and aspirations by increasing the provision of new homes for all to meet current and future needs and create mixed and balanced communities;
10. focus new homes primarily within the main urban area of Doncaster and the Borough’s main towns, particularly in areas with access to services;
11. link the growth in homes and jobs to provide new and improved necessary infrastructure to create healthier and more vibrant well connected neighbourhoods and communities;

Health and well-being:

12. promote healthy lifestyles and well-being of people of all ages and backgrounds and reduce inequalities and obesity levels across the borough;
13. provide new or improved health, sport and recreation facilities and green infrastructure to create quality communities and address deficits in provision;
14. minimise pollution and improve air quality;

Countryside and natural environment:

15. diversify and support the rural economy whilst protecting and enhancing the character and appearance of the countryside and the natural environment, including areas of landscape and biodiversity value
16. protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and provide opportunities for people to access and appreciate wildlife and nature

Climate change (flood risk) and energy:

17. reduce dependency on fossil fuels to reduce locally produced greenhouse gas emissions and minimise the impacts of climate change and in line with the Sheffield City Region and encourage the transition to a low carbon borough
18. ensure that Doncaster adapts to the effects of climate change through careful planning and design of developments, avoiding inappropriate development in flood risk areas and managing the risk of flooding from all sources

Natural Resources:

19. encourages more efficient use of natural resources including water and secure and maintain a steady and constant supply of mineral resources to facilitate development
20. protect and enhance the quality of our water and soil resources (including high grade agricultural land)