



Sustainable Community Strategy Summary 2008-21

Growing the right way for a bigger
and better Peterborough





Introduction - what is the Sustainable Community Strategy?

Peterborough's Sustainable Community Strategy is quite simply the plan for the future of our city and the surrounding villages and rural areas.

It is an ambitious and far reaching plan. It aims to substantially improve the quality of life of the people of Peterborough and to raise the profile and reputation of our city as a great place in which to live, visit and work.

This plan is very specifically designed to bring clear benefits to the people of Peterborough. Where we have advantages already, we want to build on them. We will seek to inject quality into everything we do, ensuring that as we build the bigger Peterborough, it is also very much a better Peterborough.

The Sustainable Community Strategy is the plan that will guide the work of all the partners in Peterborough – public, private, voluntary and community. It is also the plan for every individual. We all have a role to play if we are to build a Peterborough that is not only bigger, but very noticeably better – a Peterborough we can be even more proud of.



The vision for Peterborough

A bigger and better Peterborough that grows the right way – and through truly sustainable development and growth:

- Improves the quality of life of all its people and communities, and ensures that all communities benefit from growth and the opportunities it brings.
- Creates a truly sustainable Peterborough, the urban centre of a thriving sub-regional community of villages and market towns, a healthy, safe and exciting place to live, work and visit, and famous as the environment capital of the UK.

Priorities and Outcomes

The partners have identified the following four areas of work, which we believe we need to prioritise in order to achieve our vision:

1. Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities
2. Creating strong and supportive communities
3. Creating the UK's environment capital
4. Delivering substantial and truly sustainable growth

In addressing these priorities we will deliver a number of key outcomes, as set out over the following two pages.

We recognise that each of these priorities is mutually supportive and that one of our challenges will be to ensure that we take them forward across all areas of our work, recognising their interdependencies.



Priorities and Outcomes

Priority 1

Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities

Priority 2

Creating strong and supportive communities

Outcomes

Improving health – so that everyone can enjoy a life expectancy of the national average or above and benefit from speedier access to high quality local health and social care services

Supporting vulnerable people – so that everyone can access support and care locally to enable them to maintain independence, should they be affected by disadvantage or disability at any point in their lives

Regenerating neighbourhoods – so that the most deprived communities can achieve their full potential and therefore contribute to and benefit from sustainable economic growth in the Peterborough area

Improving skills and education – so that the people of Peterborough have better skills and benefit from high quality education from cradle to grave, including through the new university

Empowering local communities – so that all communities and individuals are engaged and empowered, and take their opportunities to shape the future of Peterborough

Making Peterborough safer – so that people of all ages and abilities can live, work and play in a prosperous and successful Peterborough without undue fear of crime

Building community cohesion – so that new communities are integrated into Peterborough and welcomed for the contribution they bring to our city and rural areas

Building pride in Peterborough – so that we recognise, celebrate and take pride in Peterborough's achievements, its diverse but shared culture and the exciting opportunities for leisure and relaxation



Priority 3

Creating the UK's environment capital

Outcomes

Making Peterborough cleaner and greener – so that we become the UK's greenest city with attractive neighbourhoods, surrounded by beautiful countryside and thriving biodiversity

Conserving natural resources – so that we reduce Peterborough's overall consumption of the Earth's natural resources

Growing our environmental business sector – so Peterborough is the natural location for green businesses

Increasing use of sustainable transport – so that Peterborough has the highest proportion of citizens using sustainable transport modes in the UK



Priority 4

Delivering substantial and truly sustainable growth

Creating a safe, vibrant city centre and sustainable neighbourhood centres – so that people have more diverse and improved places to visit and enjoy

Increasing economic prosperity – so that the people of Peterborough can work locally, benefiting from a strong local economy that is an attractive destination for business investment, particularly in higher skilled sectors

Building the sustainable infrastructure of the future – so that we create the conditions for business, service and community prosperity and growth

Creating better places to live – so that we provide better places to live for both new and existing communities, ensuring the highest environmental standards of new building



What is the Local Area Agreement?

The Sustainable Community Strategy sets the direction for the overall strategic development of Peterborough, representing the agenda of all the partners and should be reflected as such in their individual business plans.

The Local Area Agreement (LAA) is the tool for achieving the changes set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. It is a three-year agreement between the partners in Peterborough and our partners in regional and national government, setting out the actions we will take and the targets we aim to meet in pursuit of the longer term vision of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

It is perhaps best to see these as two parts of the same document, with the Sustainable Community Strategy setting out the vision and priorities for Peterborough over the period 2008-21 and a series of LAAs, negotiated on a rolling three-year basis, outlining the short and medium-term action plans for helping us realise that vision.

There are many other strategic documents that support the overall development of Peterborough, all of which take their direction from the vision and priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

Measurement and Evaluation

The Sustainable Community Strategy sets out a long-term vision and priorities for our partners, working within the framework of the Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP).

It is the role of the GPP to monitor performance against these long-term aspirations and to encourage all the partners to work together to achieve them. We will produce an annual report that sets out objectively our progress. This will be published and discussed at an annual GPP forum and be widely distributed amongst partners.

We will also set out through the LAA a series of three-year action plans that will contain specific outcomes and targets that we want to achieve in that timeframe. We will publish quarterly reports on progress against these targets.

These reports will be publicly available through our website - www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk.

What is the Greater Peterborough Partnership?

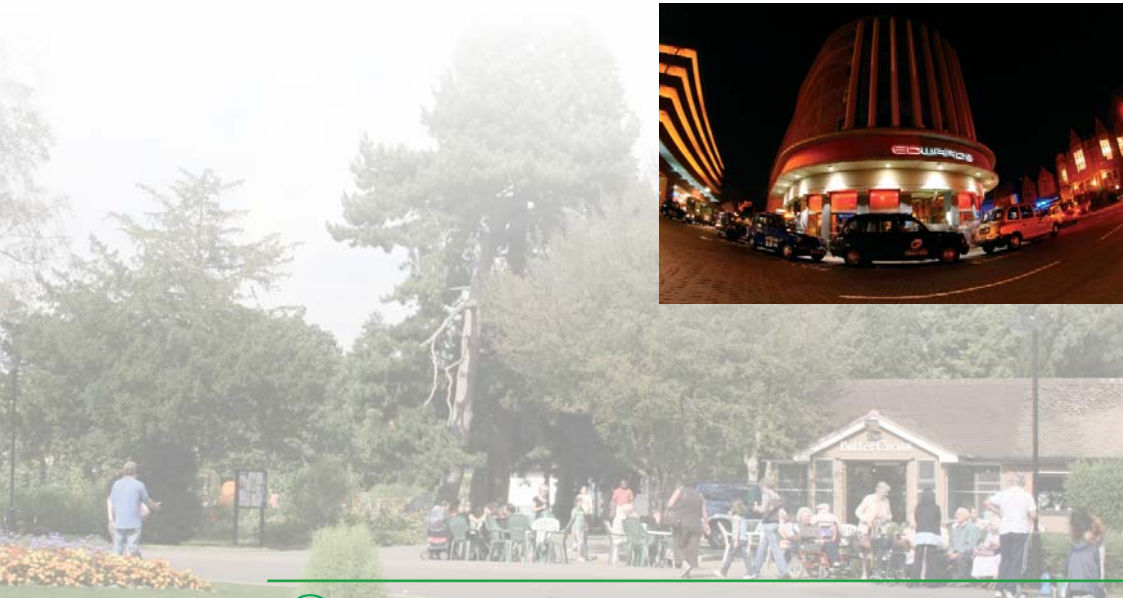
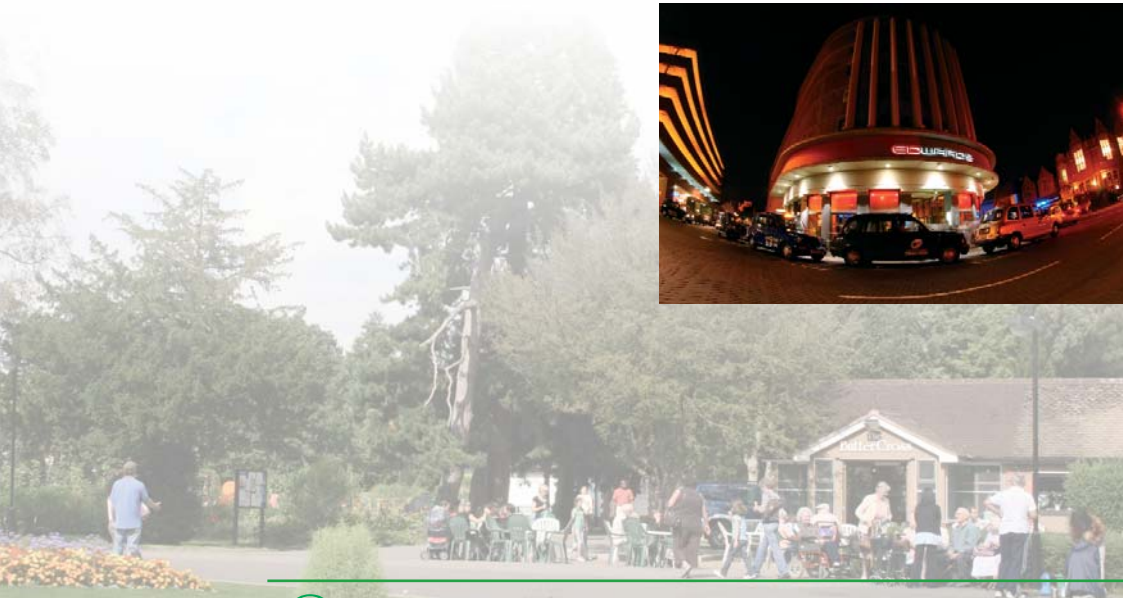
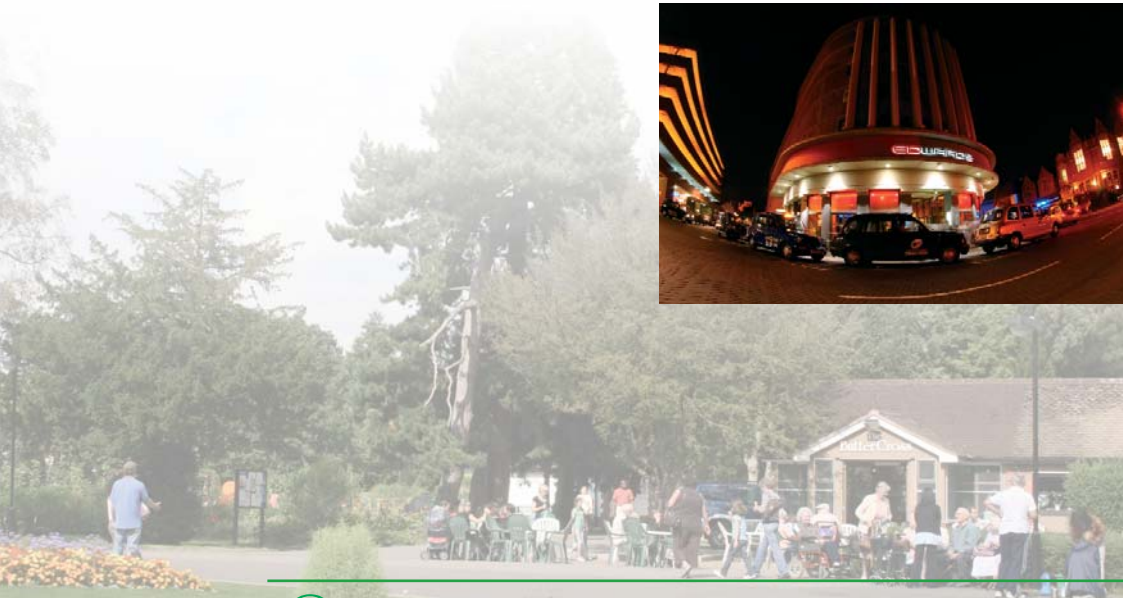
The Greater Peterborough Partnership is Peterborough's local strategic partnership. It brings representatives from the public, private, faith, community and voluntary sectors together to work collectively towards the vision and priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

It is important to recognise that the GPP is not an organisation. It does not deliver any of the projects or services that will deliver the improved outcomes we aim for. Rather, its role is to facilitate joined up work and to ensure that the work of the individual partners is targeted at the priorities we have collectively agreed. It can also oversee commissioning of services and projects to help deliver the aims of the Sustainable Community Strategy. As such it has an important leadership and performance management role, although clearly all the partner organisations retain their own responsibility and governance arrangements.



Contact us

A full version of the Sustainable Community Strategy and more details about the GPP, its partnerships and its activities can be found on the GPP website www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk or call us on 01733 865 042.





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