



International Advanced Manufacturing Park Area Action Plan

Hearing Statement by Gateshead Council

This hearing statement has been prepared by Gateshead Council to support and inform the examination of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) Area Action Plan (AAP). The statement provide further clarity regarding the January 2017 Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) signed by Gateshead Council, South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council, provided within Appendix 2 of document PSD8.

South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council have carried out constructive and effective engagement with Gateshead Council throughout preparation of the IAMP AAP. Gateshead Council has responded to each stage of consultation on the IAMP AAP, and officers from the three Councils have held meetings when appropriate to discuss the content of the AAP and any cross-boundary implications of the IAMP project.

In September 2016 Gateshead Council submitted detailed representations to consultation on the Publication Draft AAP. Table 1 of the January 2017 SoCG sets out South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council's responses to the issues raised by Gateshead Council. The SoCG identifies where Gateshead Council's comments have resulted in proposed modifications to the IAMP AAP, and provides a commitment that the three local authorities will seek to include measures within their emerging Local Plans that will enhance the water quality of the River Don, and protect and enhance ecological connectivity along its corridor. The SoCG also commits the Councils to sharing information regarding the transport connectivity, and cross-boundary traffic impacts of the IAMP.

The measures included in the SoCG, and the proposed modifications to the IAMP AAP set out in document PSD6 appropriately address the issues raised by Gateshead Council through consultation. The SoCG should therefore be considered to provide evidence of an agreed position between the three local authorities regarding the policies of the IAMP AAP, and the implications of the AAP for our emerging Local Plan documents.

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