

Examination of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) Area Action Plan (AAP)

IAMP LLP's Response to Matters and Questions

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Introduction

IAMP LLP is a limited liability partnership established by South Tyneside Council and Sunderland City Council for the purpose of promoting and delivering the International Advanced Manufacturing Park.

Matter 4 – Proposed Revision of the Green Belt boundary

Nissan's announcement that it will be building new models in Sunderland, and the growing trend for near-shoring of the automotive supply chain, support the conclusion that the land north of Nissan is the most appropriate location in the north east for IAMP.

IAMP LLP has no further response to make in relation to the Inspector's Matters 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4 and supports the position of the local planning authorities.

4.3 Does the plan provide adequate guidance on the possible future release of safeguarded land? Are any modifications to the plan in respect of this necessary for it to be sound?

IAMP LLP's ongoing design work has indicated that the drainage infrastructure for the IAMP could be optimised by utilising part of the safeguarded land. IAMP LLP therefore asks that the Inspector considers the Councils' proposed modification to Policy S2 B as amended in red text in the extract below:

"B. With the exception of required highways, drainage and utilities

infrastructure improvements to deliver the proposed development, the

areas of safeguarded land shall only be released..."