



A new International Advanced
Manufacturing Park
for the North East Region...

Green Belt and Site Selection Options

Let us have your views



South Tyneside Council



Green Belt and Site Selection Options

The International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) is a joint venture between Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils and is expected to be located in the area north of Sunderland's Nissan Motor Manufacturing plant, close to the A19.

The park will have a vital role to play in making suitable land available for commercial development, expanding the existing North East Region's automotive and advanced manufacturing hub, accelerating economic growth and generating the conditions for private sector investment of more than £300 million; including the creation of over 5,200 jobs by 2027.

To support the delivery of IAMP the two councils are working together to prepare an Area Action Plan (AAP) which will be used to guide this significant development project for the area for the next 18 years.

Following consultation held in February and March 2015 on 'IAMP for the North East Region', which set out proposals for the project, the feedback provided can be summarised as follows:

- The majority of respondents supported the business case for IAMP.
- The moderate growth scenario was selected as the preferred choice, this identified scope for significant growth requiring an international advanced manufacturing park of around 140 – 150 hectares to support the automotive and other advanced manufacturing sectors.
- The majority of respondents agreed that Sunderland/South Tyneside is the most appropriate location for IAMP.
- Respondents considered land to the immediate north of Nissan to be the most appropriate location for IAMP.

The findings from the consultation support proposals for an International Advanced Manufacturing Park of around 150 hectares located on land to the north of Nissan.

This 'Green Belt and Site Selection Options' consultation assesses the impact of the development and identifies a number of options for the preferred site location.

Why is IAMP needed?

In June 2014 Sunderland City Council in partnership with South Tyneside Council secured a City Deal with the Government to develop the International Advanced Manufacturing Park. Since then the Government have designated the park of 'National Significance'.

The automotive industry is a key sector for the North East region and a sector of strategic importance nationally. A significant advanced manufacturing park is required in the North East to support the growth of the automotive sector, along with other key low carbon and advanced manufacturing sectors.

Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils' commissioned a 'Strategic Employment Study' examining the future demand for employment land linked to the growth of key employment sectors for the North East. This identified demand for up to 569,000 square metres of development on approximately 150 hectares to support the needs of automotive, advanced manufacturing and distribution sectors.

How will IAMP proposals be developed?

The proposed scheme for IAMP will be guided by an Area Action Plan (AAP). This is a statutory document which sets out the planning policies that apply to IAMP over an 18 year period up to 2033. The AAP forms part of the Local Plan for Sunderland and for South Tyneside. Following this consultation period on the 'Green Belt and Site Selection Options', the next consultation stage will be on the draft AAP for IAMP and is currently scheduled for mid-2016. After this the draft AAP will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and subjected to an independent public examination.

The detailed planning proposals for IAMP will be managed through the planning process as a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' (NSIP). As such, planning permission for the scheme will be progressed as a Development Consent Order (DCO). There will be further opportunities for consultation in due course through the DCO process in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

To find out more and have your say

When and where

The 'Green Belt and Site Selection Options' Consultation starts on Wednesday 9 December 2015, with comments being received not later than 5pm on Wednesday 3 February 2016.

For further information or to submit your views online visit:

www.sunderland.gov.uk/iamp
www.southtyneside.gov.uk/iamp

You can also visit Sunderland Civic Centre or South Shields Town Hall, and any public library within both authorities during the consultation period to view a print copy of the summary leaflet and full document, and to complete the comments form.

Alternatively come to one of our open days:

Monday 11 January 2016, 9am – 12pm

Bunny Hill Centre Library and Customer Service Centre
Hylton Lane, Sunderland SR5 4BW

Monday 11 January 2016, 1pm – 4pm

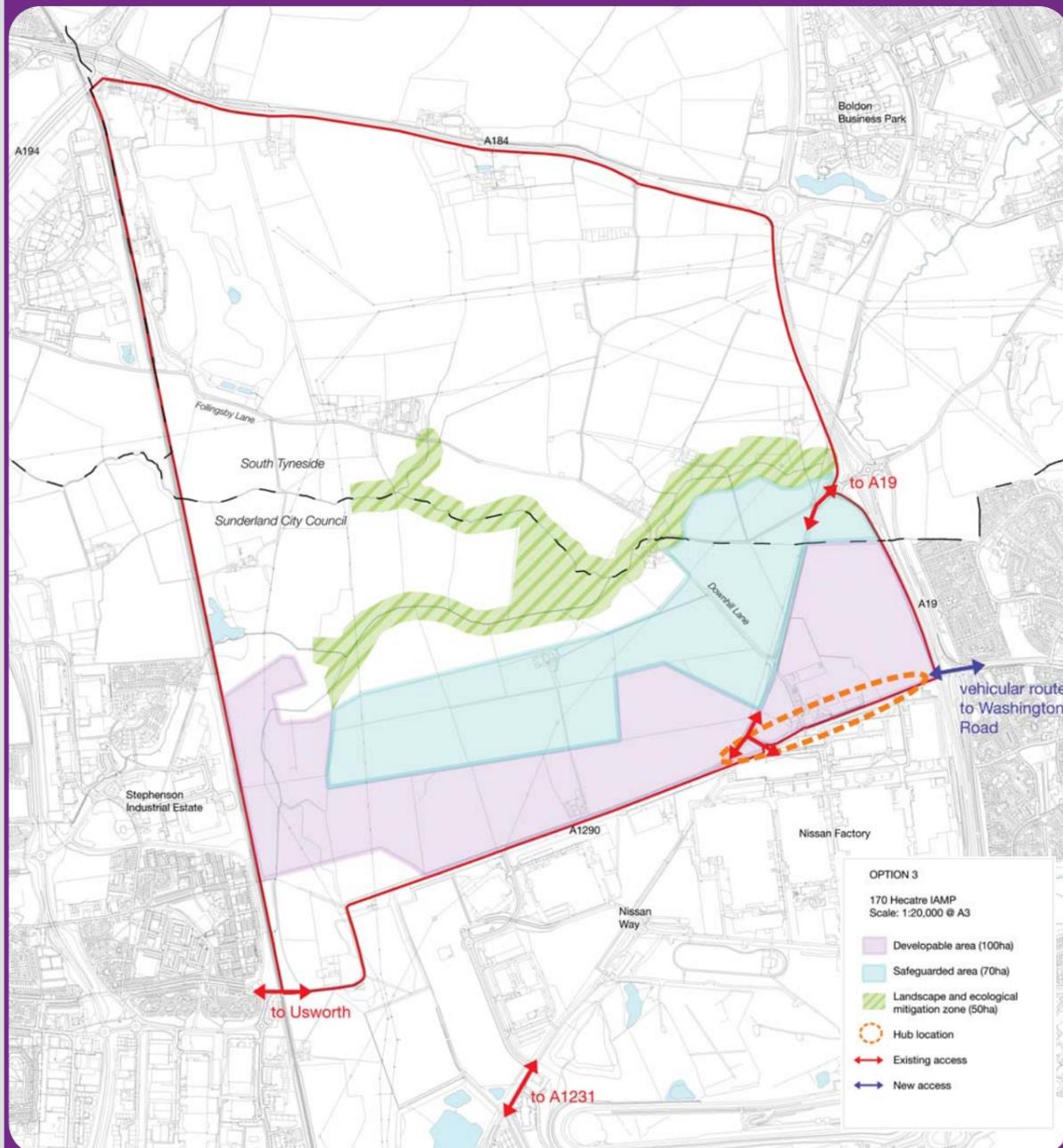
Washington Library
The Galleries, Washington NE38 7RZ

Tuesday 12 January 2016, 1pm – 4pm

Boldon Village Hall
North Rd, Boldon Colliery NE35 9AR

What site options are being considered?

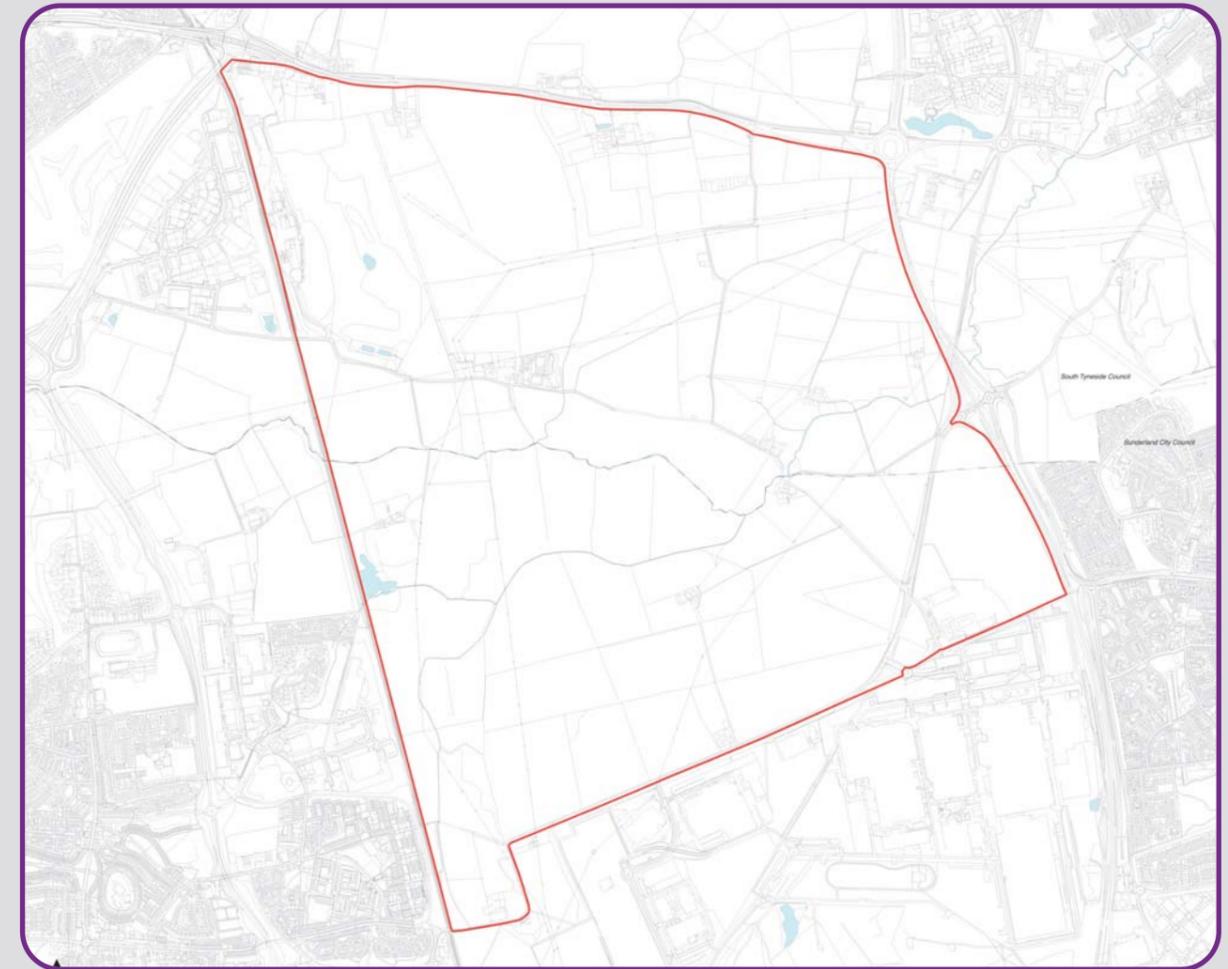
Option 3



Option 3: This option is located to the north of Nissan and extends east to west on a site of 170 hectares. It requires development to be further from the A19 strategic highway link, provides a northern focus for a green corridor along the River Don, and a hub located on land directly to the north of main Nissan site.

Why this location?

Land to the north of Nissan meets the locational requirements of the automotive, advanced manufacturing and distribution sectors seeking to expand or re-locate to the North East. The area is able to accommodate large scale development up to 150 hectares; it has good accessibility to the strategic road network including the key corridor of the A19 which is to undergo major improvement by Highways England; the area is in close proximity to the established automotive cluster and is the most attractive commercially.



An assessment was carried out to consider how land within this location performs against Green Belt purposes defined in National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The assessment found development within the area to the north of Nissan would have minor to moderate adverse impact on the Green Belt, with the potential to implement measures to minimise the effect of development.

What is the vision for IAMP?

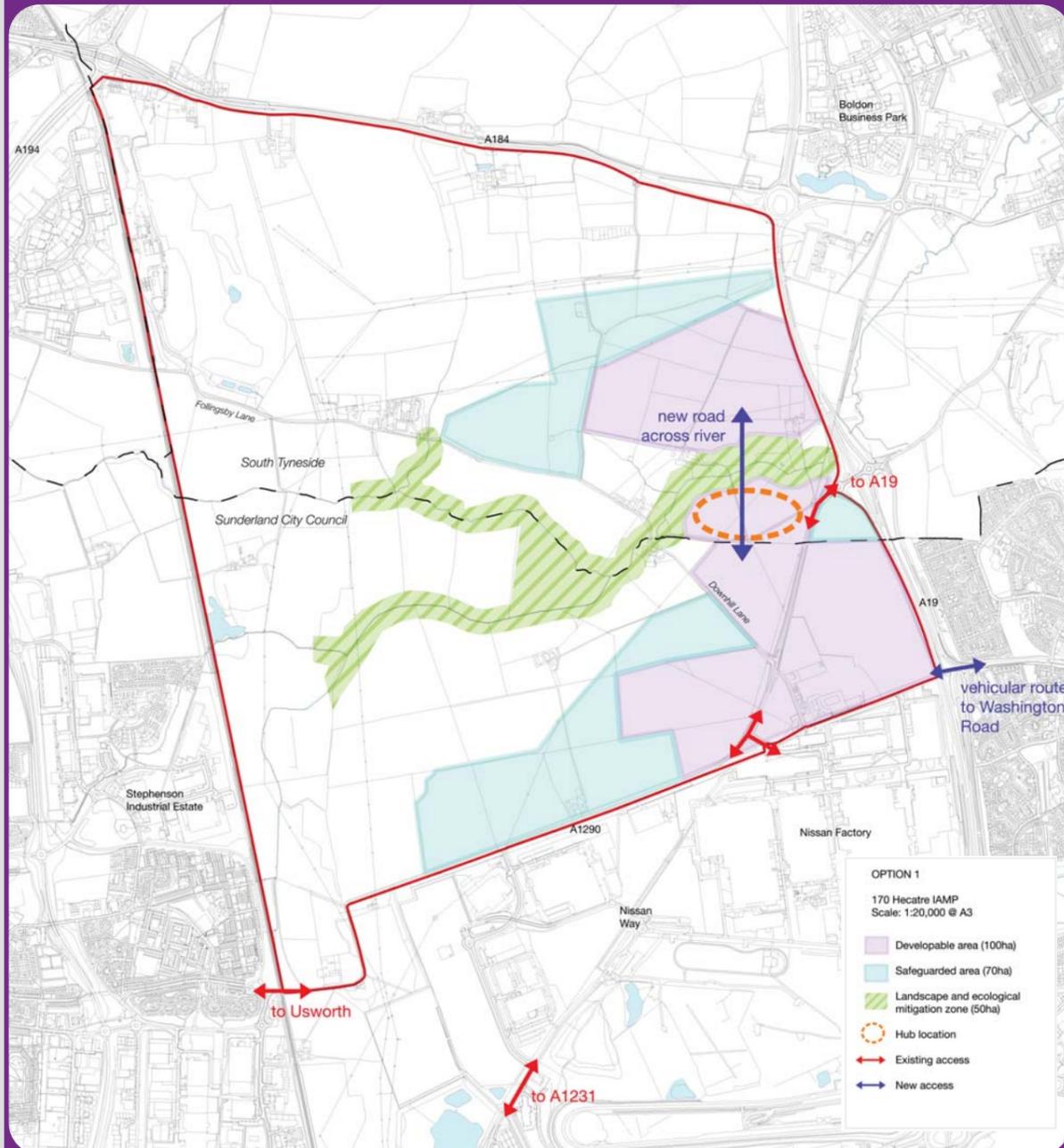
The Green Belt and Site Selection Options paper proposes the following vision for IAMP:

A nationally important and internationally respected location for advanced manufacturing and European-scale supply chain industries. A planned and sustainable employment location that maximises links with Nissan and other high value automotive industries as well as the local infrastructure assets, including the ports, airports and road infrastructure. An attractive working environment that creates the conditions in which businesses can establish and thrive and where people choose to work. A unique opportunity for increased job and business creation and the promotion of regional prosperity whilst taking advantage of natural assets and green infrastructure including the River Don corridor.

What site options are being considered?

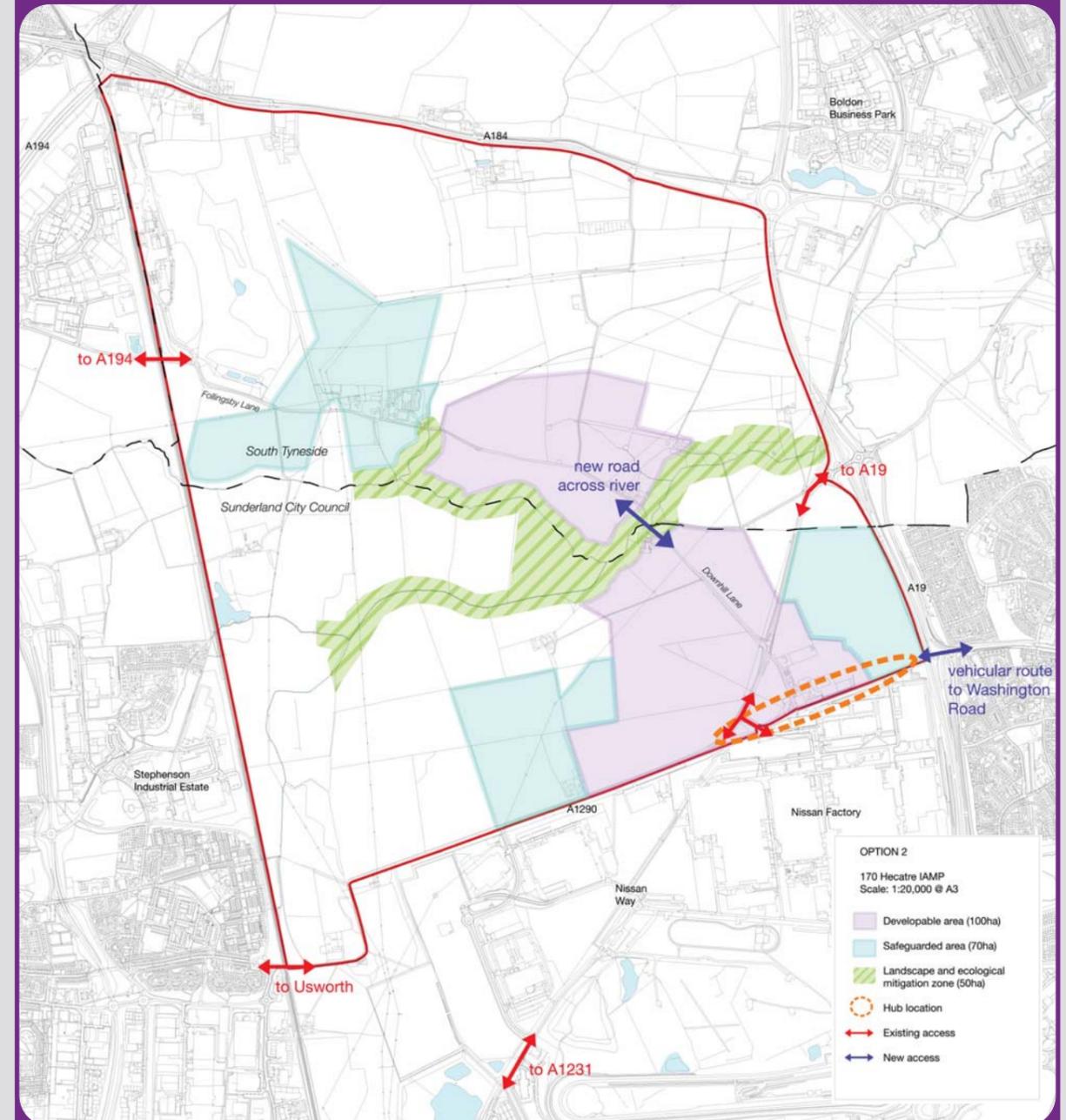
Three options are proposed in the Green Belt and Site Selection Options paper, these are:

Option 1



Option 1: This option has a strong commercial identity achieved by a frontage along the A19 corridor. The River Don is at the centre of the scheme, providing a central focus for a green corridor and a good setting for a central hub. The concept scheme area is 170 hectares in two connected parts along the A19 corridor.

Option 2



Option 2: This option is located north of Nissan and extends north west to south east on a site of 170 hectares. This option has connections to the A184, A194 via Follingsby and also to the A19. The River Don is at the centre of the scheme, providing a central focus in a green corridor, with a hub supporting the integration with existing economic activities at Nissan.