

The Borough of
STOCKTON-ON-TEES



get connected

To be in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, whether you live, work, study, invest or visit here, is to be part of something special. An awe-inspiring landscape. A great success story. A rich and living history. A thrilling plan for the future. The Borough of Stockton has all these things and more, and to be part of it is to be connected on every level.



feel the connection



Stockton Borough runs from Wynyard in the north to Kirklevington in the south, and encompasses the towns of Billingham, Stockton-on-Tees, Thornaby and Yarm, set in rural countryside scattered with picturesque and historic villages.

To stroll through our gentle scenery or ride the rapids of the River Tees is to commune with nature at its most relaxing - or exhilarating. To work or study here is to be part of an innovative community that is making an impact on the world. And to base your business here is to tap into a network of enterprise and support that will inspire you every step of the way.

To be connected is to be alive, and we are alive to all kinds of exciting possibilities. In fact we positively plan for them, offering business locations with excellent infrastructure as well as a wealth of available resources, skills and experience. And because we work better when we live better, we also offer a huge variety of homes that are both aspirational and affordable, alongside leisure choices that range from international festivals to window shopping in the chic boutiques of Yarm.

Take a few moments and take stock of Stockton Borough. Share our pride in our past and our ambitions for the years to come. Admire iconic landmarks, transforming town centres and great ideas.

The heritage of Stockton informs our past and connects to our future, as demonstrated through industry, invention, architecture and culture.

It's all yours to enjoy. Make the most of it.



Our business locations combine inspirational settings with excellent access, infrastructure and support services.

Did you know?

- In the last year in excess of £9.5m has been invested in the Borough by overseas companies
- There are more than 2,800 creative businesses operating in the region, employing around 26,000 people

connected for business



Here in Stockton Borough you'll find a network of people and organisations waiting to support and inspire businesses at every level, from international and global corporations through to new business start-ups.

Billingham, Haverton Hill, Seal Sands and nearby Wilton provide hotbeds of innovation in which the region's thriving chemical and process industries can prosper, while other key sites along the River Tees provide development opportunities for the manufacturing and engineering operations that are establishing Tees Valley as one of the economic powerhouses of the UK.

Bowesfield and Surtees Park are attracting newer finance, professional and business service companies keen to contribute to an attractive and active river corridor linking our forward-thinking urban hubs.

Teesdale Business Park is already the location of choice for leading names such as Abbey National, Barclaycard and Churchill Insurance, who benefit from its prestigious office buildings and the educational facilities offered by Stockton Riverside College and the University of Durham Queen's Campus.

And the 700-acre Wynyard Business Park offers a vast range of high quality office, warehouse and distribution facilities and a state-of-the-art conference centre all within easy reach of the A1(M) and A19, a combination that has already attracted multi-million-pound private investment.

Attractive business locations, practical support and a network of inspiration: it's all connected.





University of Durham, Queen's Campus
is home to 2000 students and is looking
to expand to 5000 by 2020.

connected
to knowledge



Did you know?

- The national skills academy for process industries has been established in Tees Valley, confirming the region as a world-leading centre for the sector
- Over £78m has been invested in building new further education facilities in the Tees Valley
- More than 400 overseas students choose to study at the University of Durham, Queen's Campus



Teesdale Business Park is home to University of Durham, Queen's Campus and also to Stockton Riverside College. In conjunction with Teesside University in Middlesbrough and Tees Valley's college network, this provides a strong support network to improve skills, encourage innovation and retain and attract skills and expertise.

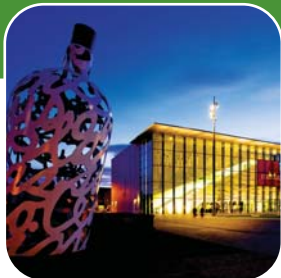
The Wolfson Research Institute based at Queen's Campus fosters research in medicine, health, social care and wellbeing. Working with the National Health Service and Local Government, its collaborative research and findings are instrumental in contributing to public policy, professional practice and the development of new products.

Education and lifelong learning are at the centre of policy making within Stockton Borough Council. The Building Schools for the Future programme, together with

planned investment in primary education, will enhance and integrate learning opportunities for Stockton Borough's young people and produce a skilled workforce for the future. The Borough is also home to excellent independent schools including Red House School in Norton, Teesside High in Eaglescliffe and Yarm School, all firmly established amongst the country's best.

Plans are in place to create two new academies - one specialising in health and the other in creative and digital industries. Both are primed to develop a strong enterprise base in the Borough. This spread of activity will help sustain our business base by instigating and supporting new business start-ups.

**Lifelong learning
and innovative working:
it's all connected.**



A year-round programme of festivals, events and sporting fixtures for all the family has firmly established the Borough of Stockton on the cultural world map

connected to culture, lifestyle & sport

Did you know?

- Yarm has been voted as having Britain's Best High Street by BBC Breakfast viewers
- Stockton International Riverside Festival has been voted Best Event in North East England by the Journal Culture Awards
- The newly-opened RSPB Saltholme reserve has won the Constructing Excellence North East 2009 award for sustainability

Festival highlights include Stockton International Riverside Festival, Billingham International Folklore Festival and Stockton Christmas Markets Festival. A new river-based event: Take to the Tees, has been launched and further opportunities to enhance these areas will continue to add to the Borough of Stockton's appeal and support its ongoing economic growth.

Stockton town centre's historic streetscapes are being brought back to life with contemporary relevance, and investment continues to be made in its cultural quarter with improvements to its quaint ginnels and yards, so that its unique heritage and character can be enjoyed by future generations.

Stockton's close proximity to Middlesbrough and the excellent transport links between the two centres place attractions such as mima, Middlesbrough's Institute of Modern Art, and the Riverside football stadium within easy reach. In the north of the Borough, Wynyard is home to world-class championship golf at the prestigious Wynyard Club.

One of our most widely enjoyed recreational facilities is the River Tees itself. The White Water Course at the Tees Barrage is being brought up to Olympic standard, creating a world-class venue for international, national and regional events as well as broadening the already vast number of ways in which people here can enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle.



We want our living environments to be as inspirational as our working ones. Stockton Borough is working successfully to provide a mix of quality accommodation at pricing levels to suit all. Existing housing areas such as Mandale, Hardwick and Parkfield are undergoing exciting transformations. Prime development locations along the River Tees, for example at Bowesfield and North Shore, have secured private sector investment and some of the most prestigious housing developments in the whole of the Tees Valley can be found in Yarm, Wynyard and Ingleby Barwick.

Thriving town centres are a key element in Tees Valley's living, working and leisure experience,

and Stockton Borough is very fortunate in having both historic market towns and transforming, cosmopolitan centres.

Yarm is a prime visitor destination as well as the heart of its community, its chic shops and eateries adorning the widest cobbled high street in England.

Thornaby town centre is emerging from major improvements with a new retail centre that has already attracted a variety of new stores, and Billingham is set to see a similarly enhanced programme of redevelopment.

Norton's tree-lined high street seamlessly blends a retail hub with a charming rural atmosphere.

And plans are in development to evolve Stockton town centre as a vibrant urban centre with its own unique experiences.

Stockton Borough encompasses a wealth of award-winning green spaces such as the magnificent 100-acre Preston Park, which have helped Stockton Council win gold in the esteemed Northumbria in Bloom competition four years in a row. The Borough is also ideally located for easy access to the many leisure attractions of North East England and North Yorkshire, and is close to both coast and countryside.

Find out more, including information about a wealth of quality places to stay, at www.visitstockton.co.uk

Healthy attitudes, happy living: **It's all connected.**



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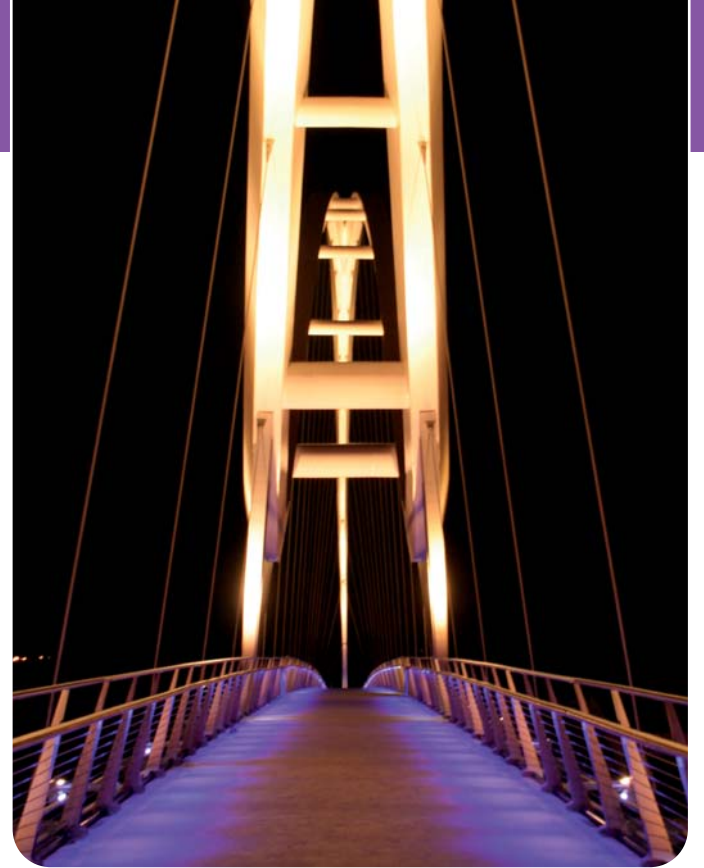
The prestigious transformation of Stockton's North Shore incorporates waterfront apartments, offices, leisure facilities and hotel accommodation. It connects Teesdale with 1m sq ft of business space and 1000 homes leading right into the town centre.

Award-winning property developers Urban Splash and urban regeneration specialists Muse Developments are already on board, and the project is attracting interest from international designers keen to raise the bar in terms of high quality buildings and green infrastructure.

Alongside the advantageous business locations already available in Stockton Borough, many more are planned. The South Stockton Link Road development has provided a new access point from the A66 to Stockton town centre. It has opened up new economic development sites with direct access to the town centre at Bowesfield and also at Preston Farm, which provide bespoke homes for companies such as Caterpillar UK and Aker Solutions.

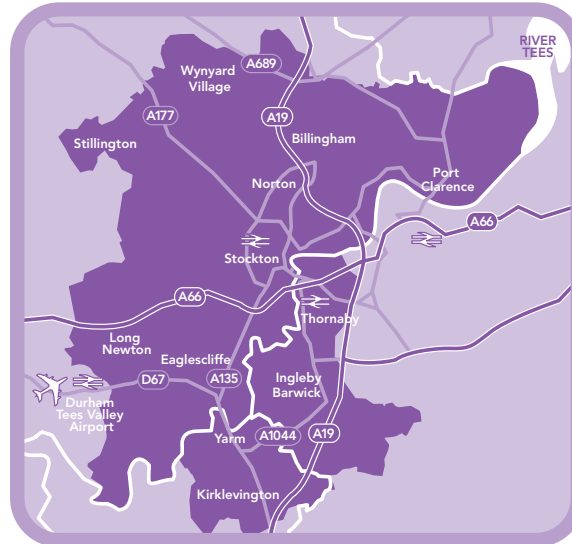
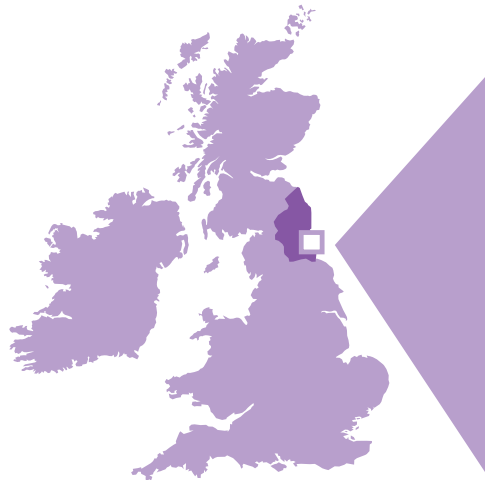
In addition there is exciting potential for a new business park at Durham Tees Valley Airport.

Plans are also in place for a 'metro' rail service for Tees Valley. A multi-million pound investment will provide fast, modern and efficient rail access across the Tees Valley and to connections on the East Coast Main Line.



The breathtaking new Infinity Bridge over the River Tees is the jewel in the crown of the landmark North Shore development, and has recently been awarded Project of the Year 2009 by Constructing Excellence North East.

Thanks to Stockton Borough's excellent infrastructure and transport links, its business community benefits from low commuting times and excellent connectivity to Europe and beyond.



- Teesport is the UK's third largest port, handling the largest amount of outbound traffic of any port in the UK
- Durham Tees Valley airport is within easy reach of the Borough and provides links to a wide range of UK and European destinations
- Fast and frequent rail connections link Darlington with Thornaby railway station in the Borough. Darlington is less than 2 1/2 hours by train from London and its international rail connections, and only 2 hours from Edinburgh on the East Coast Main Line
- The Borough enjoys excellent road links via the A1(M), A19 and A66 with the Tees Valley having, on average, the fastest-flowing urban traffic speeds in the UK
- Tees Valley is a 40-minute drive from Newcastle, 1 hour drive from Leeds and York and just over 2 hours from Manchester, providing ease of access to other UK markets and supply chains

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