

Scope of the Darlington Gateway Strategy

The aim of the Darlington Gateway Strategy is to provide an overall strategy and direction for economic activity and identify priorities for economic development and regeneration in Darlington.

The Darlington Gateway Strategy will:

- Set out agreed priorities, objectives and recommendations
- Provide a local direction to the national, regional, and sub-regional context within which the strategy is being prepared.
- Integrate the findings of a review of the current Gateway Development Framework, Sectoral Opportunities Study and Employment Land Review.
- Establish the priorities for building on existing strengths and addressing weaknesses within the Darlington economy
- Integrate opportunities and recommendations with community based priorities, established through Darlington's Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.
- Provide proposals and recommendations to attract new, knowledge based employment sectors and industries and the potential for such investment and growth.
- Establish possible land requirements as part of the approach, to attract a diverse range of business opportunities and sustainable development.
- This may include indicative master planning of key locations for specific regeneration projects.

The Strategy will provide recommendations to be taken forward and considered for adoption by Darlington Borough Council as Council policy. This will then form the core of the Council's economic regeneration policy for the next five to ten years.

The Strategy will be a major influence on the direction of the review of the Community Strategy for Darlington and of the evolution of the Darlington Local Development Framework. These will be key vehicles for implementation of the strategy.

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