

Hartlepool Board

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Hartlepool Borough Council

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Hartlepool Town Centre Crime & Safety Project

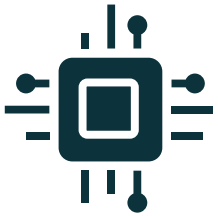
Tees Valley Investment Zone (1)



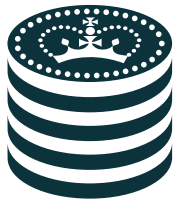
Co-signed and developed in partnership with Teesside University as research institution



£160m funding plus Business Rate Retention



Focused on digital and technology(including Creative) as our priority sector with high growth potential



Seeks to maximise match funding opportunities to meet the 60% target from public & private and other third parties.



Develop high growth clusters in Middlesbrough, Hartlepool and Teesside Airport



Benefits all Tees Valley businesses in target sectors (and wider supply chains)

Tees Valley Investment Zone (2)

Tees Valley was selected as the location for an Investment Zone in 2023 and has been allocated the first £80million which is part of the overall £160million investment.

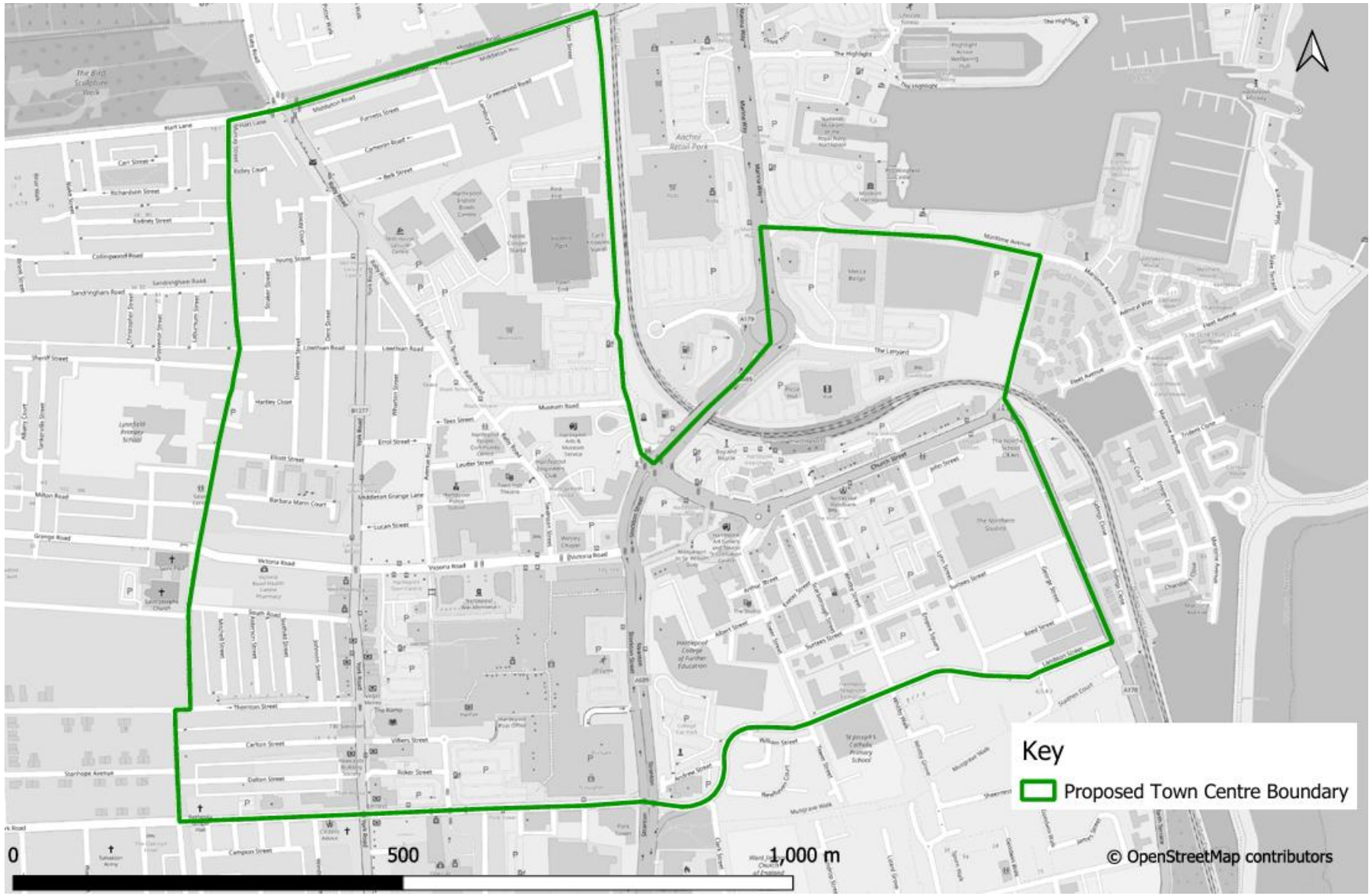
The zone will increase inward investment, productivity and jobs in digital, creative and technology sectors while supporting the growth of world-leading companies in two cluster areas of Middlesbrough and Hartlepool. It is primed to create more than 2,000 jobs and unlock a further £175million of investment over the period to 2034.

As part of the investment, £2.6m of revenue funding has been allocated to Crime & Safety (£1.3m to Middlesbrough and £1.3m to Hartlepool) for a place-based solution to improve safety within the town centre through a multi-agency approach aligned to the wider Investment Zone.

Developing Hartlepool's Project

- Two multi-agency workshops held in the Summer with representatives from the Council, OPCC, Police, HDC, Businesses, VCSEs and TVCA.
- Nine delivery options considered via an options appraisal process with the preferred option an Integrated Model combining enforcement, prevention, business engagement, community participation and place activation.
- The proposal was developed in response to a wide range of evidence including crime data, business feedback and community insight from PiP.
- This has led to a £1.8 million Hartlepool Town Centre Crime & Safety Project which is due to commence in October 2026 to March 2029. The business case was submitted in August for appraisal by TVCA.

Hartlepool's Boundary



Evidence Base

Key Data:

- 2,177 recorded victim-based crimes within the town centre boundary (May 2025 to April 2026)
- 568 reported anti-social behaviour incidents within the town centre boundary (May 2025 to April 2026)
- 128 vacant commercial units within the identified boundary which equates to circa 20% (March 2026)

Community engagement through Pride in Place and ongoing conversations with residents have consistently identified crime, anti-social behaviour and perceptions of safety as key issues for the town centre in Hartlepool.

Vision and Objectives

Vision:

To create a safe, welcoming and vibrant Hartlepool Town Centre where communities and businesses work together through a coordinated approach to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, strengthen public confidence and support inclusive economic growth.

Project Objectives:

1. Strengthen community involvement and ownership of crime and safety
2. Improve safety, confidence, and experience of the Town Centre
3. Support business vitality and create a thriving Town Centre alongside growth of the Digital and Creative Sectors
4. Enhance prevention, early action, and local capacity in Hartlepool

What Will the Funding Deliver? (1)

Safer Town Centre:

- 4 Enforcement Officers
- Additional CCTV weekend monitoring
- Policing Intervention Fund and Night-Time Economy Pilot
- Expansion of the Apex Radio Scheme
- Purple Flag Accreditation

Stronger Communities:

- Community Animation
- Business and Community Small Grants Fund (£210k)
- Targeted Youth Outreach Service

What Will the Funding Deliver? (2)

- Positive Communications
- Joint Crime & Safety Initiatives
- Environmental Intervention Fund

Supporting Economic Growth:

- Dedicated Town Centre Manager
- Establishment of a Town Centre Business Network
- Business and Town Centre Campaigns
- Activation of Public Spaces and Events
- Business Support for Creative and Digital Sectors
- Supporting other IZ projects such as the Production Village and helping secure wider investment into Hartlepool

What Success Looks Like by March 2029

Key Outputs:

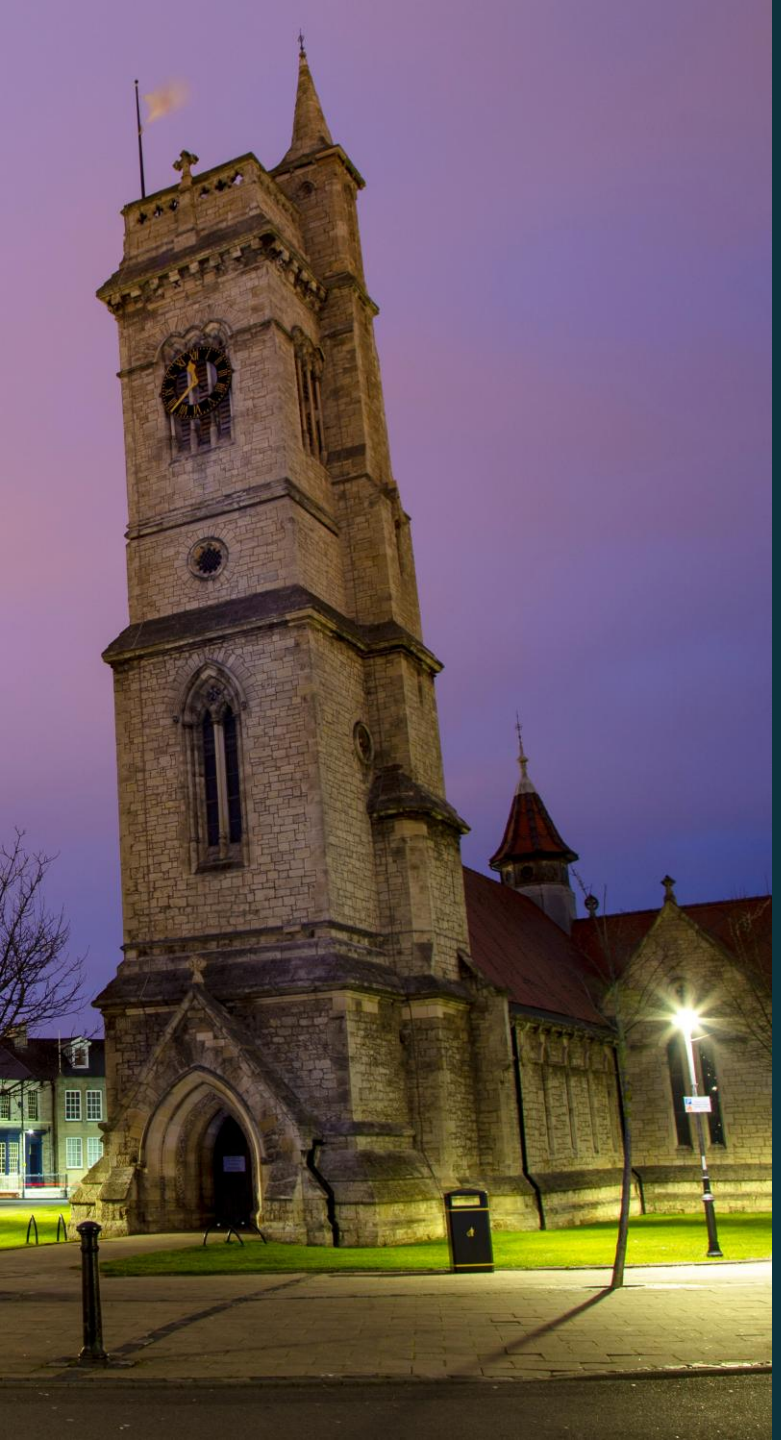
- 9,500 Additional Enforcement Patrol Hours
- 1,600 Additional CCTV Monitoring Hours
- 600 Businesses Actively Engaged (90% of Town Centre Businesses)
- 1,000 Positive Outreach Engagements
- 40 Funded Projects through the Business & Community Fund

Key Long-Term Outcomes

- 7.5% Reduction in Recorded Victim-Based Crimes in the Town Centre
- 7.5% Reduction in Reported Incidents of ASB in the Town Centre
- 15% Improvement in Perception of Safety
- Improved Confidence of Business within the Town Centre

Next Steps

- Decision on Business Case from TVCA in September 2026
- If Successful, Project Launch Publicity in late September 2026
- Recruitment to begin for key posts such as Enforcement Officers and Town Centre Manager from September 2026
- Project Officially Commences in October 2026
- Launch of Business & Community Small Grants Fund in January 2027
- Commission Targeted Youth Outreach Service for delivery from April 2027
- Purple Flag Accreditation by March 2029



Developing Hartlepool's Town Goals

What Are Town Goals?

Hartlepool has a range of important current or emerging strategies such as:

- Economic Development
- Creative and Cultural
- Housing
- Sport and Physical Activity
- Regeneration and Pride in Place
- Employment and Skills

The Town Goals should sit above these and provide a shared long-term direction and ambition for Hartlepool. They will:

- Provide a shared vision for Hartlepool
- Create a common framework for partners
- Align collective effort and investment
- Focus on the outcomes we want to achieve together
- Create a common language and help tell a positive story for Hartlepool’s future

We're not creating the goals today, but this will be the start of the process.

Example – Sheffield City Goals



Where we all have opportunities to invent, make, create and build in ways that grow shared prosperity, create high-quality jobs and enrich our communities and ourselves.



Where all generations can flourish today while remaining hopeful about the future, free from poverty and oppression and regardless of background.



Where we all act urgently on the climate and environmental crisis, prepare for a changing future, and prioritise the health and wellbeing of our city's people and nature.



Where all our voices are heard and acted on equally, and we feel the respect and celebration of each other's histories, heritage and cultures across the city.



Where we all belong to welcoming communities that care for one another, help us live safe and fulfilling lives and share equitably in the city's success.



Where we all have opportunities to form lasting, positive relationships in our neighbourhoods and the city, through technology, great transport and common causes.

Example – Bristol 2050 Missions



What Should Define Success for Hartlepool?

Imagine it is 2036.

Complete this sentence:

- Hartlepool is a town where…

Please write one ambition on a Post-it Note

Today is an introduction to help understand the future we want for Hartlepool. The themes emerging from today will help shape a wider conversation with partners, communities and residents over the coming months. This will also be supported by the development of Hartlepool's 'Story' via the Place Brand.