

STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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North Northallerton Development Area

To receive £6m from the Local Growth Fund will be the key to unlocking this development, which centres around the link road between Darlington Road and Stokesley Road. The link road, which will cross a beck and railway line, will play a significant part in delivering the development, amounting to £12m in total. The site will be developed in phases up to 2026 and will deliver up to 1,000 new homes and unlock 8½ hectares of employment land. I am grateful that the government has shown faith in our growth ambitions and is providing this investment. When putting this into context the £6m creates well over 3000 jobs and will lever in about £320m of private sector investment. The creation of a new link road and bridge over the railway line will also bring much needed traffic relief to Northallerton.

Tour de France

After months of planning the Tour de France finally arrived in Yorkshire. To have an event as massive as this would have been one achievement, but to have a visit to our District by not one but three prominent members of the Royal family was absolutely fantastic. The time and dedication of residents of West Tanfield should be applauded, and Dave Goodwin and his team should be congratulated for all their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm. A team of loyal staff worked on the day from early morning to late evening helping to ensure that the event was a great success and memorable occasion. The dedication of all those involved is much appreciated by us all.

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