The North East is already home to hundreds of thriving businesses, who have chosen to locate here because of the unrivalled advantages that the region offers. Businesses can take advantage of affordable premises, excellent connectivity, a skilled workforce and strong supply chain. Our Enterprise Zone sites provide specific additional benefits to business as well as room to grow, whether they are in the North East already or not.

The North East LEP is responsible for coordinating our area’s Enterprise Zone sites. It was successful in our first round of sites, launched in 2012, to support growth, resulting in over 9,600 new jobs and delivering £2.5 billion. Our recent application for additional sites as part of a second round of Enterprise Zones was approved in the summer of 2015. This means we are ideally placed to meet business need and support expansion and development; ensuring the North East continues to benefit from making, trading and innovating.

What are Enterprise Zones?

Enterprise Zones are locations that are made highly attractive due to increased investment in the site. This investment includes making the site ready for businesses to invest by putting in place the infrastructure needed, such as road links, utilities and digital connectivity.

The individual business will also be able to access specific benefits when locating on an Enterprise Zone site; either through a discount to the business rates or an increased level of capital allowance to support investment in plant and machinery.

How can an Enterprise Zone help your business?

Businesses locating in an Enterprise Zone have access to one of two main financial benefits in addition to the improved infrastructure on the site:

**Business Rate Discount**

Businesses can gain up to 100% business rate discount worth up to £275,000 per business over a five year period from occupying premises on an Enterprise Zone site. This is equivalent to £55,000 per year but does not need to be taken as an even annual split.

**Enhanced Capital Allowance**

Businesses can access enhanced capital allowances for 100% of cost of investment in plant and equipment which operates at sole trade or up to £1 million.

Contacts - How to find out more

If you are interested in knowing more about our Enterprise Zone sites, please contact:

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For general inward investment enquiries, please contact Invest North East England (Gateshead Business Park):

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If you are interested in locating on a specific site, please contact one of the contacts below.

**Round 1 sites**

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Gd Banks, Newcastle City Council
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Neptune Yard

Paul Groves, North Tyneside Council
paul.groves@northtyneside.gov.uk | 0191 543 5013

Sunderland Business Park

Jamie Reed, Sunderland City Council
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**Round 2 sites**

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Ramparts Business Park

Fairmoor, Morpeth

Ashwood Business Park

Newcastle International Airport Business Park

North Bank of the Tyne, extension

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Newcastle International Airport Business Park

Port of Sunderland

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Hawthorn Prestige Business Park

Please contact Helen Golightly (Chief Operating Officer) or James Davies (Programme Manager) for general questions or interest in locating on an Enterprise Zone site.
Our Round 1 sites
What is already on offer?
Since 2012 the North East Local Enterprise Partnership has invested in 15 hectares of new sites across three locations with particular focus on supporting businesses to start, grow and expand in three key areas of economic strength:
- A19 corridor (oil, gas, carbon manufacturing, including vehicles)
- North Banks of the River Tyne (chemicals and marine engineering and industries)
- Port of Blyth (new generation renewables)
These include 10 specific sites across five areas:
- Three sites on the A19 corridor
  - Port of Tyne
  - Houghton Yard
  - Swing Hunters
- East Sleekburn
  - Bates and Wimbourne Quay
- Commissionaire’s Quay
  - Don Quay

Our Round 2 sites
Our additional capacity from April 2017
To support our round 2 road strategy, new locations have been designated to complement existing sites and drive growth for businesses through making trading and exporting easier.
The aim for innovation-led growth and specific potential areas of ‘Smart Specialisation’ underpins the national vision for investment and site provision focused on delivering two aims:
- To continue on the initial investments which culminated in manufacturing and supply chain and increased use of new supply of sites ready for commercial development and growth and employment; to build on the presence of complementary infrastructure to support businesses to remain competitive in the local/WMC base and emerge into the global value chain.
The proposal for the new North East Enterprise Zone covers 175.4 hectares and will deliver a further 13,812 jobs and £6.6 billion of investment.
Round 2 will continue to attract investments focused on delivering two aims: rational for investment with sites specific potential around key ‘Smart Specialisation’ areas of activity where the North East has a specific national and international advantage in terms of research, business growth and assets and infrastructure, which provides a strong foundation and environment for growth in comparison to other areas and within the wider UK.
Through an extensive study undertaken identifying four areas of smart specialisation were identified:
- Passenger vehicle manufacture
  - Subsea and offshore technology
  - Life sciences and healthcare
  - Creative, digital, software and technology based services.
These were accompanied by a series of areas of strong potential including surface science, energy networks and sustainable transport infrastructure, which are supported across the region.
The three sites (Neptune, Swan Hunter and Neptune shipping yards the existing sites) located mid-way between Newcastle and Edinburgh, close to existing economic strengths in Berwick. The site is well located along key north-south road connections and planned investment in the site will particularly focus on improving the quality of the existing infrastructure and supply chain of businesses and skills.

Enterprise Zone Round 1

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- The proposal for the new Blyth Enterprise Zone covers 16.48ha across four sites and will deliver 5,082 jobs and £850 million of investment.

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36ha across three sites
- Swan Hunter
- Neptune Yard
- Port of Tyne
- The three sites (Neptune, Swan Hunter and Swan Hunters Quay) the Blyth Esbly Esbury Enterprise Zone Round 2
- A19 Corridor, Sunderland
- Seaham Harbour
- Port of Sunderland

Enterprise Zone Round 2

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2 Port of Sunderland, Sunderland
32.5ha across three sites
- Seaham Harbour
- Port of Sunderland
- The three sites focus on global automotive supply chains and profit based investment in the automotive and manufacturing industry. Located at the heart of the A19 corridor, this creates a unique advantage in terms of logistics and access to international markets.

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This multi-phase will provide significant new capacity next to the growing Newcastle International Airport. The initial phase of development will provide high-quality office space targeted at businesses which will benefit from the proximity to national and international connectivity provided by the airport and more locally through the train station and A1. Further sites will similarly support business growth with a premium on connectivity including logistics and wide accessibility.

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