Tweedbank - 2018 Masterplan





A vision for how the site could be developed

Tweedbank - 2021 Supplementary Planning Guidance & Design Guide





The SPG and Design Guide provide a framework for development.

This report aims to reset the project, setting the outcomes that we are seeking to achieve and the initial steps that need to be taken to achieve this.

Tweedbank - Project Outcomes linked to Council Plan Priorities

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1	Clean, green future	Contribute towards net zero emissions, reducing energy consumption with a resilient community that can decisively respond to climate change, employing state of the art renewable energy.	Alignment with Regional / National Priorities	
2	Clean, green future	Integrate nature, encouraging and promoting biodiversity and habitats in and around the site, respecting and enhancing the landscape, natural and environmental heritage and topography.	NPF4	Sustainable, liveable and productive places
3	Gean, green numb	Support opportunities, at all ages, to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to realise their full potential and contribute towards	NSET	Creating a wellbeing economy
4	Fulfilling our potential	positive outcomes for the region. Provide high quality business space to stimulate business growth	Housing to 2040	Housing to reflect diversity of people
	Strong inclusive economy, transport and infrastructure	and job creation and employment pathways in high value innovative sectors stimulating inclusive growth.	RPF	Resilient, innovative and flourishing people, places
5		Well connected and encouraging active travel to support health and wellbeing and contribute towards reducing carbon emissions.		and planet
6	Strong inclusive economy, transport and infrastructure	Well laid out and integrated with logical linkages to new and existing	RES	Increase working age population and attract
J	Empowered,	communities that appeal to residents, business users and visitors		visitors
7	vibrant communities Good health and wellbeing	supporting the need of the local and wider community. Create a coherent, inclusive and accessible place with a unique character/ sense of place, integrally connected to Tweedbank, sensitive to the setting, supporting wellbeing and enables healthy lifestyles.	Borderlands	Enabling infrastructure, improving places, supporting BIS, encouraging green growth
8	Working together improving lives	Harness the combined power of local communities, institutions and stakeholders in delivering a sustainable future and an economy that works for everyone.	ESESCR	RD&I, IRES, Transport, Culture & Housing

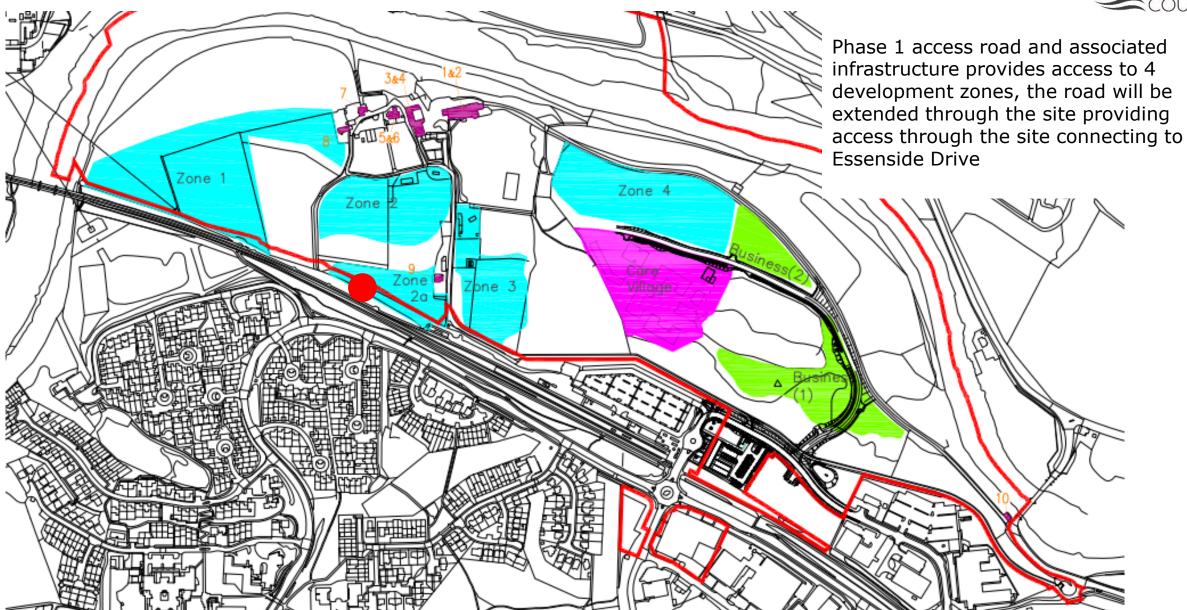
Tweedbank – Deliverables over the next 15 years.



Infrastructure	Road access into the site with active travel links reusing existing infrastructure where possible and creating new links to existing settlements.		
Energy	A heat and energy network with renewable generation that supports phased development.		
	To enable development, SBC need to take action with public sector partners to de-risk development by forward investing in key infrastructure.		
Homes	Approximately 300-400 homes of varied size and tenure.		
Care Facilities	A new 60 bed older people and dementia care village and associated complementary facilities.		
Community Facilities An improved community centre, a play park and other complementary community facilities business enterprises that support and enhance the domestic and business community.			
Business Business and innovation space to support data driven innovation, facilities for key regions local business growth and to support inward investment opportunities.			

Tweedbank - Infrastructure





Tweedbank - Infrastructure, Phase 1 Access Road

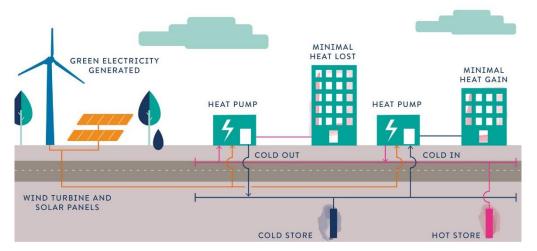






Tweedbank - Towards Net Zero Strategies to be adopted





Opportunities for green skills development and education

Energy

- Fabric first, lifecycle orientated approach to building design and energy efficiency
- Decarbonised energy systems and renewables for heat and power
- Circular economy, careful materials sourcing and re-use



Biodiversity

 Protecting and enhancing biodiversity and habitats

Nature

- Protecting and supplementing native planting
- Opportunities for community and local food growing

Tweedbank - Meeting Housing Needs





Housing has a fundamental impact on the lives of people across the Scottish Borders.

It is a key social and economic enabler, supporting key services, communities and employers and addressing health and income inequalities.

We need to address the challenges faced in the housing sector a take a leadership role in enabling delivery of homes that people need and contribute to our ambitions to be a green, fair and flourishing region.

Tweedbank - Care Village





The Outline Business Case for the Tweedbank Care Village Development was approved by Council in November 2021

A Full Business Case is being developed and will come to Council later in 2023 for development zone 5 of the SPG.

Tweedbank - Community Facilities





The SPG sets out a vision for a neighbourhood centre orientated on the historic heart of the site at Lowood House.

Community engagement in Autumn 2022 highlighted that two most popular outcomes for a neighbourhood centre would 'support people's wellbeing' and 'provide more leisure activities'.

The engagement identified community centre, restaurant and play area at top three preferred uses.

Tweedbank - Lowood House





A range of options have been considered for Lowood House – flats, private dwelling, hospitality, education, community or institutional use and demolition.

There a number of other existing buildings and a business operating on the existing estate that SBC are supporting whilst continuing to manage the site.

Tweedbank - Business





Site 1 (Ex Tapestry)

1.32 acres. High voltage cables and gas mains pass through with protected established trees immediately adjacent meaning only 0.3 acres are able to be developed.

Site 2 (Eildon Mill)

1.17 acres, site cleared. 'Statement building' expected.

Site 3 (Quarry East)

Sold. Office to be constructed in 2023. Factory to be constructed 2024. 17 FTE jobs to be created.

Site 4 (Quarry West)

Tweedside Park completed December 2021. CGI lease 1F, Inspire Learning occupy 50% GF. 330sqm office available to let. Potential to build further 1,000sqm on Phase 2 plot.



SPG Business Zones

2022 Ryden Report highlights the change in market demand for business space as a consequence of the pandemic.

This needs in a change in approach regarding the type of business space that is provided.

2018 Borders Railway Blueprint Full Business Case

Key development sites surrounding the Tweedbank Railway Terminus, specifically highlighting Quarry West where the office building has been completed and largely occupied.

Tweedbank - Next Steps



Action 1

Develop a procurement strategy to secure a development partner.

Action 2

Procure a technical team to develop proposals for a phased heat and energy network

Action 3

Consider flexibility in the mix and distribution of uses across the site to reflect changing market demands and the long term nature of the project

Action 4

Develop a PR and communications plan targeted at the different stakeholders, funders, businesses and communities

Action 5

Progress construction of Phase 1 access road and associated infrastructure once planning consent is secured

Action 6

Undertake an options appraisal for community focused amenity facilities