

Policy 14

Id No Respondent

- 160 Highways Agency
- 293 Member of Public
- 185 Middlesbrough Council

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To encourage the growth of the region's higher education facilities and the use of their facilities by the wider community. Thus need to provide better public transport and development for innovative industries.

Don't lose track of life long learning I.e. encouraging businesses to train and retrain staff in more than basic skills. "Science City Concept" needs developing.

The important role of the University of Teeside's Digital City project in strengthening the North East's digital technology and creative industries cluster is recognized in para 2.93 of the submission draft RSS. As the Digital City project will take place on various sites adjacent to Middlesborough town centre it would be appropriate to make specific reference to it in policy 14, which identifies locations where links between universities and businesses could be developed as clusters, and includes Greater Middlehaven.

Requested Changes - Policy 14 (f) should be expanded to make specific reference to Digital City, Middlesborough as an appropriate location for cluster activity.

Policy 14 identifies the important role that universities and colleges play in the regional economy. It identifies specific locations where links between universities and businesses could be developed as clusters, including Greater Middlehaven. Elsewhere in the RSS, in para 2.93, the role of the University of Teeside's Digital City project is highlighted. As this will take place on various sites adjacent to Middlesborough town centre, it would be appropriate to make specific reference to it in policy 14.

Para f should be expanded to make specific reference to Digital City, Middlesborough as an appropriate location for cluster activity.

- 272 Middlesbrough Town Centre Company
- 151 Sunderland ARC
- 148 Tees Valley Regeneration

While flagging up the importance of this issue it would be helpful to have a specific reference to the Digital City concept in the exemplars given.

Embracing Further and Higher Education is supported

TVR support Policy 14, in particular the recognition of the role that education based clusters can make to the economy. We are pleased that the policy now includes reference to Central Park (new Darlington College campus), Greater Middlehaven (Middlesbrough College relocation) and North Shore (where the University of Durham will be expanding their Stockton campus across the river). It rightly seeks to encourage business to take advantage of partnering/cluster opportunities with higher education, which should evolve alongside the construction of these new campuses.