



Stockton's International Strategy  
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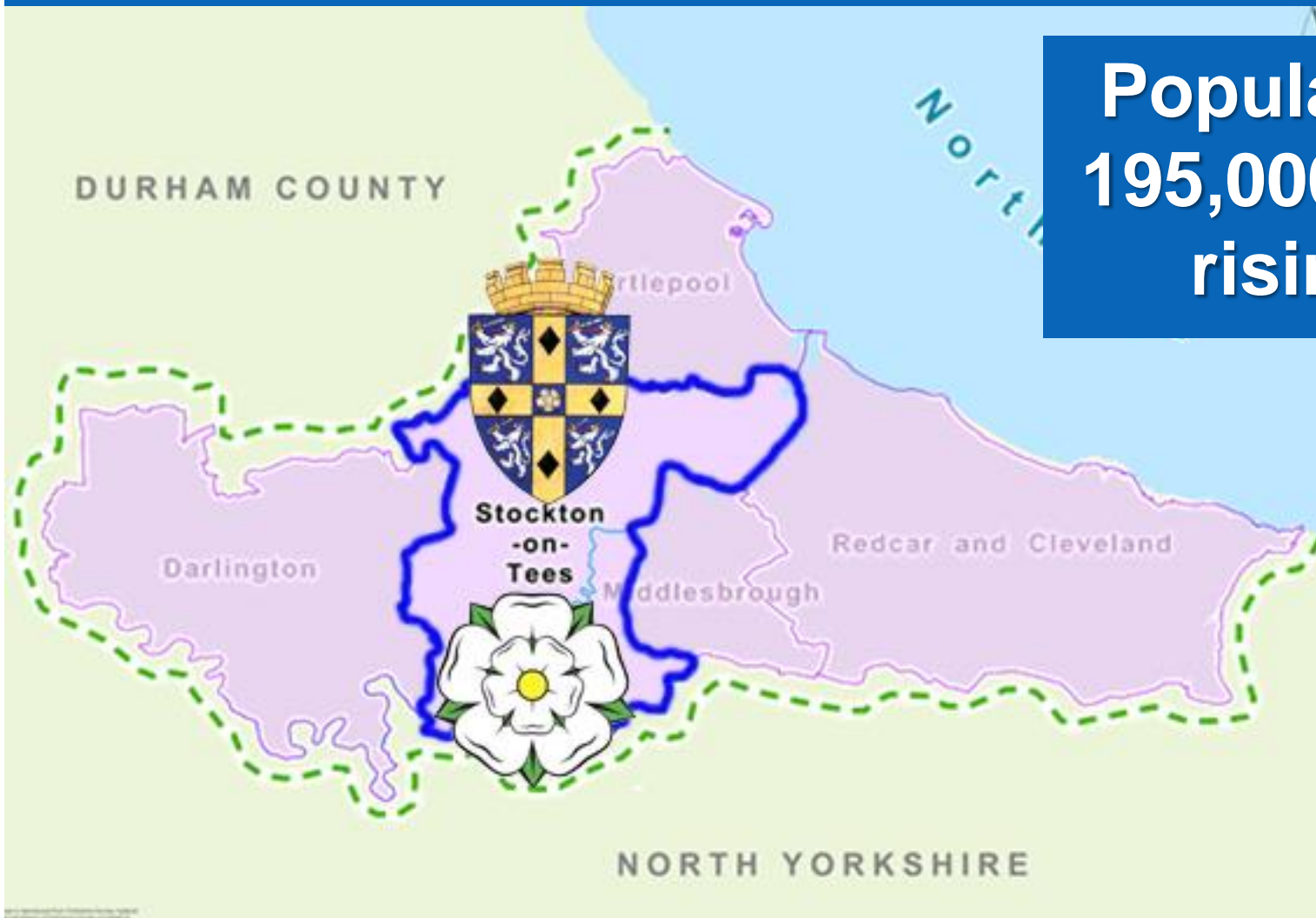


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# The Borough of Stockton-on-Tees

**Population  
195,000 and  
rising**



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# Tees Valley - Growth Sectors



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# Edinburgh – 2 hrs 5 min







# Our River is a real asset

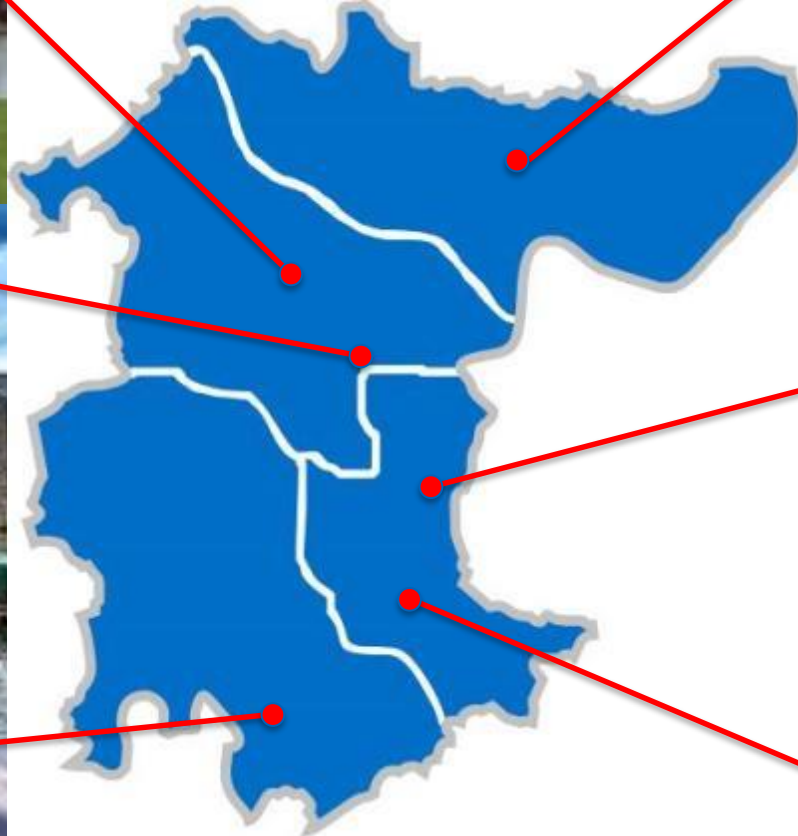




**Norton**



**Billingham**



**Stockton**



**Thornaby**



**Yarm**



**Ingleby Barwick**



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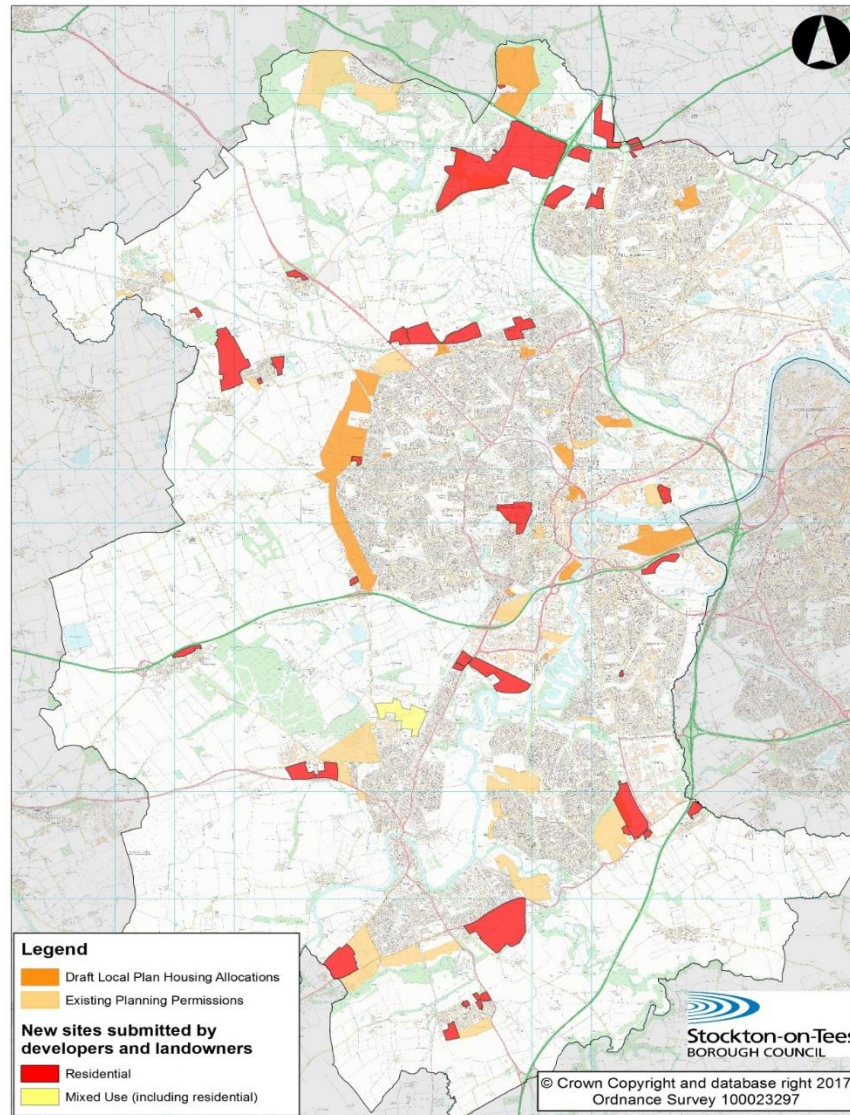
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# The Borough of Stockton-on-Tees





# Durham University: International Foundation College



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# We do scale...



Stockton Town Centre



Plans 9



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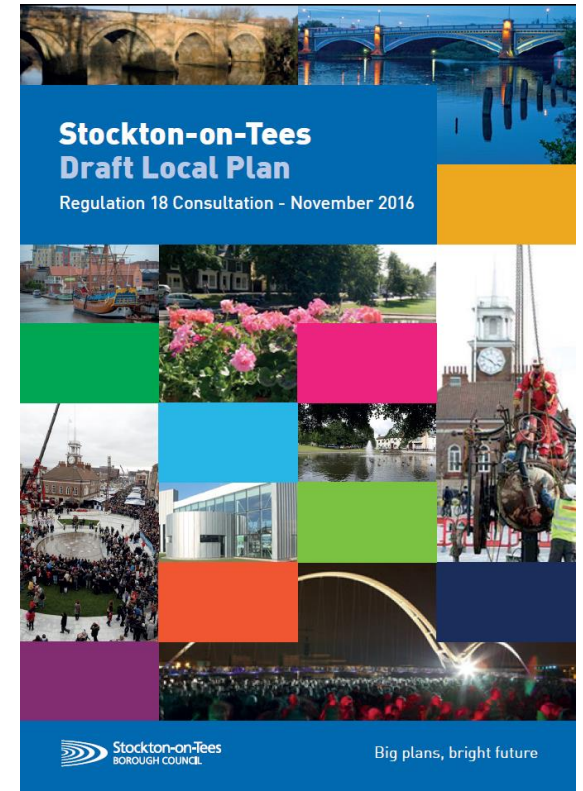
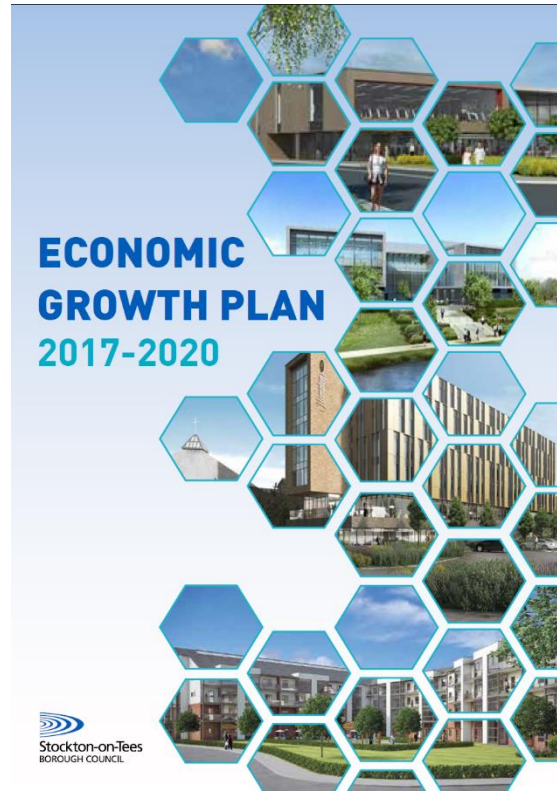
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# Key Documents





# Objectives / Priorities

## Business

**Objective:** Have a successful business base where existing companies have experienced sustainable growth and new businesses have been created and attracted

- Enterprise
- Productivity
- Jobs

## Place

**Objective:** Provide sufficient sites and premises in vibrant, connected and distinctive places that businesses are attracted to an people choose to live, work and play

- Strategic Employment Locations
- Housing
- Town Centres
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Environment

## People

**Objective:** Ensure that people have the opportunity to learn/train and gain the appropriate level of skills to maximise the employment opportunities available in the economy

- Skills
- Employment
- Inequality, Deprivation, and Poverty



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# Some Council Developments... Hilton Hotel



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# 128 Bed, £17M Hilton Hotel



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# The Globe Theatre: 3000 seat music venue





# Ingleby Barwick £11M Leisure Centre/Library



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# Stockton Business Success is Key



  
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# Lucite International - Stockton

- **Japanese owned - Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Group.**
- **Manufacturing acrylic-based products used in mobile phone screens and flat screen TVs.**
- **Established in 2002 as a successor to ICI the Stockton site employs 250 people**
- **Lucite UK turnover totals £300m**



# Japanese Investment - Nifco





# Nifco £30 million Investment

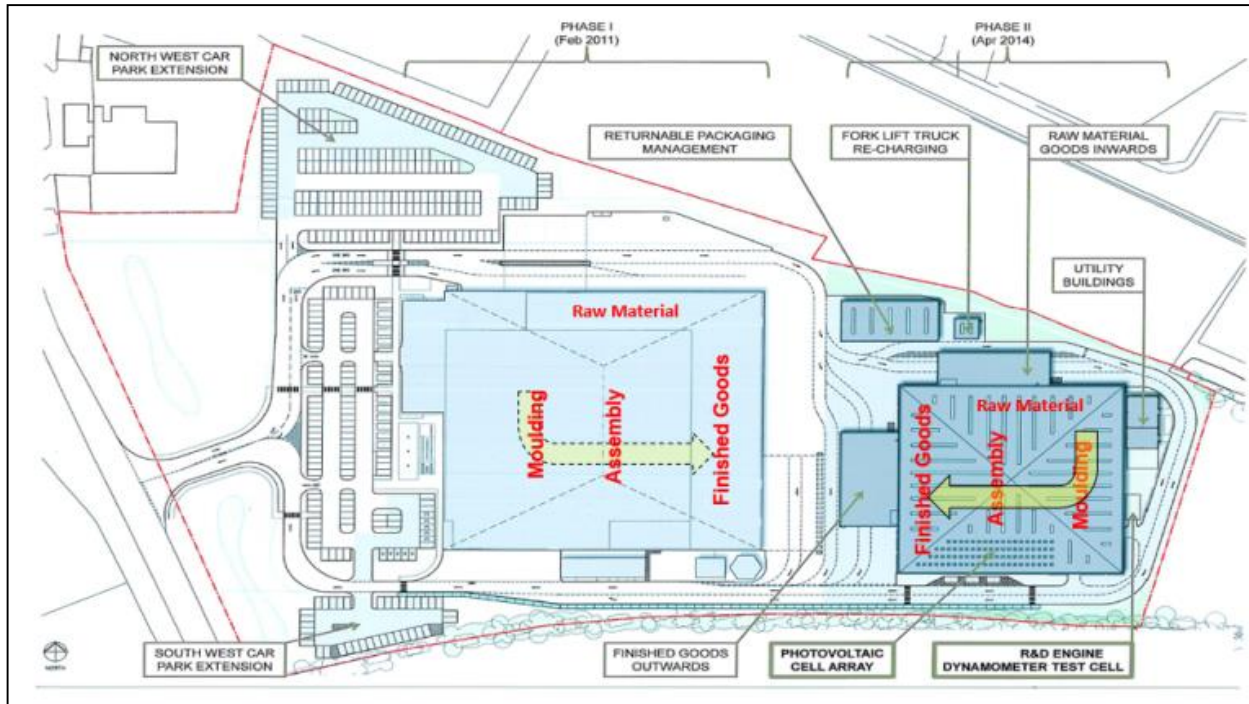


- **£30m investment - £3.5m Grant Funding Support**
- **Constructed in two phases between 2011 and 2015.**
- **£100m turnover project for 2018 rising from £3m in 1990.**



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# Nifco £30m Investment



- **230,000 sq.ft. manufacturing facility.**
- **On site Nifco R&D facility the only one outside of Japan.**
- **Potential for a third phase of development on site.**



# Nifco – Investment in Jobs & Skills

- **160 jobs safeguarded in 2011**
- **440 new jobs created by 2016**
- **30 apprentices recruited**
- **Centrica Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers list for 2016.**
- **80% of Nifco UK senior management team took apprenticeship route.**



# Japanese Investment - Fujifilm

- **Biopharmaceutical development and manufacturing site.**
- **525 high skilled employee's**
- **Fujifilm operation having grown from 50 jobs in 1994**
- **Site currently records a £55m turnover.**



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# Japanese Investment - Fujifilm

- **Site of UK significance in industrial biotechnology sector**
- **High growth potential sector, €1.2 -2 trillion European bio economy**
- **Neighbouring site purchased by Fujifilm to facilitate future planned expansion and investment.**



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# Japanese Relationship

- **Japanese owned businesses are amongst the leading lights of Stockton and the Tees Valley's economy.**
- **Employing close to 1,500 in skilled employment.**
- **Open engagement and joint working with Japanese business has contributed hugely to the well being of the Borough and its communities.**





# The Story Continues

- **Stockton Borough Council places a high value on the area's ties to Japan.**
- **The continued relationship and support from Japan Local Government Centre has been hugely welcome.**



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