

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear TVCA Cabinet Members

### **Information about a new Mayoral Development Corporation for Hartlepool**

As you will be aware, Cabinet agreed the proposal to designate a new Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) in Hartlepool on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022, subject to the outcome of the public consultation period.

The consultation period closed in early August without any material objections. I have attached a summary of the consultation responses received for your information.

Since this time, I have been working closely with the Leader of Hartlepool and senior officers at the Council on the final details and will continue to do so, before formally writing to the Secretary of State to designate the MDC Area.

Our discussions include the question of Council owned land and assets that could transfer to the ownership of the MDC and the finalisation of the red-line boundary, as noted below.

During the consultation period we received a request from Jomast to include additional areas of their land. The discussions with the Council concluded that including this will only serve to strengthen the MDC, and therefore I have attached an updated red-line boundary map for your information.

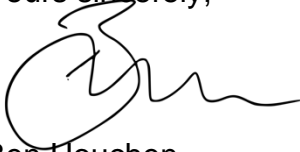
In line with the process, I intend to write to the Secretary of State to request formal designation of the Mayoral Development Area. As previously indicated, I will request in the letter that it is the intention that the new MDC for that Area will have all powers available to it under the Legislation.

Following this, the Secretary of State will lay the order to establish the MDC before Parliament for a further period of 21 days. Alongside this, the Secretary of State will commence his consultation with the Tees Valley Mayor and any relevant landowners, on public sector owned land/assets as part of the process of transfer into the MDC.

If you have any further comments on the proposal at this stage, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'd like to thank you for your continued support, and I will write to you again once my letter has been submitted to the Secretary of State.

A copy of this letter goes to each member of the TVCA Cabinet and the Chief Executive Officers of the Constituent Authorities. A copy will also be published on the TVCA website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ben Houchen', written in a cursive style.

Ben Houchen  
Tees Valley Mayor