



Science Parks: Catalysing Rural Economic Growth and Innovation

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NETPark: The story so far

- Located in Sedgefield, County Durham
- Owned by Durham County Council and managed by Business Durham
- Long term vision to diversify the economy
- Now the region's premier science park supporting high value jobs & innovative businesses
- High level partnership with CPI & Durham University
- First building, the Durham University Research Institute, opened in 2004.
- Home to three national innovation centres operated by CPI.

NETPark: From concept to commercialisation

- Over 40 companies employing over 700 people, from university spin-outs & start-ups to more established companies.
- Sectors include: advanced materials and manufacturing, nanotechnology, X-Ray technology, semiconductors, defence, electronics, photonics, robotics, pharmaceutical and space/satellites
- The only UK Science Park with three National Catapult Centres – High Value Manufacturing; Satellite Applications; Compound Semiconductor Applications
- **Collaborative innovation community**



NETPark Occupiers

NETPark has become a hub for science, engineering & technology companies trading globally.




"The proximity to the universities and the infrastructure are very important factors. Ultimately having a presence in Europe is very valuable to us and we intend to stay at NETPark for many years to come."

Dr Arnab Basu, CEO of Kromek



"We initially came to NETPark because of the printable electronics centre, but access to a highly skilled semiconductor workforce in the North East has been a key factor in us staying and growing here, as well as the value for money office space and the access to funding."

Ken Williamson, Chief Operating Officer of PragmatIC



"The quality of the facilities at NETPark and the attitude of staff is first class. It has a really dynamic, innovative atmosphere."

Dr Neil Loxley, Chief Executive of IBEX Innovations



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“When you’re a small company, trying to attract the brightest and best talent, it’s a stronger sell when you’re part of a dynamic cluster of like-minded businesses. There are other science parks around the country, but the level of support on NETPark is second to none.”

Steve Clements,
CEO at aXenic



NETPark Occupiers

NETPark focuses on supporting companies to integrate materials into innovative, high value products with global social and economic impact.



We chose NETPark for the modern infrastructure and flexibility to scale our business – Michael Tyerman, CFO

There are so many like-minded businesses on the park – its great location to grow – David Weinloke



We've worked with at least three businesses on site – leads that we would not have gained if we hadn't have moved here – Dr Neil Sim

There are a number of highly skilled people in the area who can help us grow our business – Stuart Wilson, CEO



“NETPark is perfect for high tech companies and their staff – the physical environment with the green spaces and walks, the well-designed buildings with plenty of parking. It all gives the right perception of the businesses based there and helps with staff retention.”

Gary Gibson, Dyman
Advanced Materials



NETPark Phase 3: Growth

- Phases 1 & 2 fully occupied
- Next phase of development now underway to facilitate the scale-up of existing tenants, as well as inward investment
- £62m+ investment in new laboratory, office, production and storage space, funded by Durham County Council, with support from NELEP and NECA
- 232,150 sq feet of flexible lab, office and production space
- Potential to create 1,250 new direct jobs and 2,200 jobs in the supply chain
- Work commenced on site in June 2023, units will be complete in February 2025



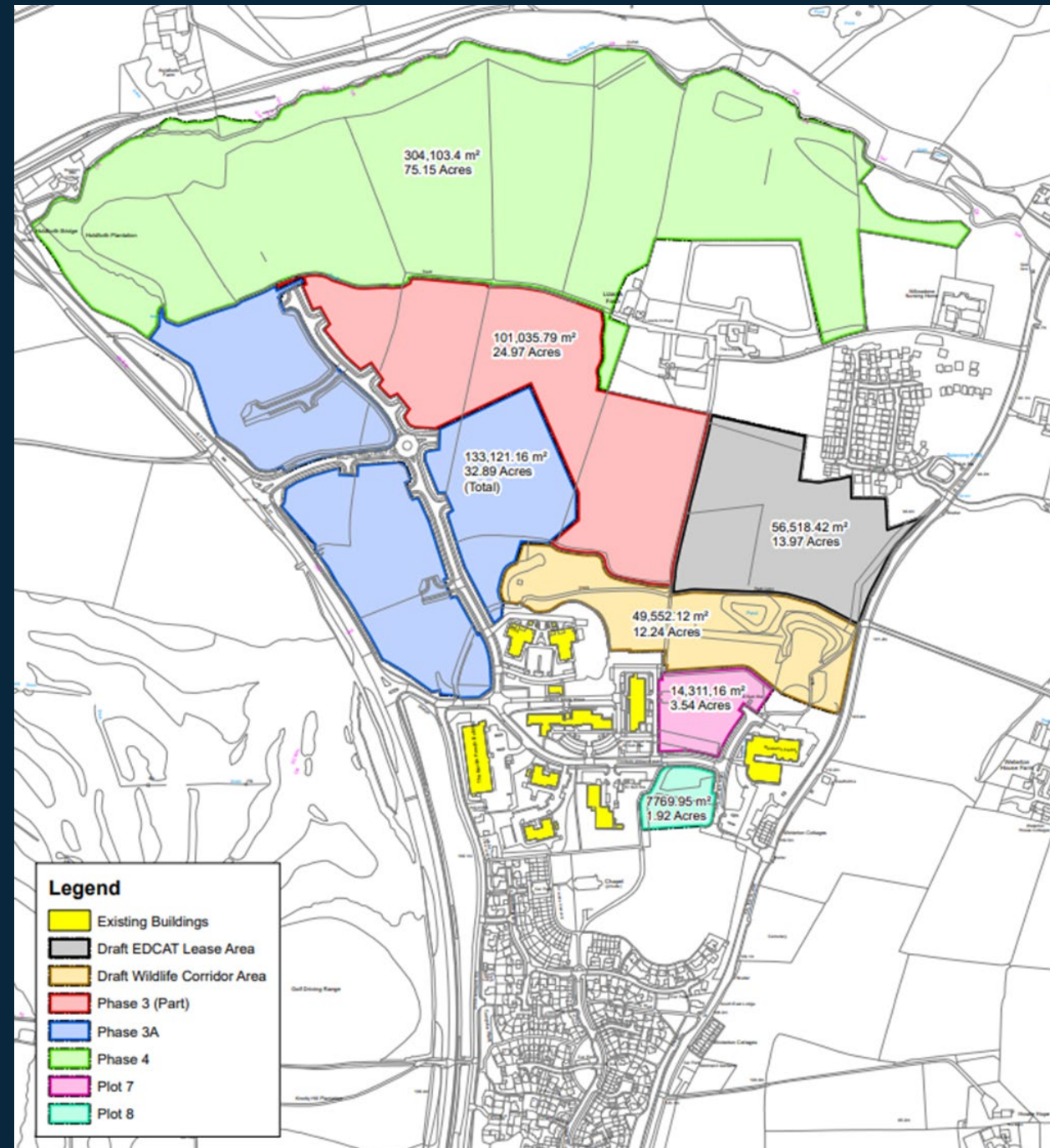


Phase 3 CGIs and Animation

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NETPark: Space to Grow

- Two plots remain available for development in Phases 1 and 2
- Phase 3a (blue) on site now
- Phase 3b (red) will provide a further 10 hectares of development
- Phase 4 (green) an additional 30 hectares to the north
- Potential to create 4,000 high value jobs on site across these phases
- Further land available for future land allocation
- Designated as one of the four North East Investment Zone sites



Summary



- Vision to create a global hub for science, engineering and technology companies
- Focus on supporting companies to integrate materials into innovative, high value products with global social and economic impact
- Long term commitment and investment from Durham County Council and regional bodies
- Delivering innovation-led growth for County Durham's rural areas, the North East region and the UK