

# North Kirklees Growthzone

Leeds City Region  
Enterprise Partnership

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# Introduction

The Leeds City Region has ambitious plans; it wants to unlock the area's potential and develop an economic powerhouse that will create growth, jobs and prosperity.

In Kirklees, we are committed to supporting and delivering this plan. We have been working closely with both the private and public sectors, to deliver what we believe will be a regionally significant scheme, which subject to the adoption of the Local Plan seeks to:

- Deliver between 7,000 and 7,500 new homes
- Support business growth
- Develop a new major strategic employment site at Chidswell
- Revitalise the urban centre of Dewsbury
- Improve opportunities for training, learning and skills improvements
- Increase wealth and opportunity



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# Our proposals

## **Teamwork**

Kirklees Council are bringing the plans to life by joining together a strong team, made up of both public and private sector professionals. We strongly believe that Dewsbury, and its less developed surrounding areas, will contribute to the growth of the region. A major strength is that Dewsbury is only 12 minutes by rail from Leeds. The proposals below are subject to the adoption of the Local Plan, in particular the proposal at Dewsbury Riverside and Chidswell.

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## **Chidswell**

The site at Chidswell, to the North East of Dewsbury, will provide a major strategic employment location for the City Region as well as 1,500 new homes.

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## **Dewsbury Riverside**

To the South of Dewsbury, we have ambitious plans to deliver 4,000 new homes as part of a major urban extension called Dewsbury Riverside. This site is within walking distance of Ravensthorpe train station, which we wish to see develop as a transport hub.

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## **Central Dewsbury**

Our plans are equally as ambitious in central Dewsbury. We are proposing a sustained, strategically recognised change programme. Proposals include a reduction in the size of the retail and commercial core, and an exploitation of the town's proximity to Leeds through the delivery of a high quality but affordable housing offer. Ambitious plans are at an advanced stage to develop the place to deliver Dewsbury Learning Quarter (DLQ) in the centre of town, and ensure public buildings are fully utilised to help increase footfall.

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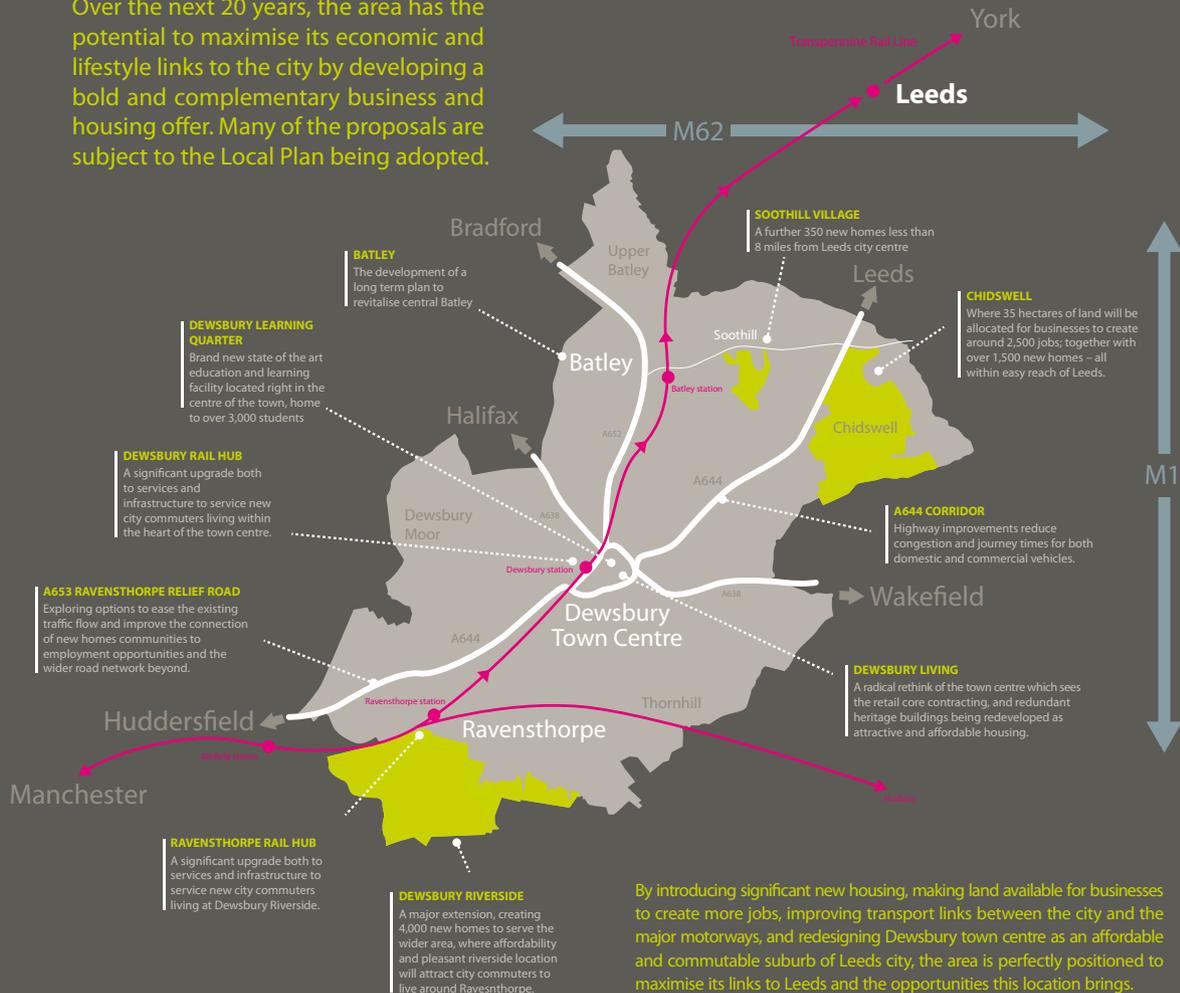
## **Transport**

We recognise the importance of the role of transport in helping to improve the economy, and so we intend to transform how this area functions through a series of interventions, including road, rail and pedestrian centric improvements.

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Over the next 20 years, the area has the potential to maximise its economic and lifestyle links to the city by developing a bold and complementary business and housing offer. Many of the proposals are subject to the Local Plan being adopted.



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# The plan

## **Subject to Local Plan adoption we plan with our partners to deliver the following within 5 years:**

- Open up two major housing development sites, the Dewsbury Urban Extension and Chidswell, which will provide approximately **6,000 new homes**
- Deliver a **35 hectare business park** at Chidswell
- Commence delivery of a strategic road improvement schemes along the **A653 and A644 corridors**
- Finalise feasibility work and the first steps towards a **new transport hub** linked to our major housing growth sites, with options for new connectivity to Wakefield being explored alongside enhanced connectivity to Leeds, Huddersfield and Manchester
- Deliver **527 new homes** at Soothill and phase 2 of Dewsbury Canalside (Forge Lane)
- Secure the future of the **Dewsbury conservation area** and commence work on delivery of a **new housing offer** within Central Dewsbury
- Deliver the new **Dewsbury Learning Quarter**

## **In the longer term, we aim to:**

- Secure, over a 25 year period, a total **GVA (discounted at 3.5%) of £1.9 billion**
- Plan for longer term developments along the **Dewsbury river corridor**

