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Response to Consultation on the proposed South Tees Development Corporation

The SSI Task Force welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Tees Valley Combined Authority's consultation on the proposed South Tees Development Corporation.

The Task Force supports the creation and proposed objectives of STDC. The objectives complement those of the Task Force and, with close partnership working, there is scope to accelerate delivery of our joint priorities.

The boundary of the site is appropriate, allowing considerable opportunity for economic growth.

In particular the Task Force would highlight the following issues;

- Remediation of the Site.

The Task Force is aware of the need for extensive site remediation to enable new development. It is essential that the STDC is supported with sufficient Government resources to complete this in a timely way.

- Creation of Sustainable, High Quality Jobs.

The Task Force supports an approach that brings forward significant inward investment and indigenous growth to create business expansion, wealth creation and contribute to the entrepreneurial culture of Tees Valley. The Task Force specifically requests that the STDC gives high priority to

supporting the former SSI workforce throughout this process, utilising their skills and knowledge during the remediation process and beyond.

- Supporting Fledgling Businesses.

Similarly, the Task Force would wish to see STDC supporting and helping to sustain the 260 new businesses which have been established by former SSI and supply chain workers. Again, the Task Force would request that these are considered during the reclamation and development of the site.

- Working in Partnership.

The Task Force has established new standards for partnership working, forging strong relationships across public agencies and private business, using new freedoms and flexibilities to accelerate delivery, and working in an inclusive way with Trade Unions and the wider community. The Task Force hopes that this approach will be embraced by STDC.

The Task Force looks forward to receiving feedback following the conclusion of the consultation, and to working with the Tees Valley Combined Authority and South Tees Development Corporation to jointly deliver a brighter future for local people.

Yours sincerely

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