

# CLEATOR MOOR INNOVATION QUARTER

## Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to view our development proposals today.

These consultation boards provide information on the development proposals, including the background to the development scheme, design evolution and key features of the development.

Feedback forms are available for you to complete either by hand or online which will provide us with your views on the proposals.

It is anticipated that the planning application for the scheme will be submitted to Copeland Borough Council in December, with your valued feedback taken on board in the scheme's final design.

## Background to the CMIQ Development Proposals

Sellafield has driven the Copeland economy for 70 years, with 6 in every 10 jobs in the Borough directly or indirectly related to Sellafield.

Sellafield is now moving into a process of decommissioning with a move towards cleaning-up the site which will lead to a slow but inevitable reduction in its economic activity. The Council is therefore working with partners to respond to this reduction and the impact on the local economy.

Whilst the decommissioning of Sellafield does present a

significant challenge it also provides an exciting opportunity for the Borough to capitalise on existing knowledge and supply chain capabilities in the nuclear and clean energy sectors, to reorientate the economy away from dependence on Sellafield.

The Council believe this can be best achieved through the creation of a new 'business cluster' to grow, develop and create world leading clean energy-focussed engineering and innovation businesses that will contribute to the future economic health and resilience of the Borough and wider region.



## The Industrial Solutions Hub (ISH) Campus

The Industrial Solutions Hub (ISH) project is a new economic initiative which is led by Copeland Borough Council with the support of key stakeholders including the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), Sellafield Ltd, Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership (CLEP) and private sector supply chain partners.

A business cluster is a geographic concentration of interconnected businesses, suppliers and institutions in a particular field. Clusters are considered to increase the productivity with which companies can compete, nationally and globally, through shared knowledge, innovation and specialised supply chain capabilities.

The ISH programme's objective is to create a 'Cumbria Advantage' to incentivise clean energy supply chain organisations to locate, grow, export and diversify from the region. This is to be achieved through the development of a new 'business cluster' to provide an economically competitive advantage to regionally located firms.

## Cleator Moor Innovation Quarter at Leconfield

The Council and the ISH project partners have agreed that the most appropriate location for the development of this business cluster for the new nuclear and clean energy sectors is the Leconfield Industrial Estate and adjacent land at Cleator Moor.

The Cleator Moor Innovation Quarter (CMIQ) will host a new enterprise campus and innovation hub providing bespoke accommodation that will be a focus for collaboration, innovation, and diversification across the Cumbrian nuclear and related engineering sectors.

## Development Proposals

The CMIQ area covers over 34Ha and incorporates three development areas: Leconfield Industrial Estate, land to the north and land to the east.

comprise of up to 44,350sqm (477,379sqft) of new floorspace to accommodate light industrial, research and development and storage and distribution uses alongside new education, hotel and student accommodation provision.

To support the creation of the business cluster campus, the development proposals

## Site Ownership

- COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
- LAND UNDER SEPERATE OWNERSHIP
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- SUSTRANS CYCLEPATH - C2C
- UNREGISTERED LAND
- CLEATOR MOOR CELTIC GROUND
- EXISTING LEASES

