

The next phase of the local plan

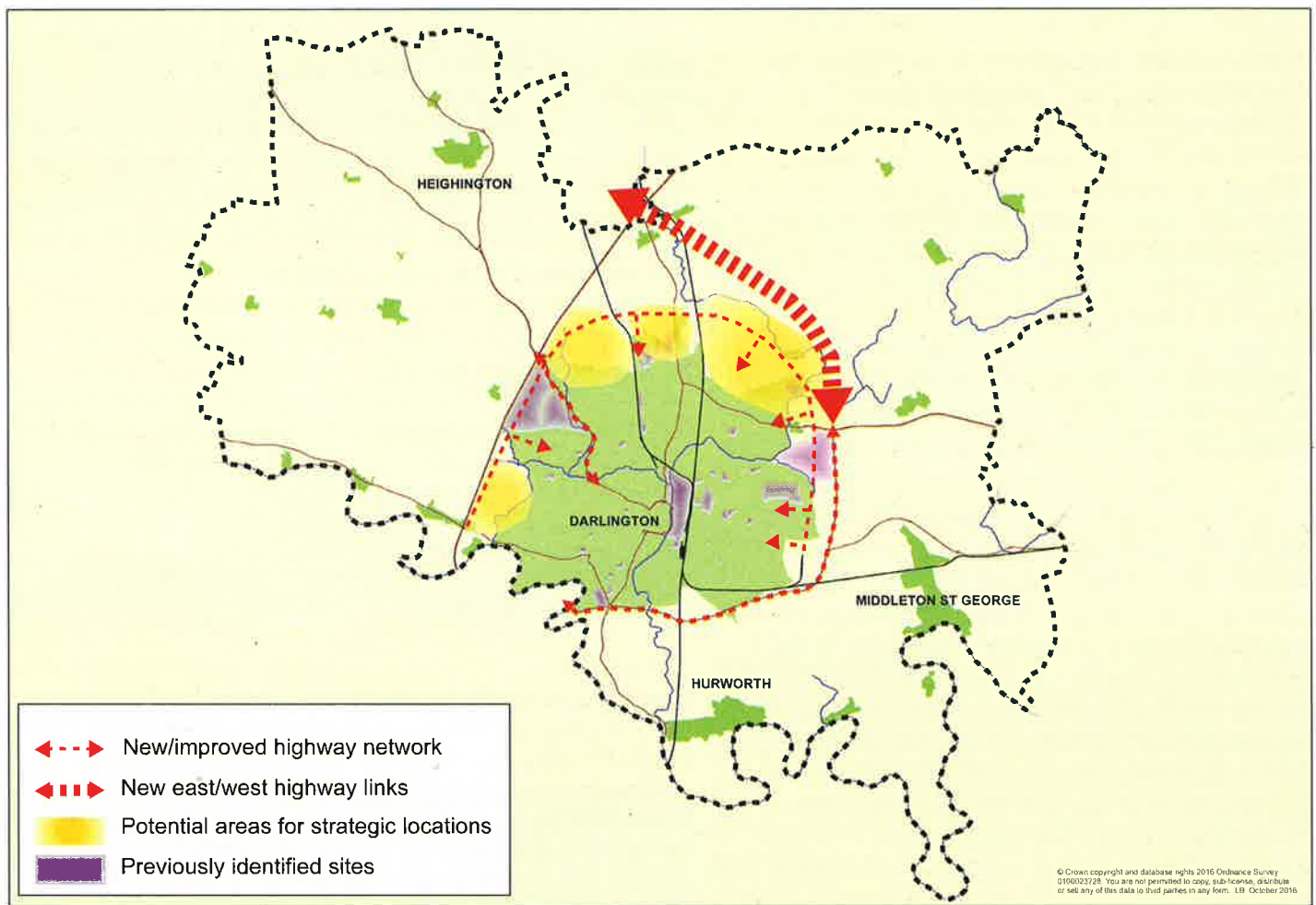
Now that the guiding principles strategic framework of the local plan have been agreed by Cabinet, work has started on developing the detail of the plan.

This includes:

- The policies that will be used to determine planning applications on things like housing, employment, retail, transport, heritage, biodiversity and climate change
- Allocations of land for housing, employment and other uses
- Creation of **masterplans** for strategic development areas
- Development of a robust evidence base to support the plan.

Masterplans

A masterplan is created before a planning application for a site and sets out matters of importance, but not the specific design. It means large areas can be planned in a coordinated way for things like schools, open spaces, community facilities and transport.



This next phase will involve close partnership working with local and national stakeholders such as Highways England, landowners, developers and other interest groups. Consultation with people who live and work in Darlington will also continue.

We already have a good evidence base of work that has been done on previous plans, which will

enable us to prepare a plan much more quickly than usual.

Throughout the development of the plan we will be providing updates on key proposals and consultations on our website. For more information, visit www.darlington.gov.uk/localplan