

UKSPA Member Meeting

16th and 17th September 2010

NETPark



1.0 North East Technology Park (NETPark)

NETPark is developed and managed by County Durham Development Company (CDDC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Durham County Council. CDDC was set up over 20 years ago to address the economic decline of the County caused by the disappearance of traditional industries. CDDC was successful in securing major inward investment for several years but, recognising the changing economic environment, refocused its attention to the development of investment in innovation. The estate is owned by Durham County Council - CDDC manages the site on a day to day basis with a dedicated team looking after site development, NETPark Net development, marketing and promotion, business development, incubation facilities management, partnership development and community outreach. NETPark's development is guided by the CDDC Board of Directors and the NETPark Advisory Group which consists of all five North East universities (at Vice Chancellor level), One North East, the Chief Executive and Leader of Durham County Council, Government Office North East and the MP for Sedgfield.

NETPark's vision is to fill 90 hectares with companies commercializing science, engineering and technology R&D. 6 years old, it has a major focus on electronics including nanotechnology, photonics, microsystems, energy, medical technology and printable electronics. It is the location of the UK national flagship facility for Printable Electronics (PETEC), in addition to incubation facilities and grow on space for new technologies. The NETPark Research Institute has world class research groups from Durham University: the Semiconductor Crystal Growth and Ceramics Group, and the Centre for Advanced Instrumentation. Located in the constituency of Sedgfield, County Durham, NETPark is a country estate for the 21st century.

The PETEC mezzanine, which was capable of holding larger conferences, is being fitted out as part of the PETEC expansion now under way. The meeting will therefore take place at Hardwick Hall Hotel, 2 minutes from NETPark, and tours of NETPark have been arranged. The September meeting is hosted and sponsored by CDDC, with support from the Electronics Transfer Network.

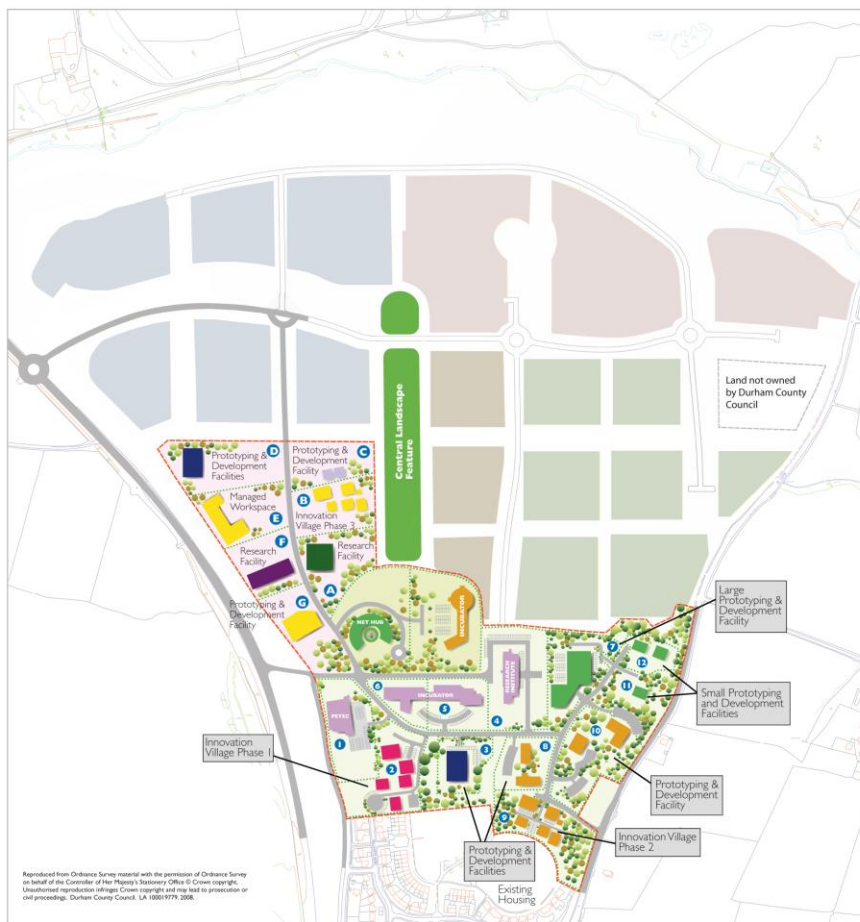
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Key

Year	Phase
2009	Phase 1
2010	Phase 2
2011	Phase 3
2012	Phase 4
2013	Phase 5
2014	Phase 6
2015	Phase 7
2016	
2017	

--- Regional Spatial Strategy Area to 2021

PLOT SIZES

Phase 1:				Phase 2:	
Gross Area:	13.00 Ha	32.00	Acres	2.75 Ha	6.79 Acres
PLOT 1	0.93 Ha	2.30	Acres		
PLOT 2	0.82 Ha	2.00	Acres		
PLOT 3	0.87 Ha	2.15	Acres		
PLOT 4	0.90 Ha	2.20	Acres		
PLOT 5	0.42 Ha	1.05	Acres		
PLOT 6	0.47 Ha	1.15	Acres		
PLOT 7	1.62 Ha	4.00	Acres		
PLOT 8	0.65 Ha	1.60	Acres		
PLOT 9	0.85 Ha	2.10	Acres		
PLOT 10	0.73 Ha	1.80	Acres		
PLOT 11	0.57 Ha	1.40	Acres		
PLOT 12	0.75 Ha	1.86	Acres		

Plot sizes indicated for Phase 3 are provisional and subject to change

Phase 3:	
Gross Area:	9.25 Ha 23.00 Acres
PLOT A	1.00 Ha 2.47 Acres
PLOT B	1.50 Ha 3.71 Acres
PLOT C	1.25 Ha 3.09 Acres
PLOT D	1.50 Ha 3.69 Acres
PLOT E	1.75 Ha 4.34 Acres
PLOT F	1.00 Ha 2.47 Acres
PLOT G	1.25 Ha 3.11 Acres

Indicative layout only.



2.0 The meeting

The theme of the meeting is Innovation Connectors – examining how science parks can become more embedded in their locality for the benefit of all. At the moment the programme is in draft but we hope to include:

- Presentation - the NETPark operating model
- Presentation - the Printable Electronics Technology Centre, the UK national flagship for printable electronics. Technologies, markets, global strategy
- Presentation – a NETPark case study (Kromek)
- Discussion - innovation networks. Panellists include CDDC, the EKTN and a member of NETPark Net. Please come prepared with your own examples of best practice
- Discussion – benefits of and best practice in outreach and community engagement. Please come prepared with your examples of best practice
- Presentation - evaluation frameworks
- Presentation – the national innovation landscape: Technology Strategy Board and the KTNs
- Three workshops will be offered - landlord and tenant legal update, sustainability in construction and effective social networking.
- Discussion – what does the new government mean for science parks?

As well as the AGM and UKSPA news.

Dinner

Several people have asked how to top George Walker's address to the haggis at the Edinburgh Members' Meeting. I'm not sure we can but we have a few surprises in store. The dinner itself will be held at Hardwick Hall as well and will be an informal meal to allow networking. Smart business dress – no dancing will be organised but feel free to do so! The reception is kindly sponsored by Devereux Architects.

Registration

UKSPA is arranging an online registration facility for this meeting which will include the meeting, workshop preferences and coach pick up from Durham station. We will let you know when this is live.

3.0 Getting there

By road

NETPark and Hardwick Hall Hotel are located just off the A177, 10 minutes from the A1 junctions 60 or 61. See <http://www.northeasttechnologypark.com/contact.html> for a Google Map. There is plenty of car-parking at Hardwick Hall.

By train

NETPark and Hardwick Hall Hotel are under 10 miles from Durham Station and 14 miles from Darlington Station, both on the East Coast mainline track. High speed trains run at least every half an hour between London and Scotland stopping at Durham and several more Cross Country and Northern Rail services stop at Durham daily. Travel time to Durham is approximately 2.5-3 hours from London and 1.5-2 hours from Edinburgh.

<http://www.eastcoast.co.uk/>

CDDC has organised a coach which will collect delegates from Durham Station the morning of the 16th September. The meeting is likely to start around 12noon on 16th and so the coach is likely to leave Durham station at around 11.30 as the journey takes 20-35 minutes depending on traffic. The meeting is likely to finish at about 1pm on the 17th and so the coach for the station will probably leave at about 1.15 or 1.30 to give delegates enough time to collect belongings. Please register for this service when you register for the conference.

By air

The closest airports are Durham Tees Valley (13 miles) and Newcastle International (32 miles). Please let us know if you plan to fly and we will see if taxis can be shared.

<http://www.durhamteesvalleyairport.com/>
<http://www.newcastleairport.com/home1.htm>

If anyone is lucky enough to know someone with a private plane, Fishburn Aerodrome is 5 minutes from NETPark!

4.0 Staying here

As the meeting is held at Hardwick Hall Hotel, we strongly recommend staying overnight. **The hotel is extremely popular and rooms will only be held until 15th August so you are**

advised to book now. The room rate is reduced to £75 per night for single occupation including breakfast for event attendees – quote CDDC or UKSPA to get this rate. Double occupation is £100 per night.

<http://www.hardwickhallhotel.co.uk/> (0)1740 620253

Other hotels within a reasonable distance include:

- Bowburn Hall <http://www.bowburnhallhotel.co.uk/>
- Hallgarth Manor <http://www.hallgarthmanorhotel.com/>
- Wynyard Hall <http://www.wynyardhall.co.uk/>
- Rockcliffe Hall <http://www.rockcliffehall.com/>
- Redworth Hall <http://www.barcelo-hotels.co.uk/hotels/northern-england/barcelo-redworth-hall-hotel/>

For those who want something quite spectacular try Seaham Hall <http://www.seaham-hall.co.uk/> although this is some distance from the meeting.

5.0 While you are here

If UKSPA or CDDC can help with anything at the meeting, let us know. The CDDC contact is Catherine Johns (07823 445221 or email Catherine.johns@durham.gov.uk) and the UKSPA contact is Jim Duvall (07982 273209).

North East England has a huge variety of things to see and do, so we hope that you will stay on and experience some of them. Medieval castles such as Raby; High Force, one of the most spectacular waterfalls in England; Bowes Museum, a French chateau in the heart of the County, and of course, the World Heritage Site of Durham Cathedral and Castle.

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Further afield, you can visit the ancient site of Lindisfarne; Alnwick Gardens; Hadrian's Wall; a Norman Foster designed concert hall complex, the Sage Gateshead; and the Angel of the North. Newcastle is often voted in the top 5 party cities in the world and there is no shortage of sport either in the North East: premier league football, international test match cricket, countless golf courses, riding, cycling, tennis... For shopaholics, Durham City has a plethora of independent shops and the MetroCentre, 10 minutes from Gateshead, is one of Europe's largest shopping centres.

If there is sufficient interest, we can organise a guided tour of Durham Cathedral – please let CDDC know. Minimum numbers for this tour is 20 and this will probably be Friday afternoon, subject to services in the Cathedral.

