



# River Tees Delivery & Management Framework



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Big plans, bright future

# Background

- Previous major studies have resulted in the significant development of key sites, e.g.
  - Tees Barrage International White Water Centre / Air Trail
  - North Shore
  - RSPB Saltholme
- many remaining recreational and leisure opportunities to contribute to economic growth and enhance the image of the Borough and wider Tees Valley.
- Timely opportunity to explore development potential of upstream stretch of River Tees in respect of;
  - Potential economic impact
  - Transforming perceptions and promoting assets
  - Connecting People and Place

# Scope of Study

- Evaluate ideas from previous studies, drawing a line under those that would be unlikely to progress and identifying those that still merit consideration
- Identify realistic opportunities and proposals for increased economic activity, recreational use and improved access to the River and surrounding area
- Provide a framework for partnership working to ensure delivery and support on-going management and development



# Vision

*For the River Tees and the surrounding river corridor to offer accessible, diverse and welcoming settings and attractions that promote economic activity and facilitate the enjoyment and participation of visitors, local people and businesses’.*



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# Sites within Scope

- Portrack Marsh
- Tees Barrage
- North Shore
- Stockton Riverside
- St Mark's Basin
- Bowesfield
- Preston Park
- Tees Heritage Park
- Yarm Quay



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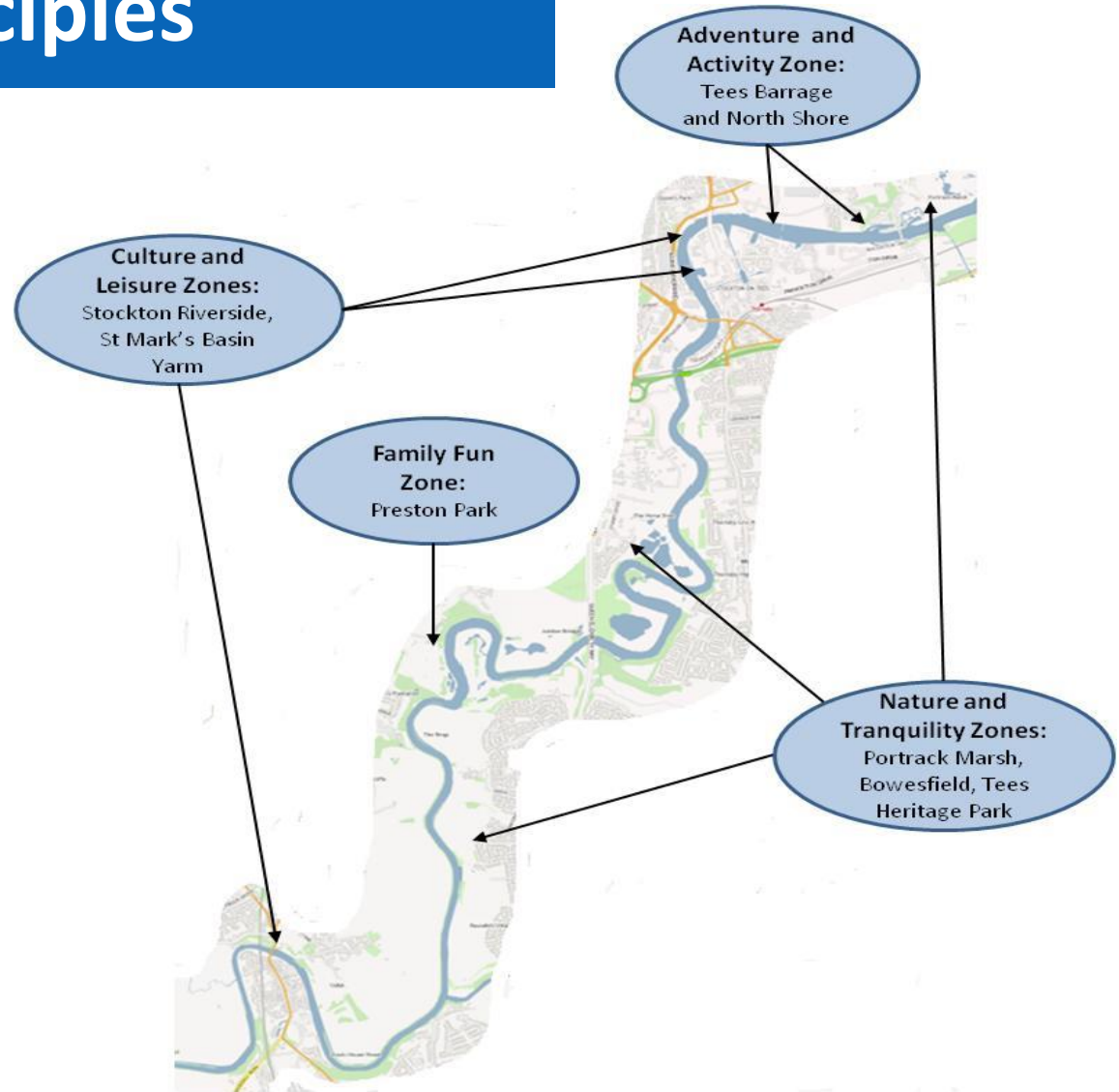
# Consultation

The consultants sought views / ideas from Stockton's River User Group and other partners / stakeholders, including:

- Environmental organisations
- River-based businesses
- User groups
- Community organisations

# Emerging Principles

## Zoning



# Emerging Principles

Within each Zone a range of potential projects are identified, classified as:

- **Making the Most of Existing Assets** (Short Term or Quick Wins)
- **Building on Existing Assets** (Opportunities for Medium Term Development)
- **Creating New Assets** (Transformative Opportunities for Long Term Consideration)



# Cross-cutting / whole river issues

The Framework also addresses wider issues and makes some key recommendations for:

- **Connecting the River:** footpaths; cycleways; river crossings; access for river craft to and along the river
- **River Quality:** silting-up, debris and cleanliness
- **Safety and Security**
- **Maintenance**
- **Marketing and Promotion**

# Proposed partnership arrangements

- **Framework Management Board** – that will act as the decision making and accountable body for delivery of the proposals outlined in the Framework
- **River Tees Forum** – to enable input from partners, stakeholders and users of the River Tees
- **River Tees Framework Coordinator** – to ensure coordinated implementation and associated recommendations

# Next steps

- **Complete commission and consult Cabinet Member**
- **Review of proposals in context of emerging River Tees Initiative**
- **Input into River Tees Initiative process**