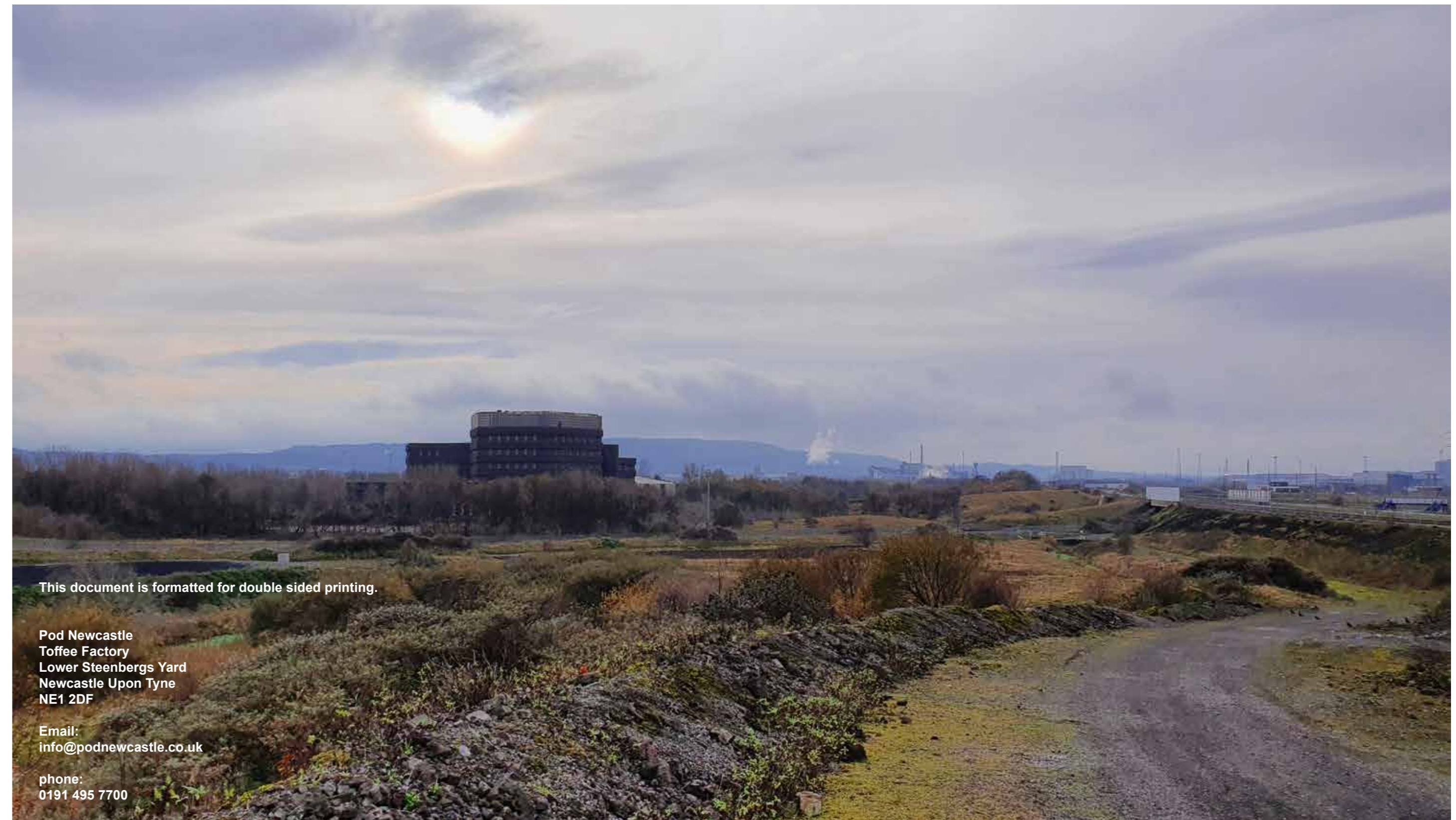


Long Acres, Teesworks  
Design & Access Statement  
December 2020

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# 1.0 Introduction

## INTRODUCTION

This Design & Access Statement has been prepared by Pod in support of an outline application for commercial and industrial development on Land at South Tees, Redcar. The proposed site is located approximately 6km to the west of Redcar and approximately 8km from to east of Middlesbrough. The site is bound by an existing rail track the North and a industrial site to the south. The British Steel site forms the eastern boundary along Tees Dock road. South Tees Freight park forms the western boundary. The site is within close proximity to the River Tees.

In order to attract key economic employers alongside providing jobs and employment for the surrounding areas, the application seeks to provide use classes including: B2 (General Industry), B8 (Storage or Distribution), and E (Office). These use classes can make a significant contribution to addressing the employment need.

This DAS sets out and highlights key design principles embodied within the proposal showing why they are appropriate in terms of use and scale, and how they respond to local context. In line with good practice contained within various recent Government publications, this Design Statement is arranged into key sections as set out below. Each section is designed so as to touch upon or specifically address several key criteria outlined in the CABE document 'Design Statements. How to Write, Read and Use Them'.

- Introduction - (Section 1.0)
- Site and Surrounding Area - (Section 2.0)
- Planning Policy Overview - (Section 3.0)
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- Development Proposals- (Section 5.0)
- Sustainability - (Section 6.0)
- Conclusion- (Section 7.0)

Although the main body of this statement is arranged, for ease of use, into the above-mentioned sections, many topics and issues are highly interrelated and as a result are sometimes referred to in other sections of the document.



Site Location Plan



Surrounding Area Plan



**2.0** Site and Surrounding  
STDC area

## SITE HISTORY

The Teesside steelworks formed a continuous stretch along the south bank of the River Tees from the towns of Middlesbrough to Redcar in North Yorkshire, England.

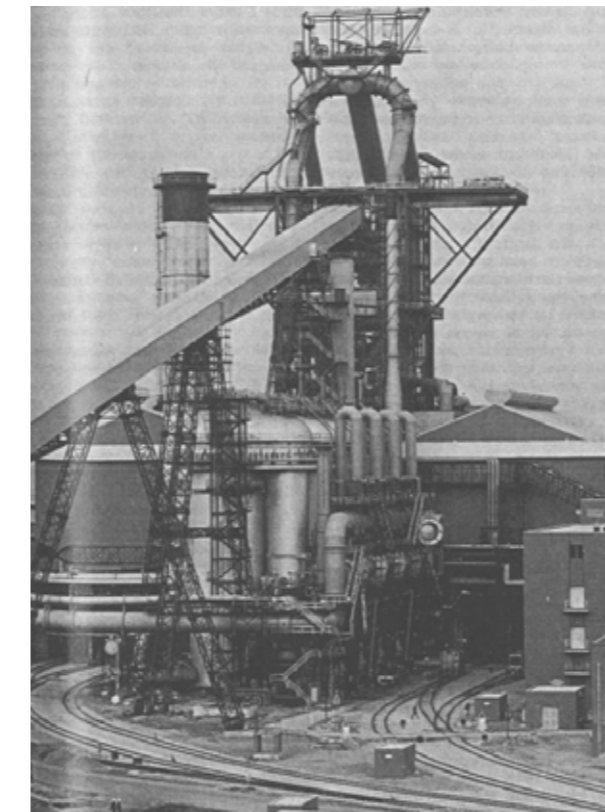
At the height of production there were 91 blast furnaces within a 10 mile radius of the area. By the late 1970's only one was left in operation in Teesside. Opened in 1979 and located near the mouth of the River Tees, the Redcar blast furnace was the second largest in Europe.

The majority of the steelworks, including the Redcar blast furnace, Redcar and South Bank coke ovens and the BOS plant at Lackenby closed in 2015. The Teesside Beam Mill and some support services still operate at the Lackenby part of the site.

Long Acres was previously occupied by the Warrenby Iron and Steel works up to the 1970's, with the hot metal railway running through the centre of the site. Historically, most of Long Acres was occupied with a large rail network, and blast furnace. The trains were able to pull a weight of 1410 tonnes on the 4 mile round trip between the blast furnace at Long Acres and the BOS plant at Lackenby.

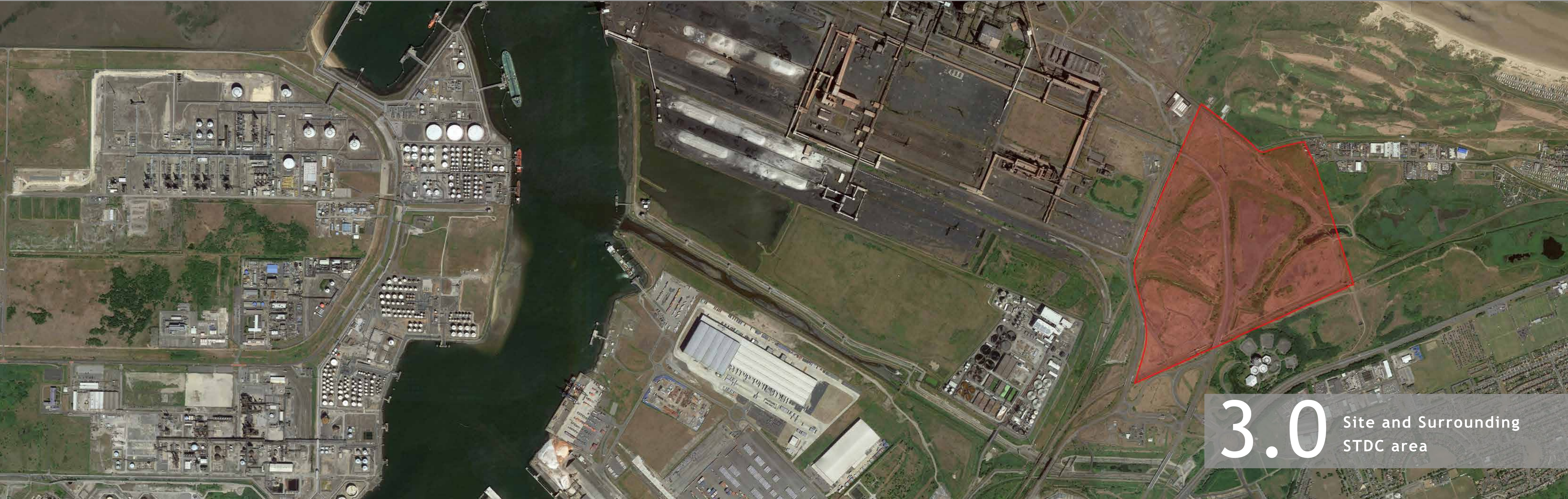


Long Acres - 1950



Long Acres - 1950





3.0 Site and Surrounding  
STDC area

#### SITE ANALYSIS

The site is approximately **67.05 ha (165.68 acres)** and is bound by Steel House to the South East, and the Foundry and Net Zero to the west. A road a rail link runs through the centre of the site, effectively diving the site in two. The Breagh pipeline runs forms a further site constraint the northeast of the site. Beyond the site boundary to the north lies the Cleveland golf course, then finally Coatham sands.

Whilst vacant, the site's history comprises evidence of the partial occupancy by the Warrenby iron and steel works up to the 1960s, with relic structures visible at the ground surface. The River Fleet crosses the area and much of the site is relatively low lying and heavily vegetated.

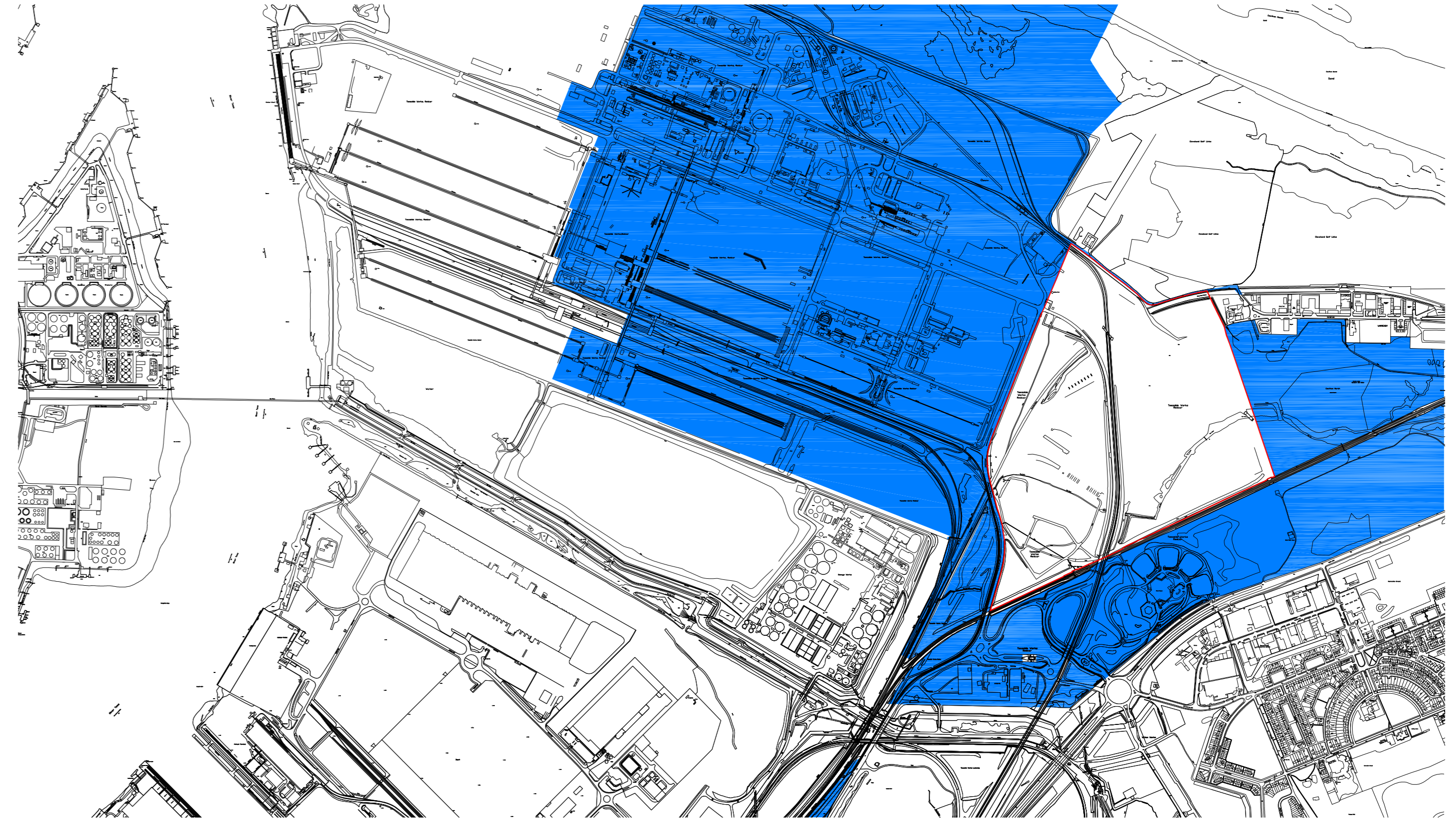
There are currently a number of access points around the perimeter of the site, that link Long Acres to the wider STDC locality.

#### SITE LOCATION PLAN

The location plan on the following page illustrates the land included within the application. The site offers great potential for substantial development.



Site Location Plan



Development Site: 67.05 ha / 165.68 acres

Other Land in Applicants Control





### SITE ANALYSIS

This section of the DAS documents the site through photography. The images help to build an overall picture of the full extent of the site and have been taken at various vantage points. The photographs have been numbered to correspond to the Key Views Diagram opposite to help identify where the views have been taken.



Key Views Diagram











## CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

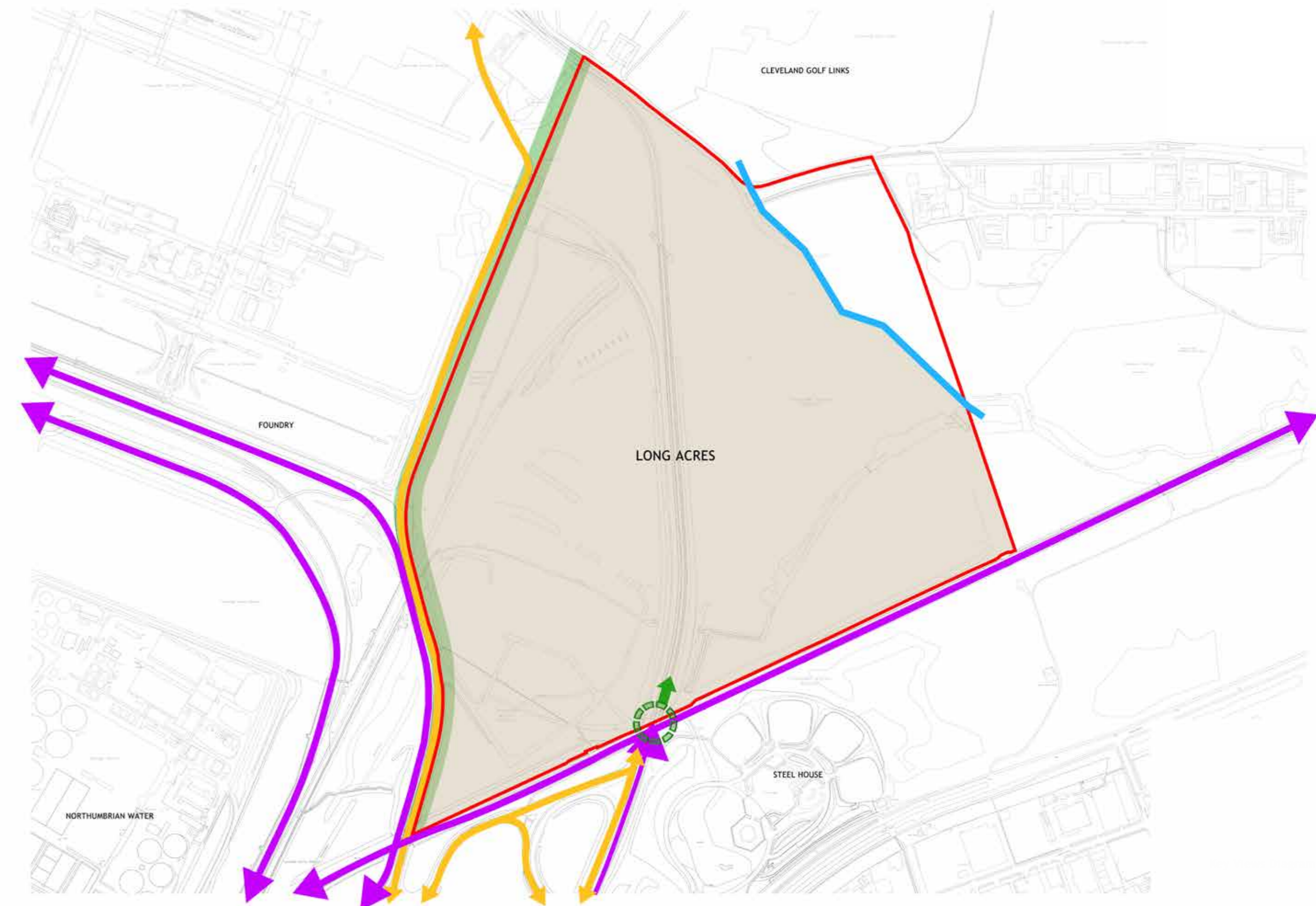
This section of the DAS analyses the opportunities and constraints that currently exist on the development site:

- The site is currently served by a number of access points along the perimeter. With a primary access identified via Steel House. The site has the opportunity to be accessed anyway along the western boundary.
- The site is divided by the existing hot metal railway, that runs through the centre.
- To the north of the railway is a STDC owned landfill (CLE31) that was principally utilised for the disposal of slag bi-products and similar wastes from iron and steel making. Which is no longer in operation. The site will be remediated prior to the occupiers taking possession.
- The existing road infrastructure provides good access to the existing and proposed access points.
- The north of the site is bounded by the Cleveland golf links.
- To the west of the site is the Foundry and Net Zero site, separating by a road link.
- The River Fleet crosses the area and much of the site is relatively low lying and heavily vegetated.



Site Location Plan

- Key
- Site Boundary
  - Access Point
  - Potential Site Access
  - Railway Line
  - Main Road
  - Breagh High Pressure Gas Main





4.0 Site Access



## SITE ACCESS

A number of potential site access points have been identified within the Long Acres site application. These have been chosen to offer greatest flexibility for the occupiers.

- **Access one - via an existing point at Steel House**

This identified point provides the site occupiers with convenient access to the STDC wider site, via the Steel House Gateway. Located immediately off the main Trunk Road, which provides access to Redcar/Teesside.

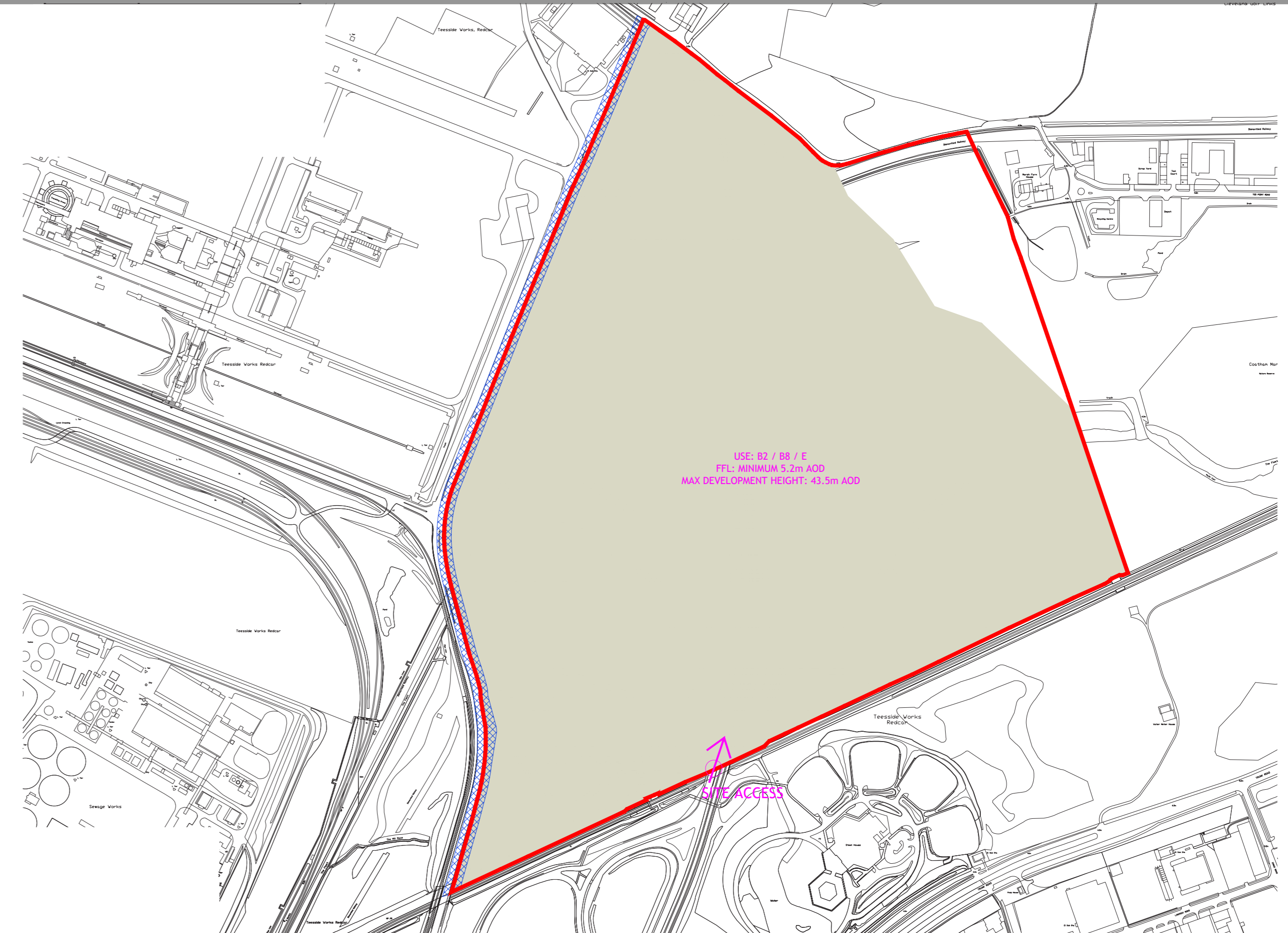
- **Potential Access**

The entire western edge of the site boundary has been identified as potential access locations. An existing road network bounds the site at this point, which provides huge flexibility to any end user.



Redcar British Steel Railway Station

Although formally closed in 2019, the Redcar British Steel Station to the southeast of the site, has been identified as a potential future access point to Long Acres. Which provides rail links to Redcar and the wider Teesside area.





5.0 Planning Policy Overview

PLANNING POLICY

In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the determination of the application must be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. In this case the relevant statutory development plan is the Redcar and Cleveland Local Plan (adopted May 2018).

The application site is designated in the adopted Local Plan as a Protected Employment Area (Policy ED6) to be developed for employment uses. There is, therefore, a clear and unequivocal presumption in favour of the grant of planning permission for the type of development proposed in the application, subject to there being no other material considerations which indicate otherwise.

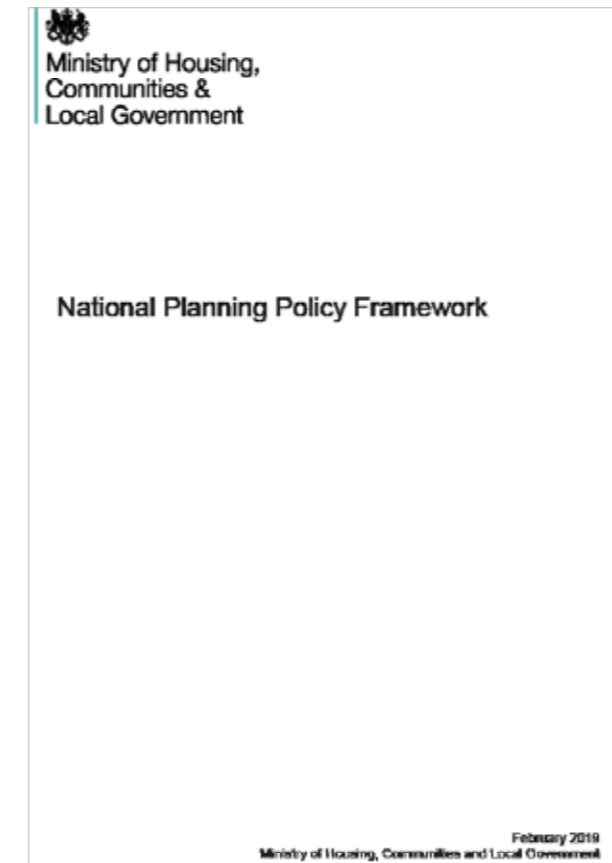
Policy ED6 notes that proposals within the South Tees Development Corporation area should have regard to the South Tees Area Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and that proposals which positively contribute towards growth and regeneration will be supported. It goes on to note that where appropriate, proposals will need to demonstrate that there will be no adverse effects on the integrity of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA and Ramsar site, or other European designated nature conservation sites.

The South Tees Area SPD supports the economic and physical regeneration of the South Tees Area, setting out the vision and core objectives for the area and providing greater detail on how adopted planning policies will be interpreted. The SPD is supported by the South Tees Regeneration Master Plan. Development Principle STDC14 (South Industrial Zone) notes that the Council will encourage development proposals for port-related uses, including port-based fabrication, offshore energy industries, including manufacturing, materials processing and manufacturing, contract fabrication and energy generation and, potentially, rig and large equipment decommissioning on the application site.

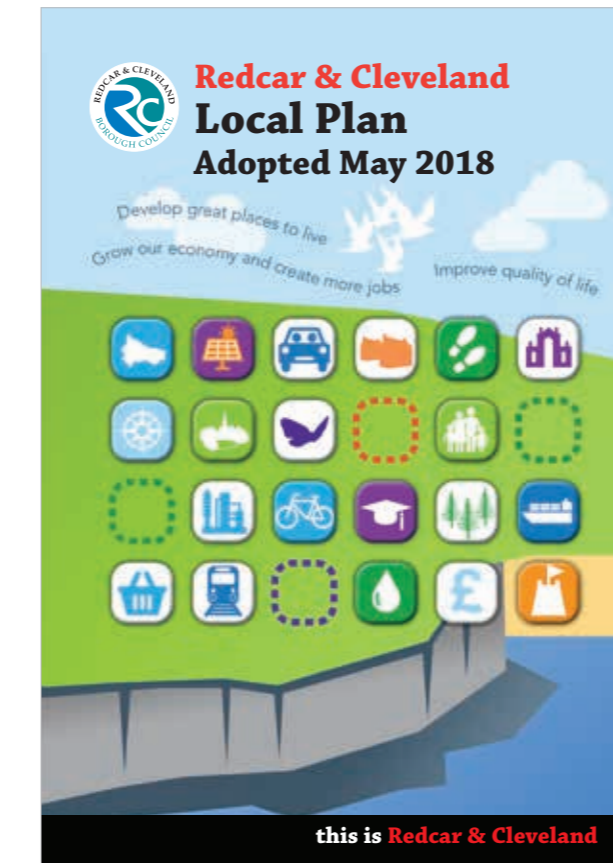
Other relevant Local Plan policies include the following:

- Policy SD 1 (Sustainable Development);
- Policy SD 4 (General Development Principles);
- Policy SD 5 (Developer Contributions);
- Policy SD 6 (Renewable and Low Carbon Energy);
- Policy SD 7 (Flood and Water Management);
- Policy N 1 (Landscape);
- Policy N 2 (Green Infrastructure);
- Policy N 4 (Biodiversity and Geological Conservation);
- Policy TA 1 (Transport and New Development);
- Policy TA 2 (Improving Accessibility within the Borough and Beyond);
- Policy TA 3 (Sustainable Transport Networks).
- Policy MWC 4 (Safeguarding of Minerals Resources from Sterilisation);
- and
- Policy MWC 8 (General Locations for Waste Management Sites).

The National Planning Policy Framework ('NPPF') is also an important material consideration in the determination of this planning application.



National Planning Policy Framework



Redcar and Cleveland Local Plan



South Tees Area Supplementary Planning Document



6.0

Scheme  
Parameters

## PARAMETER PLAN

The parameter plan opposite illustrates the following information:

As mentioned within previous sections of the DAS document, the proposed development site will have several potential access points:

Development on the site will be made up of three use classes:

- **B2 General Industry.**
- **B8 Storage or Distribution.**
- **E Commercial, business and Service (maximum 10%).**

These use classes are highlighted across all areas of the site in order to provide a good industrial development.




The Parameter Plan also illustrates a **minimum floor level of 5.2m AOD** and a **maximum building height of 43.5m AOD** across the entire site ensuring a uniform building infrastructure on the site.

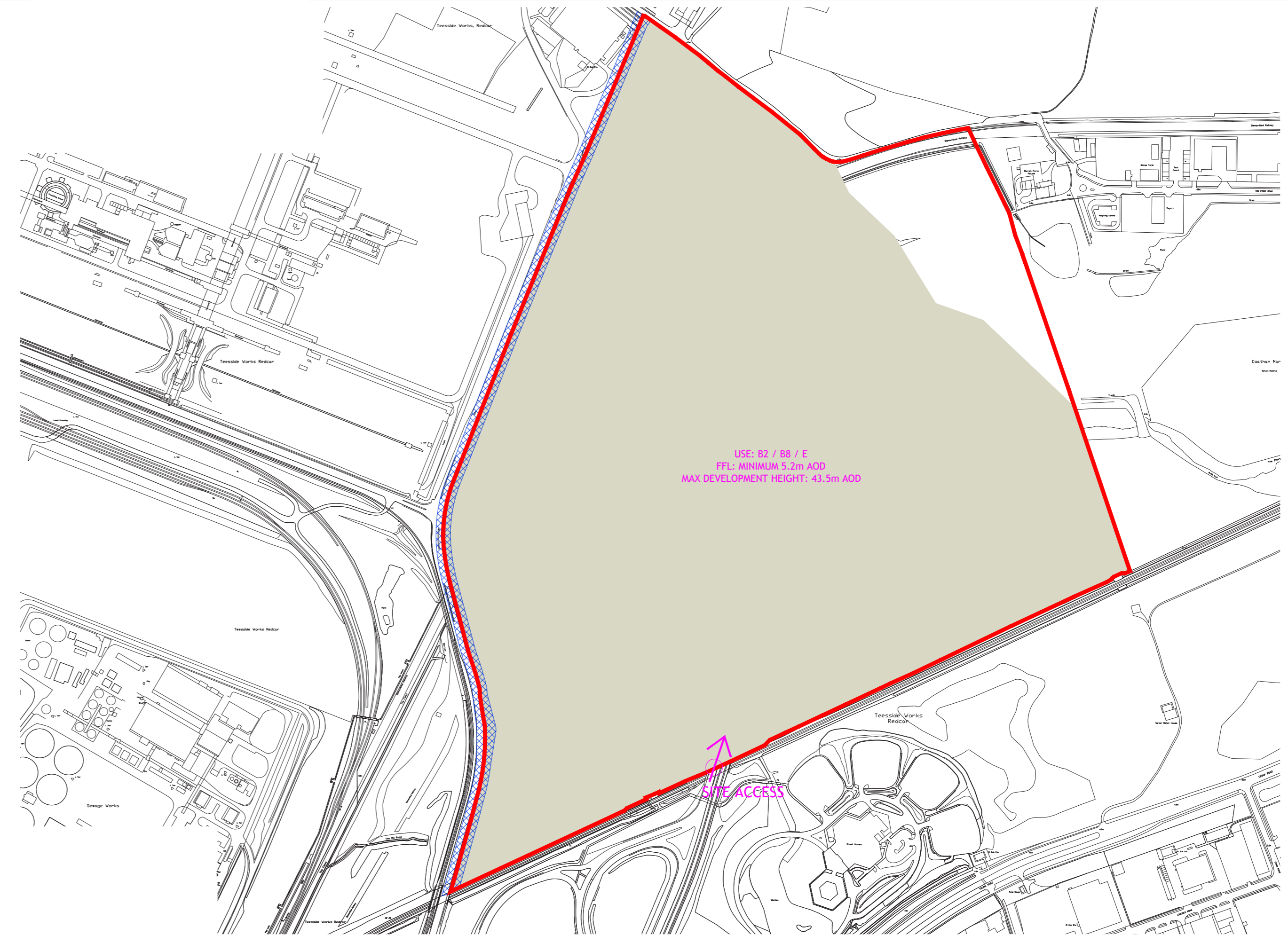


Site Aerial with Redline Boundary

Use Class	B2 (General Industry ) B8 (Storage or Distribution ) E (Office )(maximum of 10% of overall floorspace )
Maximum Floorspace	185,806 m <sup>2</sup> / 1999,999 sqft
Maximum Building Height	36m
Finished Floor Level	Minimum 5.2m AOD
Maximum Development Height	43.5m AOD
Access	Access is reserved and details will be submitted at the Reserved Matter stage of the planning process. An indicative location is shown on the Parameters Plan

**KEY**

	Total Site Area: 67.05 ha / 165.68 acres
	Potential Development Area
	Potential Access Area





**7.0** Development  
Proposals

## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The illustrative layout shows up to 185,806 m<sup>2</sup> / 1,999,999 sqf footprint of:

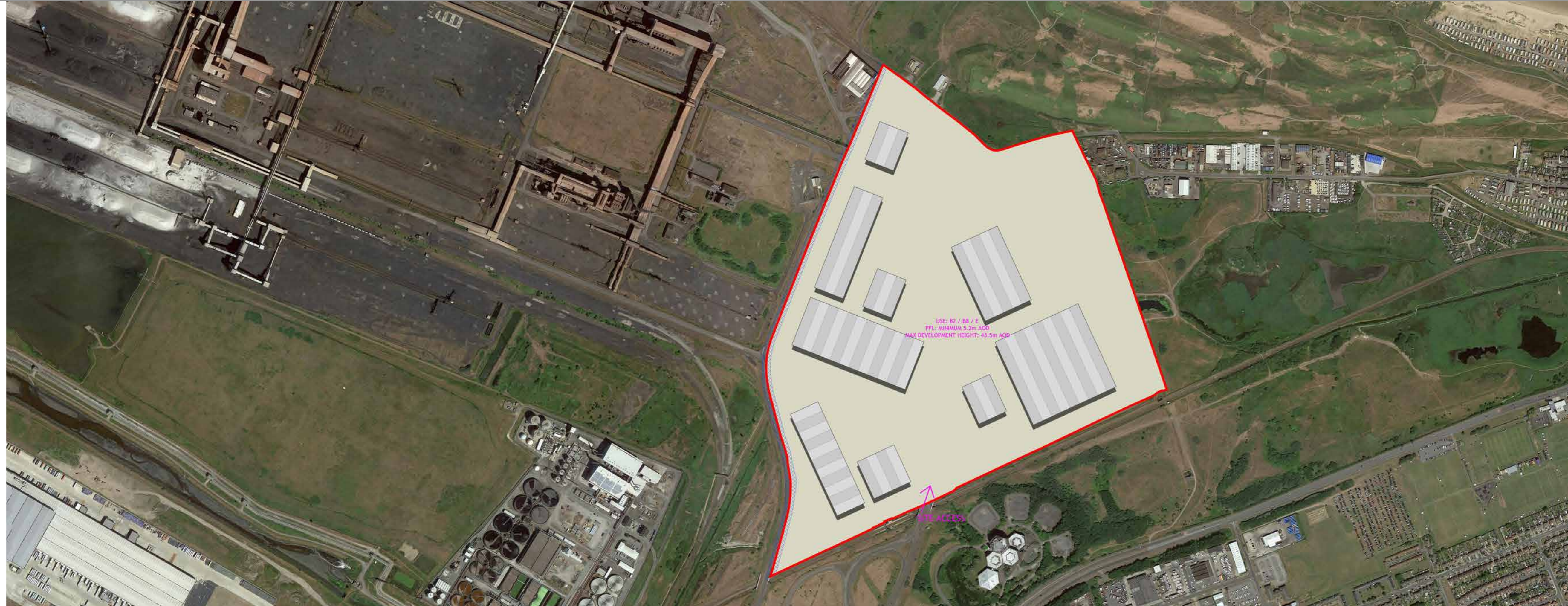
- B2 (General Industrial)
- B8 (Storage and Distribution)
- E (Commercial, business and Service)

The layout shows a range of sizes that could be designed for distribution centres, storage, manufacturing, assembly, industrial and others including ancillary offices.

The illustrative arrangement plan has been designed to demonstrate how buildings of a range of scales could be arranged across the site, showing a huge flexibility with good road and rail links.

The proposed development has the potential to offer a range of building sizes with heights up to a maximum of 43.5m AOD. This would be in line with the requirements for B2/B8/E uses. This is in line with existing buildings on neighbouring sites.

The material palette will reflect the aspirations of the Redcar Long Acres site to be a modern, forward thinking high quality development whilst also reflecting the industrial heritage of the site. This could include insulated cladding, fibre cement cladding and metal cladding systems with brick elements that could include office accommodation.



## BUILDING DESIGN AND MATERIALS

The designs of the buildings will vary across the site depending on location, use and site specific constraints. Steel frame construction has the potential to be adopted, which would be complemented with various wall cladding and roof panel systems.

Using a cladding panel system for the wall construction and a roof panel system offers a series of advantages:

### Construction

Using a steel frame and cladding system offers a rapid build programme and design flexibility to enable buildings such as distribution centres to be operational as soon as possible.

### Durability

A metal cladding system has the potential offer additional durability and give an industrial aesthetic. It can be more resilient to common causes of panel damage such as adverse weather conditions, chemical reactions and general wear and tear.

### Aesthetics

Cladding systems offer multiple design solutions including a range of sizes, colours and textures. This enables a building to be designed to reflect a particular corporate image. This variation in colour and texture will help individual buildings stand out whilst still maintaining a coordinated and coherent development with a strong identity.







8.0

Sustainability

## SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

The development team have identified a number of potential strategies to achieve a sustainable development.

Contractors will consider using local suppliers, recycled materials and implement a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) which will be monitored throughout the construction phase.

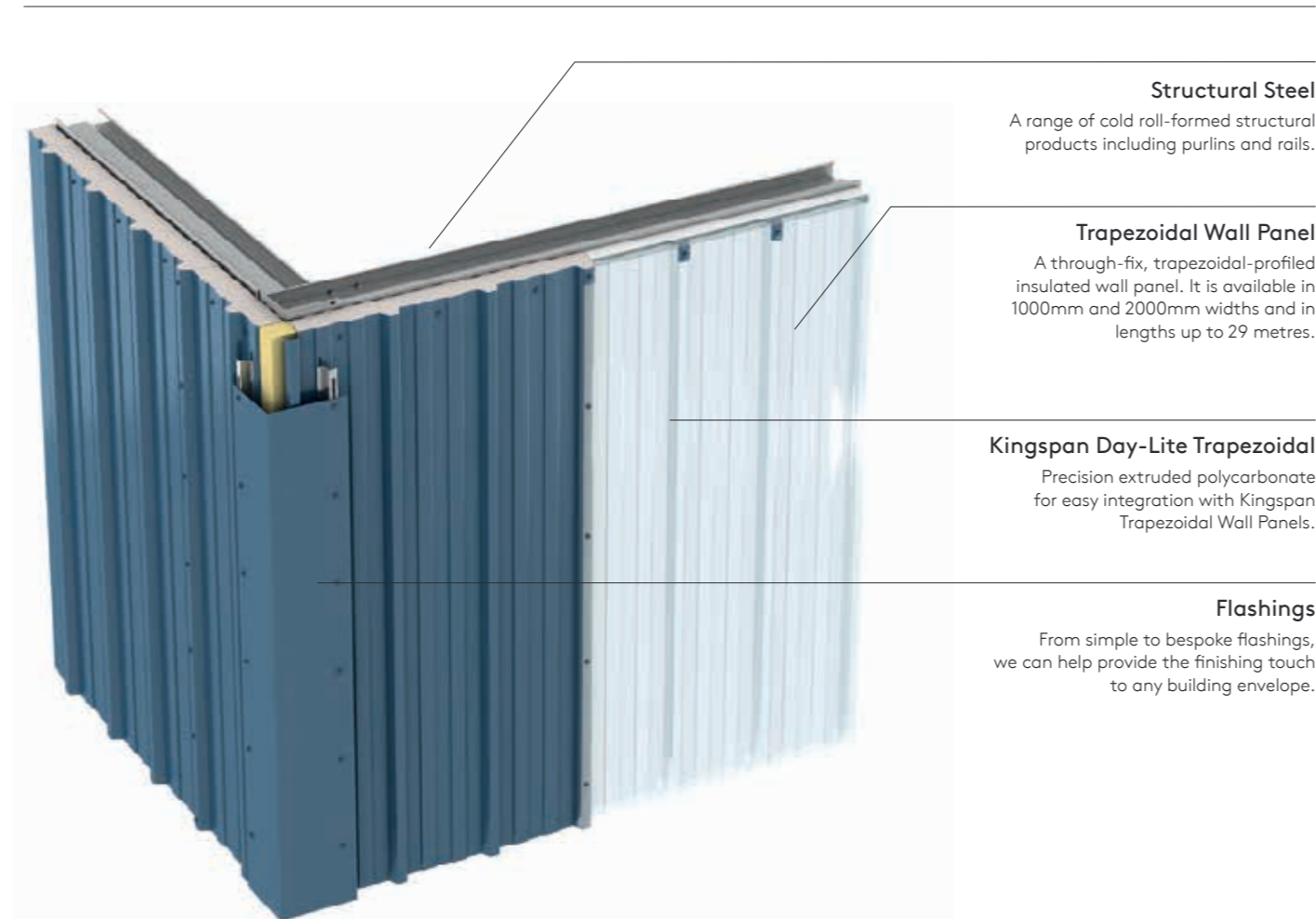
External lighting has the potential to be designed to prevent light pollution. Internal lighting can be LED and equipped with PIR detection for energy saving. Rooflights will also help to maximise natural daylight within the proposed buildings.

Refuse/Waste - Bin store provision will be provided for standard refuse collection and recycling. Occupiers will then be encouraged to work collaboratively to reduce and manage waste.

Choosing the right building materials can ensure a good thermal performance within the building resulting in reduced running costs in the long term. The material choice may also result in quicker build speeds allowing the business to commence working much quicker than originally planned. This allows businesses to quickly achieve a highly insulated building envelop which will ultimately save energy and maintenance costs across the life span of the building.

## RW Wall System

Our popular RW Trapezoidal panel shows it's true versatility in that it can be used for both wall and roof applications and in both vertical and horizontal orientations. Added efficiencies can be realised during your build as the RW Trapezoidal panel is available in up to 2 metre widths as well as up to 29 metres in length. Completing the RW Trapezoidal Wall Panel System is also a comprehensive, Kingspan-manufactured range of structural steel products and system accessories.



**Structural Steel**  
A range of cold roll-formed structural products including purlins and rails.

**Trapezoidal Wall Panel**  
A through-fix, trapezoidal-profiled insulated wall panel. It is available in 1000mm and 2000mm widths and in lengths up to 29 metres.

**Kingspan Day-Lite Trapezoidal**  
Precision extruded polycarbonate for easy integration with Kingspan Trapezoidal Wall Panels.

**Flashings**  
From simple to bespoke flashings, we can help provide the finishing touch to any building envelope.

Available cores:



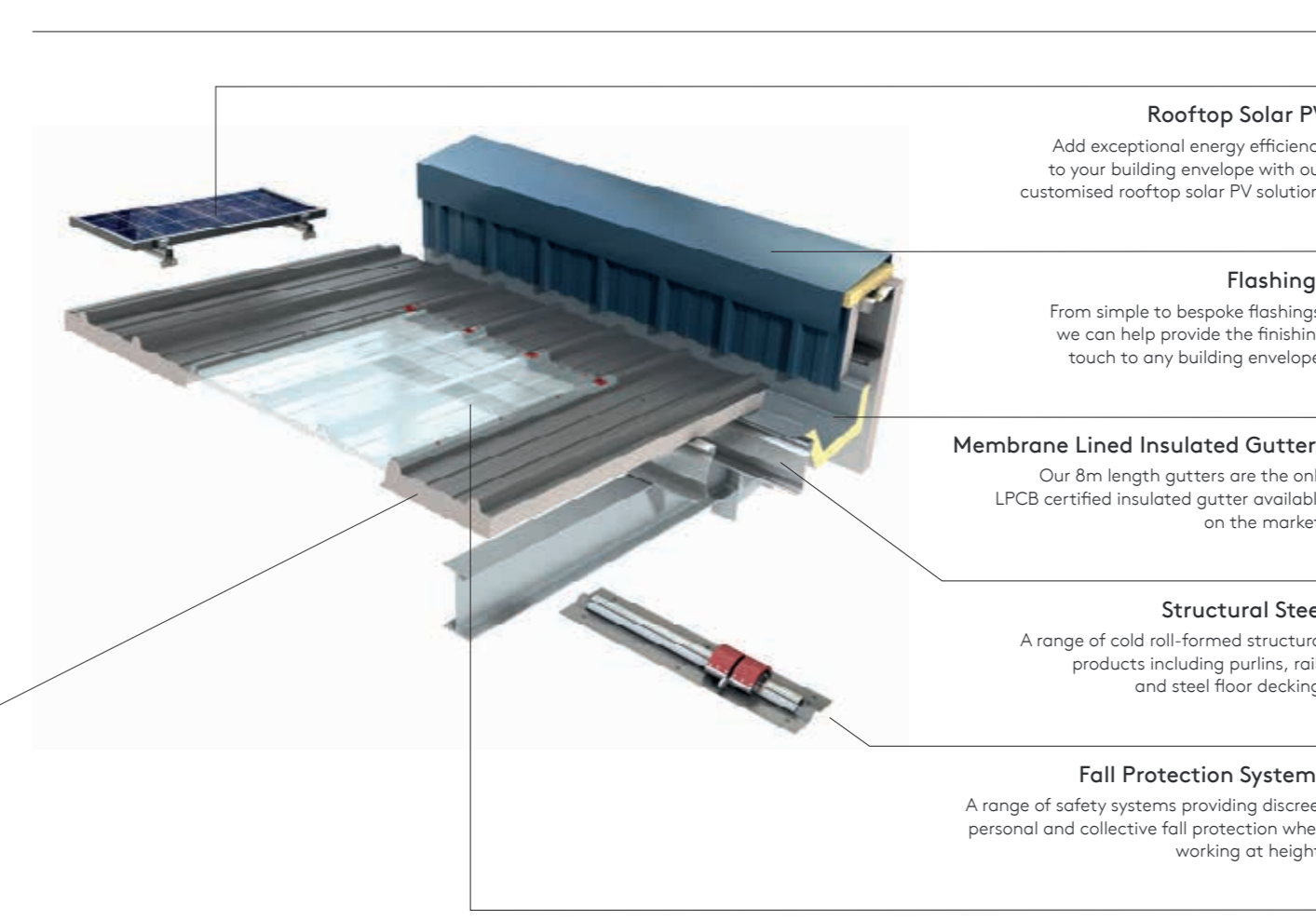
Example of a Kingspan Wall Detail

## RW Pitched Roof System

Our popular RW Trapezoidal panel shows it's true versatility in that it can be used for both pitched roof and wall applications and in both vertical and horizontal applications. In roof applications the RW Trapezoidal panel can be installed on Kingspan's Structural Steel Products, fitted with Kingspan's LPBC-approved insulated gutter and detailed with our own flashings, corners, bullnoses, drip, ridge, verge and parapet profiles.

As part of the RW Pitched Roof System the panel integrates with Kingspan Day-Lite Trapezoidal and Upstand daylighting, Kingspan Fall Protection solutions and Kingspan Roof Mounted PV System. The RW Pitched Roof System is fully supported by our expert Technical Support team.

Available cores:



**Rooftop Solar PV**  
Add exceptional energy efficiency to your building envelope with our customised rooftop solar PV solution.

**Flashings**  
From simple to bespoke flashings, we can help provide the finishing touch to any building envelope.

**Membrane Lined Insulated Gutters**  
Our 8m length gutters are the only LPBC certified insulated gutter available on the market.

**Structural Steel**  
A range of cold roll-formed structural products including purlins, rails and steel floor decking.

**Fall Protection Systems**  
A range of safety systems providing discreet personal and collective fall protection when working at height.

**Kingspan Day-Lite Trapezoidal**  
Precision extruded polycarbonate for easy integration with Kingspan Trapezoidal Roof Panels.

Example of a Kingspan Roof Detail



Distribution centre for Waitrose in Milton Keynes using Kingspan products.



9.0 Conclusion

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the scheme design takes account of the following key issues:

- A development of up to 185,806 m<sup>2</sup> / 1,999,999 sqf footprint made up of the following use classes:
  - B2 (General Industrial)
  - B8 (Storage and Distribution)
  - E (Commercial, business and Service) maximum 10%
- A proposal which fully responds to the existing constraints and opportunities of the development site.
- A development which connects existing routes through the careful positioning of development blocks and provides a clear road infrastructure with a number of potential access points.
- A development which responds to its local surroundings preserving the industrial identity of the site. The material palette will reflect the aspirations of the Redcar Long Acres to be a modern, forward thinking high quality development whilst respecting the industrial heritage of the site. The proposed design has the potential to be contextual yet distinctive, with character areas responding to location, proportion and materiality.
- A proposal with the ability to offer a range of building sizes with heights up to a maximum of 43.5m AOD. This would be in line with the requirements for B2/B8/E uses.
- A development which provides employment potential within the area and possible future phases in the form of distribution centres, storage, manufacturing, assembly, industrial and ancillary offices.

The project team believe the proposed application will become a positive addition to the area.

