

Scheme Benefits

Economic:

- The Garden Village will facilitate the delivery of the Ponteland relief road to accommodate and mitigate the effect of existing, proposed and future traffic movements on the local highway network; as well as support the development aspirations of Newcastle International Airport.
- Construction of the Garden Village will generate the equivalent of 840 net additional FTE jobs; with workers spending c. £700,000 in the local economy over the build period.
- It is intended that employment activities on-site will generate around 2,000 jobs; equivalent to 1 job per household. This will support c. £30 million of gross output per annum.
- New residents from the Garden Village will spend in the region of c. £40 million in the local economy, helping to support local services and facilities.
- The Garden Village will also generate over half a million pounds in business rates annually; £18 million in New Homes Bonus payments; and £3.3 million in Council Tax payments per annum.

Social:

- The Garden Village will provide a range and mix of high-quality homes including starter homes, executive, affordable and custom build properties.
- There will be an equivalent of 30% affordable homes provided, as well as opportunities for downsizers, elderly and more vulnerable groups.
- The Princes Foundation have had a lead role in ensuring excellence in design, producing a truly exceptional new community to be proud of.
- The Garden Village will provide a range of new village services including education and medical facilities as well as potential payments to improvement existing services elsewhere.
- Significant levels of open space provision are also to be provided, allowing for greater opportunities for sports and recreation and a healthy community.

Environmental:

- The Garden Village supports connections and enhancements to the surrounding sustainable transport network, including public transport.
- The development will provide a net gain in biodiversity across the site and wider Estate.
- High design standards will be incorporated, including sustainable and low carbon construction methods.
- Strategic Flood Alleviation works will be provided upstream to help reduce the risk of flooding in Ponteland.

Illustrative CGI view of the proposed Garden Village

