



PLANS WITH COUNCIL A computer generated image of the proposed the multi-million-pound Durham Gate development in Spennymoor.

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A MULTI-MILLION-POUND mixed use development for Spennymoor moved a step closer this week as plans went in to Sedgefield Borough Council.

The project is being brought forward by a joint venture known as the Carillion Arlington Real Estate (Care) Partnership.

The outline application for the 60-acre Durham Gate site has been submitted after months of planning and talks with agencies and individuals across the area. The developers say

they have been talking to both Sedgefield borough and Durham county councils, One North East, the County Durham Development Corporation, local businesses and residents of Spennymoor and the surrounding area.

The Partnership has also visited MIPIM, the world's largest commercial property fair in Cannes, France, to promote the area.

The site already has a number of existing key tenants and the Care Partnership says it plans to redevelop the site in full consultation with these businesses.

The long-term strategy for Durham Gate is intended to allow the non-occupied areas of the site to be developed

during the early phases of development.

The site will house around 440,000sqft of high quality office space, a new hotel and a local centre with a mix of amenities to serve those employed there.

The developers claim the space has the potential to accommodate more than 2,000 new jobs, and around 400 new homes will be created.

Neil McMillan, development director of Carillion's Development division, one half of the Care Partnership, said: "We have spent the last year getting to this stage and there has been a lot of very positive input from everyone we have talked to, from the major agencies and authorities to the individuals

who attended our pre-application consultations earlier in the summer.

"This project has a longevity which will see us through the current economic cycle and we are very confident that we can deliver our exciting vision for Durham Gate."

Allan Cook, director of Arlington Real Estate, the other partner, said: "This is a long-term plan to deliver a truly mixed-use and sustainable development and we are confident that we can make a real difference to this area of Spennymoor, which has massive economic potential."

The Care partnership is promoting its planned development via a dedicated website at www.durhamgate.com