

## **A Once In A Lifetime Opportunity - Our New HQ video transcript**

[Councillor Joy Allen, Cabinet member for transformation, culture and tourism]: "This is a once in a generation opportunity to create a prestigious business park that will enable us to create 6,000 high quality private sector jobs and boost the economy by £400 million.

[Image of sign advertising "Aykley Heads - Coming Soon. Up to 6,000 new jobs worth £400 million to our economy. Enquiries 03000 261 261. Images of artists impressions of the proposed Aykley Heads business park]

[Cllr Allen] The benefits of having a headquarters in Durham City will enable us to bring 1,000 staff into the city which will provide a year round economic boosts for the city and local businesses.

[Drone footage of Durham Cathedral. Video of shoppers on Saddler Street, Elvet Bridge, Durham Indoor Market and Silver Street in Durham City]

[Cllr Allen] In addition over 800 staff will be redeployed into four strategic sites across County Durham, again bringing a much needed footfall to our towns and villages.

[Images of Crook Civic Centre, Green Lane in Spennymoor, Meadowfield depot and Spectrum in Seaham]

[Cllr Allen] The new headquarters will be less than a third of the size of the current County Hall on Aykley Heads.

[Artist impressions of the new headquarters building, placing building in context of Freeman's Quay leisure centre, the Radisson hotel, Milburngate, National Savings & Investments and the Passport Office. Flythrough artist impressions showing the new building from the Riverside]

[Cllr Allen] It will be a much more efficient, much more economical building to run, as well as providing a more modern place for our staff to work as well. The construction of the new headquarters will enable us to create 250 new jobs in County Durham. Working with our contractor, Kier, we'll be creating opportunities for apprenticeships as well as opportunities for people who are currently unemployed to work on the construction of our new headquarters. In addition, we'll also have opportunities for local and regional suppliers to bid for work linked to the construction of our new headquarters.

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