

LANCASHIRE GETTING BUILDING FUND

The Government is making £900 million available through the new Getting Building Fund (GBF) for investment in local, shovel-ready infrastructure projects to stimulate jobs and support economic recovery across the country. The **Lancashire LEP** has been allocated **£34.1m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In Lancashire, a diverse range of projects are proposed for investment. The funded projects are expected to unlock new retail, leisure, commercial and low carbon technology business support and innovation space. The projects all support economic regeneration, housing and employment opportunities to support sustainable development. These align with the LEP's key priorities, supporting local growth and Lancashire's recovery from Covid-19.

Indicative outputs¹

Direct Jobs Created	1983
Construction Jobs Created	810
Jobs Safeguarded	127
Houses Unlocked	1000
Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm)	102,739
New Learning Space Unlocked	396
New Learners Assisted	6
Businesses Assisted	17
Public Realm/ Green Space Created (sqm)	5725
CO2 emissions saved (kg)	627,200

Summary of projects

Project	Description
Houndshill Extension Scheme	As part of its strategy to revitalise the town centre Blackpool Council purchased the Houndshill Shopping Centre (HSC) in Nov 2019, the aim being to support its sustainability and to re-purpose parts of it through the delivery of a transformational leisure and retail development. The mixed-use development comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 Screen Imax Style Cinema– (40,575 sq ft)• 2 New Restaurants (3760 sq ft)• A relocated Wilko Store (22,500 sq ft)
Abingdon Street Market Acquisition and Rejuvenation	This project will rejuvenate the visitor experience, growth, and sustainability of the town centre. A new and rejuvenated retail and service offer will address the needs and demands of residents and visitors to provide a modern experience.

¹ The outputs listed are locally reported and will undergo further quality assurance before being finalised and confirmed in grant offer letters

<p>Alker Lane, Chorley</p>	<p>The Alker Lane scheme will provide much needed new commercial floorspace comprised of affordable office accommodation (3,734 sq m) and new industrial units (4,965 sq m). The development will be directed towards scale ups, start-ups and new businesses promoting inward investment in the digital and creative sector. The development will provide invaluable accommodation and digital connectivity improvements for businesses in the town centre looking to grow.</p>
<p>Burnley Town Centre Master Plan - Pioneer Place Retail/Leisure Development</p>	<p>The Project is identified in the Burnley Town Centre and Canalside Masterplan. It will redevelop a brownfield site and address an identified need for a leisure anchor with the re-location of REEL cinema from its current out of town location and a branded food and beverage offer. The existing cinema site will also be re-developed for a food retailer. The scheme will improve town centre vitality and viability with increased footfall and dwell time, underpinning other masterplan objectives.</p>
<p>Lancashire Centre for Alternative Technologies - RedCAT</p>	<p>The Lancashire Centre for Alternative Technologies - RedCAT will service the needs identified by the Low Carbon sector, for end to end funding/specialist support throughout the full commercialisation journey, for Lancashire's green technology innovations. RedCAT would partner with the Clean Energy Technology Park/AMRC Low Carbon Demonstrator to deliver a cohesive pathway for development/demonstration, manufacture and commercialisation of Low Carbon Technologies in Lancashire showcasing to customers/funders and accelerating the development and deployment route to global low carbon technology utilisation.</p>
<p>Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) Low Carbon Manufacturing Building Demonstrator</p>	<p>The AMRC Low Carbon Building Demonstrator will demonstrate retrofittable smart building technologies. The demonstrator will showcase technologies within the fabric of the building, providing access for manufacturers to evaluate and consider adoption in their own factory. The project would work in collaboration with RedCAT and the Clean Energy Technology Park to create a local ecosystem of innovation, developing new low carbon energy technologies.</p>
<p>Fleetwood Docks Mixed Use Regeneration Project - Fish Park & SME development and Enabling Works for Housing - Project Neptune</p>	<p>Project Neptune is the first phase of a transformational mixed-use development of Fleetwood Docks. It will pump prime the development and help bring forward the overall site in line with the aspirations for mixed use development in the Local Plan. This first phase includes the development of a modern purpose-built Fish Park and the enabling works to bring forward a first phase of serviced land suitable for waterfront residential development with high quality public realm. The Fish Park development will safeguard local jobs and allow new and existing SME businesses to grow.</p>
<p>Hillhouse EZ - Electrical, Water and Access Infrastructure</p>	<p>Thornton Facilities Management will commit to deliver additional and improved electrical and water supply infrastructure alongside repositioning of existing gatehouse security to allow access to the new secure business park; Hillhouse International. The project</p>

	will assist in delivering 200 new jobs to the area as part of the Enterprise Zone project through improved infrastructure for all existing businesses and new occupants of the planned new-build Hillhouse International Business Park.
M55 Heyhouses Link Road	The road is needed to satisfy the impacts from the Queensway residential development site and to overcome localised congestion problems on the B5261 which is a key corridor for both Fylde and Blackpool. It provides an alternative corridor to the M55 motorway, as well as access to existing employment areas from Lytham. It is required to enable Fylde Council to deliver its local plan. It also satisfies future access needs to the Fylde coast for business (including Blackpool's Enterprise Zone), leisure activities and tourism. The road also includes a parallel sustainable corridor satisfying needs of pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.
Tatton	The Tatton scheme will consist of a 63 assisted living units consisting of a mix of a 1-bed and 2-bed units, a new community centre, a GP Surgery and Pharmacy for the NHS, and landscape works to regenerate the existing park and gardens at the Tatton Recreation Ground providing both sporting and civic facilities. There is an identified need for assisted living accommodation and new health facilities in Chorley. The development will also include provision for 14 private low-rise residential dwellings of which 30% will be affordable.

Lancashire LEP will be expected to deliver the agreed projects but will have flexibility to deliver the greatest economic benefits to the area. Any significant changes to the projects should be discussed with the Government in advance, and all investment decisions must be undertaken in line with locally agreed audit and scrutiny arrangements.