

SHEFFIELD CITY REGION 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 **Sheffield City Region** has been allocated **£33.6m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In Sheffield City Region, the funded projects are expected to deliver new learning spaces for schools/colleges and digital infrastructure for more mobile ways of learning; enterprise space for businesses and start-ups; new pedestrian/cycle bridges and junction improvement schemes to encourage safe and active travel; public realm enhancements to support and encourage new inward investment; and enabling works to accelerate the development of key regeneration sites for commercial and leisure uses. The investment will also see the implementation of around 230 fast/rapid chargers for electric vehicles across South Yorkshire.

Indicative outputs¹

Direct Jobs Created	720
Construction Jobs Created	510
Jobs Safeguarded	20
Houses Unlocked	250
Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm)	8,129
New Learning Space Unlocked (sqm)	2,473
New Learners Assisted	954
Businesses Assisted	c10
Roads/Cycle Lanes/Walkways Unlocked (km)	1.26
Public Realm/ Green Space Created/Improved (sqm)	131,797
CO2 emissions saved (kg)	316.30

Summary of projects

Project	Description
1. Barnsley College: Digital Learning-Sci Tech Building	The re-purposing of the ground floor (currently a car park) of the college Sci-Tech building will add further value to the current refurbishment, funded by Sheffield City Region and DfE, to provide a world class digital learning experience. Creating an innovative space for use by businesses, start-ups, schools and college learners, with maker space, innovation labs and managed workspaces.
2. New Active Travel Foot/Cycle Bridge	The delivery of a new foot/cycle bridge will enhance the A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Improvement Scheme, facilitating employment and housing opportunities identified in the Local Plan. Enhancements to the park area and the proposed foot/cycle bridge will provide connectivity links between two community areas, a safer walking route to school, and an “active travel” link for residents and commuters across the borough.

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

3. Goldthorpe Strategic Land Assembly	<p>This land acquisition will enable delivery of an access roundabout into allocated employment land, along with enabling wider site acquisition and redevelopment of 42 ha (103 acres) of land for employment purposes.</p>
4. Better Barnsley - Market Gate Bridge	<p>This will see the construction of a new pedestrian bridge over the main Sheffield to Leeds railway line, also supported and part-funded by Network Rail. The bridge will link existing public transport and parking provisions to the new retail and leisure quarter. It will provide a safe accessible route over the railway line for pedestrians and cyclists, also enabling the permanent closure of the existing Jumble Lane rail crossing.</p>
5. Barnsley Town Centre Public Realm	<p>This public realm project will focus on the Peel Square area of Barnsley Town Centre, which is a strategic link between several retail-focused streets and Wellington Street, the current focus for the town's night-time economy. As a gateway to the main pedestrian section of the town centre, Peel Square is the location of Barnsley's famous outdoor market and the public realm works will provide market traders and shoppers with a new, high quality setting. The project will also integrate a series of important public safety features.</p>
6. DN Colleges Group: Digital Infrastructure	<p>This scheme will improve connectivity for Doncaster College's digital community and help accelerate its digital strategy. Distance learning and home working over recent months has identified a high priority need for additional mobile infrastructure, to meet the demands of new ways of working for students and staff, and to make effective connections across the wider community. The investment will facilitate enhanced remote connectivity and new software to ensure that a blended teaching model is successfully embedded, to benefit learners. These technology developments will enable Doncaster College to help drive forward the local economy and boost the supply of digital skills.</p>
7. DN Colleges Group: Construction Space	<p>The investment will provide new creative and flexible space for construction learning at Doncaster College, particularly focused on the growing demand for skills in "modern methods of construction", to support industry and the local economy. New, high quality and innovative teaching and learning spaces will be delivered, to inspire students and staff to embrace new methods of construction learning and to maximise learner achievements and employment potential.</p>
8. Doncaster Town Centre "Quality Streets" - Active Travel" and Digital Infrastructure Programme	<p>This will see the continued delivery of the Doncaster "Quality Streets" programme to support and enable new investment in the town's urban employment and residential development zones; linking the "City Gateway" to the central business district. The scheme includes a mix of traffic management, street lighting, junction improvements, active travel provision, landscaping and environmental improvements, as well as the provision of new digital infrastructure.</p>
9. Century II Business Centre (Rotherham)	<p>The second phase of the Century Business Park will create around 17,000 sq. ft. of new floor space for office and clean manufacturing "move on" space for new and growing businesses. This high-quality employment space will be made available to business within the local area, as well as to the wider Borough and City Region. Building on the first phase of the Business Park, this project will allow occupants and other businesses to move to</p>

	larger premises as their business grows, responding to a current lack of capacity in the local property market.
10. Rotherham Town Centre	The scheme will deliver a range of interventions throughout Rotherham Town Centre, which form part of a transformational masterplan. It will include public realm improvements to enhance key streets and routes throughout the pedestrianised town centre; important acquisitions that form part of the Rotherham Markets Redevelopment scheme; and acquisition and remediation of the important 'Riverside Precinct' site, which forms part of the catalyst "Forge Island" leisure development.
11. Greasbrough Corridor Improvements – "The Whins" (Rotherham)	This project will tackle significant congestion that arises at a key, strategic road junction, which is crucial to unlocking new housing growth associated with the "Bassingthorpe Farm" strategic housing site. The investment will address both existing and future congestion issues by future-proofing the junction; and is expected to generate wider co-benefits in respect of supporting local flood prevention.
12. Sheffield Heart of the City Breathing Spaces	Since 2010, Sheffield City Centre Breathing Spaces Strategy has created award winning open spaces using Section 106 funding to match ERDF, Environment Agency and Sheffield City Region funding. These spaces enrich the wellbeing of residents/ visitors, attracting investment, improve air quality and bio-diversity, and reduce flood risk. This project will create three new spaces: a landscaped pocket park and cycle hub; a vibrant square on Carver Street with seating terraces for adjoining cafes; and an expansion of the current Peace Gardens.
13. Parkwood (Sheffield)	Parkwood represents a strategic development on the edge of Sheffield City Centre to create a world class outdoor leisure facility with associated hospitality activity, building on Sheffield's "Outdoor City" credentials. The scheme will deliver new access to this strategic site and site clearance in preparation for new development - leading to the creation of a regionally-significant leisure facility, direct job creation in a less prosperous area of the City, and support the wider hospitality sector through increased visitor numbers.
14. South Yorkshire Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	This project will deploy electric vehicle charge points across South Yorkshire. A detailed study has shown that, to deal with the expected uptake of electric vehicles (EVs) in the region, a significant number of charge-points need to be deployed. The study found that around 200 fast chargers and around 30 rapid chargers are required before 2022, if South Yorkshire is to keep pace with the growth of EVs. This project will increase the number of chargers in the Yorkshire and Humber region as a whole by around 12%.

Sheffield City Region 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 will be discussed with the Government in advance, and all investment decisions must be undertaken in line with locally agreed audit and scrutiny arrangements.