

WORCESTERSHIRE LEP 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. **Worcestershire LEP** has been allocated **£12m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In Worcestershire, the funded projects are expected to deliver a balanced programme to drive the key enablers identified in the Worcestershire LEP 2040 vision: development of innovation and business by expanding Malvern Technology Park and Vale Park; road projects to reduce congestion; enabling projects to support the strategic development of Redditch and Worcester Shrub Hill stations and to develop University of Worcester campus; development of a walking and cycling bridge in central Worcester; support for flood defence work at Tenbury Wells; and an exemplar project to develop energy efficient housing and development of a data-centre in Worcester to support full-fibre roll-out.

Indicative outputs¹

Direct Jobs Created	2310
Construction Jobs Created	580
Jobs Safeguarded	1160
Houses Unlocked	1740
Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm)	174,200
New Learners Assisted	1750
Businesses Assisted	90
Improved Learning/ Training Space Unlocked	11130

Summary of projects

Project	Description
Superfast Worcestershire - FTTP	This project aims to support issues faced by commercial operators in deployment of full fibre broadband networks for wider local benefits. This project will secure and fit out a building/site in Worcester City for a data centre / point of presence, specifically the proposed investment of City Fibre c.£25-35m in Worcester.
Malvern Technology Park	Malvern Technology Park will join together an established Science Park and a market leading multinational defence technology company site (26 hectares), and expand it by 4.5 hectares to create an additional 300,000 sq ft of B1(b) commercial floor space to create a Technology Park of European scale.
A456 Improvements (Hagley)	This road project is aimed at improving journey times along the A456 through Hagley and support delivery of the Local Plan. This scheme will involve upgrades to junctions to improve efficiencies and facilitate local growth.

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

Hoobrook Island Improvements (A449 / A442)"	<p>This road project will address the long-standing congestion and queueing at Hoobrook junction, which serves as a barrier to local growth. The scheme objectives are to reduce congestion and delays on all 4 arms of the roundabout, resulting in overall journey time reduction.</p>
Worcester Shrub Hill Quarter and Masterplan	<p>Worcester City Council's masterplan vision for the Shrub Hill quarter is to provide a high-quality office quarter with employment-led mixed-use development incorporating new parking, transport interchange, and the creation of a dynamic and vibrant focus of City Centre expansion. This project will deliver the technical and engineering business case for the Station and underpin the early strategic land acquisition.</p>
Redditch Transport Interchange	<p>The Redditch Rail Quarter and Interchange is one of 5 schemes that underpin the Redditch prospectus for growth that set out the ambition to reinvent Redditch as a vibrant town centre in Worcestershire. This project delivers the immediate strategic land acquisition of land adjacent to the station and delivery of technical business case work that is key to enabling extension of rail facilities that lie at the heart of the Interchange proposals.</p>
Health, Wellbeing & Inclusive Sport (University of Worcester)	<p>This critical enabling project will take forward rapid development of a 5-hectare site in Worcester, which is earmarked for a local medical school at the University, serving the wider region. This project will develop the critical infrastructure for the site, including on-site energy generation, improved facilities for green transport, improved local connectivity and flood resilience measures.</p>
Construction and Automotive Skills Centre (Kidderminster College)"	<p>This project supports Kidderminster College's ambition to match its investment into a new modern Skills Centre facility, offering Construction and Automotive courses to replace its current leased facility. This project will provide much-needed capacity for growth in response to demand from learners and employers.</p>
Low Carbon Housing - Burcott Lane	<p>This is an exemplar project looking to improve the energy efficiency of new residential developments. The project in Bromsgrove for 61 new dwellings features energy saving measures exceeding building regulations on a 'best value' principle.</p>
Flood Resilience - Tenbury Wells	<p>A project for provision of comprehensive flood defences to protect Tenbury Wells town centre. The Tenbury Flood Alleviation Scheme will reduce flood risk to around 80 homes and 80 businesses, keeping Tenbury open for business during floods.</p>
Kepax Walking & Cycling Bridge	<p>This project delivers a key Active Travel Corridor priority for Worcester City, involving installation of a walking and cycling bridge across the River Severn, linking areas of north Worcester that are currently severed by the river. It will also help to ease congestion on the city's highway network.</p>
Vale Business Park Expansion	<p>Wychavon Council will directly construct 10 small B1, B2 and B8 industrial units at Vale Park, providing 3,061 sqm commercial</p>

	space in total. This project will help to fill an identified gap in the market for small-medium scale quality commercial space.
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Worcestershire 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.