

COAST TO CAPITAL 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. **Coast to Capital LEP** has been allocated **£19.2m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In Coast to Capital LEP, the funded projects are expected to deliver a package of projects covering wide-ranging interventions that will assist Coast to Capital in its economic recovery from Covid-19 and deliver valuable infrastructure and employment opportunities. At the heart of the programme is a proposal to create a new innovation centre in Crawley, bringing together major innovation led businesses, building on the existing strengths of Crawley based technology industries. The schemes cover a wide range of key priorities including; regeneration of towns, creation of employment, digital infrastructure, green technology and skills. The establishment of a new school of nursing and allied health provision at the University of Chichester will help meet the NHS's needs in tackling the challenges of Covid-19.

Indicative outputs¹

Direct Jobs Created	310
Construction Jobs Created	70
Jobs Safeguarded	1,420
Houses Unlocked	150
New Apprenticeships	14
Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm)	16,560
New Learning Space Unlocked	4,460
New Learners Assisted	250 a year
Businesses Assisted	600
Improved Learning/ Training Space Unlocked	4,810

Summary of projects

Project	Description
1."Crawley Fusion Centre" - Crawley Innovation Centre	<p>A partnership between Coast to Capital, Thales and Crawley Borough Council, to establish the Gatwick Diamond's first Innovation Centre which will create a thriving innovation eco-system, help to increase the diversity of the economy and help counterbalance the region's previous reliance on aviation.</p> <p>Serving Crawley's advanced engineering business cluster to help safeguard its huge contribution to the Town's economic output and productivity.</p>

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

<p>2. Research and Innovation Fibre Ring</p>	<p>A joint project delivered by Brighton Hove City Council, Mid Sussex District Council and Digital Catapult, to build a resilient fibre loop to create a digital-and 5G innovation infrastructure in Brighton.</p> <p>Benefits will be focused on SME growth and innovation, with consequent impact on productivity, jobs and post-19 recovery.</p>
<p>3. Hydrogen Engine Development Facility</p>	<p>The exciting potential for hydrogen-fuelled engines as an alternative clean technology where batteries are not suitable is gaining significant momentum with UK and EU customers. As a fuel, hydrogen generates no hydrocarbons so is part of the technology roadmap to reduce global warming. At present, facilities to test and develop engines using hydrogen are extremely rare, even in mainland Europe.</p> <p>This project will modify one of the existing conventional engine test cells at Ricardo, Shoreham to support the development of this exciting technology in a fast, cost-effective and timely manner.</p>
<p>4. Boosting Capacity for Horticultural Skills</p>	<p>This project in Brighton will demolish and rebuild a derelict glasshouse, re-site an additional indoor practical teaching building and enhance its suitability for covered teaching spaces 365 days per year to meet additional new demand.</p>
<p>5. Digital Sussex - Rural Connectivity Programme - Digital Spine & Brighton Link Combined Scheme</p>	<p>The Digital Sussex – Rural Connectivity Programme (RCP) will deliver an additional new build digital infrastructure. This will immediately accelerate the deployment of fibre and support 5G technologies directly into the heart of rural Mid Sussex communities.</p>
<p>6. Marketfield Way, Redhill</p>	<p>This project is a flagship mixed use-leisure based regeneration scheme in Redhill town centre. The development includes: 150 flats, a cinema and new ground and first floor commercial floorspace. Government funding will help to bring the scheme forward and to enable enhanced quality to the public realm.</p>
<p>7. The New Horsham Enterprise Park Digital Link</p>	<p>Digital connectivity is a significant factor underpinning economic recovery and this proposal will facilitate the delivery of high value employment in a difficult market in Horsham, made more challenging in the light of C-19.</p>
<p>8. Place St. Maur & Esplanade Public Realm Works, Bognor Regis</p>	<p>Place St Maur and adjacent Esplanade are important public spaces in Bognor Regis linking the seafront and town centre, however they are currently the missing link between the railway station and sea. This project will fulfil their potential as attractive and welcoming spaces as well as provide space to hold larger events creating and supporting employment opportunities.</p>

<p>9. Establishment of the School of Nursing & Allied Health, Chichester University.</p>	<p>Growth of its health portfolio has been identified as being a significant contributor to Chichester University's strategic plan, extending existing strengths in health-related areas.</p> <p>The facility, which will encompass simulation / mock wards/specialist facilities and additional teaching rooms will satisfy a growing regional need for more trained nurses.</p>
<p>10. Mole Valley District Council Off-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Points</p>	<p>MVDC provides over 2000 car parking spaces across 22 car parks, and it is a key priority for the car parks to respond to the increased demand for electric vehicle charging points.</p>
<p>11. A22 Cycle Lane Upgrades</p>	<p>The cycle route that currently exists between Caterham Valley and Godstone is in poor condition. This project is for the creation of a green corridor with links to Redhill and the M23, making repairs and improvements to existing cycle routes and include a cycle route in places where it is currently absent.</p>
<p>12. St James Industrial Estate, Chichester</p>	<p>This scheme will refurbish and redevelop an existing industrial estate on Westhampnett Road to the East of the City Centre. Additional new units would increase the combined gross internal floor space on the site from 3,753sqm to 4,448sqm and will provide facilities capable of meeting modern commercial needs.</p>

Coast to Capital 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.