

SOLENT 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. **Solent LEP** has been allocated **£15.9m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In Solent LEP, the funded projects are expected to help position the Solent as the UK's capital of coastal renaissance, harnessing new technologies and approaches to revitalise coastal communities, and delivering decarbonisation in one of the UK's most significant carbon generating clusters. The projects include an iconic cruise terminal complete with solar generation and 'shore power' facilities, an Enzyme Innovation centre to develop green recovery solutions for the breakdown of plastics, and a Rural Employment Hub on the Isle of Wight unlocking multiple affordable housing units and generating hundreds of jobs.

Indicative outputs¹

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| Direct Jobs Created | 730 |
| Construction Jobs Created | 3,630 |
| Jobs Safeguarded | 10 |
| Houses Unlocked | 1,560 |
| Commercial Space Unlocked (sqm) | 2,800 |
| New or Improved Learning / Training Space Unlocked (sqm) | 440 |
| New Learners Assisted | 60 |
| Businesses Assisted | 230 |
| Roads/Cycle Lanes/Walkways Unlocked (km) | 3 |
| R&D Floorspace (sqm) | 480 |
| Public Realm/ Green Space Improved/Created (sqm) | 42,500 |
| New superfast broadband connections | 23,050 |
| CO2 emissions saved (kg) | 34,008,660 |

Summary of projects

| Project | Description |
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| 1. Port of Southampton Cruise Terminal | A new fifth Cruise Terminal will deliver an iconic wave inspired building complete with solar generation and shore power, ensuring a world leading zero emissions facility for cruise vessels in port. |
| 2. Enzyme Recycling Techniques - Building an Industrial Engagement Hub, Portsmouth | The £1.7m Centre for Enzyme Innovation (CEI) develops green recovery solutions for the breakdown of plastics, enabling their re-use, tackling one of the world's greatest pollution challenges. The Industrial Engagement Hub creates a 281 sqm physical environment for companies to engage with the science, |

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

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| | access facilities and become a testbed for growing local and national partnerships. |
| 3. Fawley Waterside Digital | Taking advantage of planned highway upgrades, this £1.5m project will facilitate upgrades to the network resilience of the waterfront community. |
| 4. Branstone Farm, Isle of Wight – Rural Employment Hub | <p>A mixed-use development designed to act as a template for sustainable work/live developments. This is an exemplar project, bringing to life the island’s recently acquired Biosphere status, regeneration strategy and emerging land use plan.</p> <p>The development provides 42 affordable housing units and commercial space in new and renovated buildings, creating 100 new jobs.</p> |
| 5. Woolston 'Silicon Wharf' – Low carbon marine logistics technology and control centre | <p>The future of marine transportation is shifting towards low CO2 emission vessels and reduced crew. This will be realised through multi-role electric and hybrid robotic vessels.</p> <p>Establishing a hotbed of innovation around low carbon marine logistics and initiating collaborative projects with local tech companies and universities, this project will double the size of the control centre in Southampton and establish a robotic operator training centre, creating 100 high value jobs, training operators and support the supply chain.</p> |
| 6. Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) Nutrients | Funding will be used to mitigate against nutrients through the repurposing of agricultural land enabling 1,522 houses to be built whilst unlocking an additional 3,000 construction jobs. This mitigation will allow permission to be granted and develop strategic mitigation to deliver on housing requirements in the Solent LEP area. |

Solent 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.