

NEW ANGLIA 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. The **New Anglia LEP** has been allocated **£32.1m** from the GBF for a wide-ranging package of projects that will deliver a much-needed boost to the local economy.

In Norfolk and Suffolk, the funded projects are expected to deliver benefits throughout the two counties, focussing on key sectors including tourism, food production, health & social care and energy. The funding will enable a number of local market towns to become more resilient. There will also be direct support to local businesses through extending the Resilience and Recovery Fund introduced as a result of Covid-19 to support businesses to diversify and grow.

Indicative outputs¹

Direct Jobs Created	1,100
Construction Jobs Created	80
Jobs Safeguarded	2,900
Housing Units Delivered	20
Commercial floorspace built (sqm)	37,500
New Learners Assisted	500
Businesses Assisted	1,600
New or Improved Learning/ Training floorspace (sqm)	4,800
Public Realm/ Green Space improved or created (sqm)	20,700
New superfast broadband connections	1,000
CO2 emissions saved (kg)	400

Summary of projects

Project	Description
Burtons Creative Hub, Ipswich	Redevelopment of two derelict buildings in a key waterfront location - it creates a mixed-use complex, including theatre space, a digital creative industries hub and leisure space. It includes a centre of excellence for Gecko, an internationally recognised contemporary theatre company. There will also be a creative hub with flexible workspace for ICT, tech and digital creative businesses with a specialist focus on screen, media and gaming.
Resilience and Recovery Fund (R&R)	The Business Resilience and Recovery Scheme was launched by New Anglia LEP in April 2020 to directly tackle the impacts of Covid-19 on businesses in Norfolk and Suffolk. Supported by the LEP's Growth Deal, the programme provides support, including grants, advice and guidance to businesses in the region looking to develop short-term projects or longer-term diversifications.
Great Yarmouth Strategic Seafront Regeneration: water and leisure visitor attraction	Redevelopment of a prime site on Great Yarmouth's seafront, delivering a new, high-quality water and leisure visitor attraction, leveraging over £20m of additional funding. It is part of a series of major interventions that will de-seasonalise and rebalance the local economy and increase GVA of the Borough by £260m.

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

Food Innovation Centre Norwich	The Food Innovation Centre will deliver bespoke food-grade incubator units, test kitchens and sensory testing facilities, integrated with a Food Hub delivering in-depth innovation support to 90 food processing businesses. A linked innovation cluster programme will develop an innovation ecosystem in the food sector in Norfolk and Suffolk, engaging businesses with the world-renowned knowledge sector on Norwich Research Park. The Centre will be run by Hethel Innovation and the University of East Anglia.
Enterprise Zone Accelerator Fund	The Enterprise Zone Accelerator Fund has supported the development and growth of Enterprise Zones in Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn and the Norwich Research Park. The extension to the programme will support the occupation of the new developments through suitable fit-out of the premises.
West Suffolk - Cornhill redevelopment, Bury St Edmunds	Development of 12 flats and two commercial/retail units as part of the Cornhill redevelopment in Bury St Edmunds. The project will be part of a programme to enhance, shape and revitalise the town centre. The project also improves and widens Market Thoroughfare enhancing the transition and promoting footfall between the historic town and the Arc shopping centre.
Great Yarmouth Operations & Maintenance Campus	Creation of an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Campus for the energy sector in Great Yarmouth. The project will capitalise on land in Borough Council ownership, close to the Southern North Sea wind farm arrays with access to deep water as well as the river port. Repairs and an enhancement package are required to make the facility more attractive for businesses investing here.
North Walsham Town Centre Revitalisation	Programme of improvements in North Walsham town centre. Agreed through a Town Centre Heritage Action Zone, the project will make the centre more accessible/ pedestrian friendly and to increase its attractiveness to a range of commercial and service uses, reinforced by a marketing campaign.
Micro-generation and storage of electricity on Surface Car-Park assets	A multi-technology project to develop the micro-generation and storage of electricity on surface carparks. The project includes solar carport PV, battery storage, electric vehicle charging points and private wire to local buildings. It has the potential to offset local end-user energy costs and support decarbonisation transition.
Suffolk Broadband	Extend full fibre infrastructure to remaining premises in Suffolk, including (mostly small) businesses, as well as residential premises where many small businesses, and home workers, are based.
Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN)	Accelerate the implementation of ultra-fast broadband into 80 additional public buildings through the Local Full Fibre Network. Installing gigabit capable fibre infrastructure across Norfolk will allow for the installation of Fibre to the premises services into public buildings, specifically within rural communities that are otherwise not commercially attractive to the private sector.
East Suffolk Smart Towns - Lowestoft/ Felixstowe	Improving digital infrastructure to strengthen economic vitality and community cohesiveness in Lowestoft and Felixstowe. Part of the East Suffolk Smart Towns Project, this includes the installation of digital town technology, such as free to use WiFi, footfall tracking sensors, analytics and retail apps.
Integrated Care System Academy, Ipswich	The establishment of an Academy for Excellence in the Integrated Care System at the University of Suffolk. The project will cover the health and social care sector and will aim to improve productivity

	and innovation. It will increase skills in the workforce to support the demands of the sector in the region and beyond.
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New Anglia 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.