

# Solent




**Our modern Industrial Strategy sets out our long-term plan to boost productivity by backing business to create high quality, well-paid jobs throughout the United Kingdom with investment in skills, industries and infrastructure.**

Across the Solent area a partnership of business and civic leaders – alongside other local partners – is working with the government to build on existing strengths, help business to flourish, and grow skills and opportunities for workers across the area.

Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£5m** of funding toward establishing an Innovation and Collaboration Hub as part of the £23m National Maritime Systems Centre redevelopment at Portsdown Technology Park.

 **£9.3m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing the vital infrastructure to access new and existing sites.

 **£3.9m** to provide residents with the digital connectivity they need through improvements in the availability of full fibre broadband.

 **608,700** people in employment, an increase of **35,000** since 2010. **25,800** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **11,380** apprenticeships starts last year.



**Population: : 1,560,000**  
**Businesses: 64,000**

## Case study: Centre for Cancer Immunology, Southampton

The UK's first dedicated Centre for Cancer Immunology, adjacent to the University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, is being developed following a £4.5m investment. The centre will support innovation in the field of immunology research, placing Solent firmly on the map as a global centre of excellence in the development and delivery of new cancer therapies, creating a significant number of new jobs in the Southampton region in the Life Sciences sector.

For more examples go to [bit.ly/IS-map](https://bit.ly/IS-map)

Solent Local Enterprise Partnership is now working with the government to develop its Local Industrial Strategy.

**We have committed more than £45bn to Industrial Strategy programmes supporting research, local infrastructure, training and business growth throughout the United Kingdom. This money is already starting to be spent on the ground.**