

Snapshot of the Local Growth Deal Round 3 Submission

South East Local Enterprise Partnership
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Preface & Opening Narrative

- Strategically located at the gateway to Europe, and adjoining the City of London, the South East LEP is perfectly positioned to unlock significant economic growth, delivering a substantial quantum of new jobs, dwellings and associated economic benefits
- Our strong track record of collaboration between local authorities and businesses, leveraging in private sector investment, is evident to see in our scheme submissions
- We will provide a single and fully integrated South East LEP approach; culminating in one priority list which corresponds with our key shared themes
- We have a demonstrable collective ability to deliver against an additional **£180 - £200m** investment from Government and we have the projects that demand the investment
- Above all we have hunger and ambition and we have proved that we can deliver.
- *It should be noted that schemes have yet to go through either local or SELEP due diligence, governance and final confirmation of costs and/or funding and therefore all schemes are subject to change*

Performance so far

- In 2015/16, SELEP was successful in maximising the utilisation of its LGF allocation. Some of our recent successes, LGF or otherwise, are indicated below:
 - **Grays Old Courthouse** (£3.6m of which £1.4m GPF loan) – provision of 11,800 sq ft of affordable managed workspace for small businesses. 39 business units and up to 200 jobs supported.
 - **East Sussex Innovation Malls** (£17.6m GPF loans) – 75,000sqft delivered in 3 new high quality office buildings supporting up to 900 jobs in important strategic growth areas.
 - **Growth Hub Delivery** (ongoing support from BIS) – very high engagement rates and positive customer satisfaction. Over 1,000 businesses across the SELEP area engaged already
 - **Tonbridge High Street Improvements** (£2.7m of which £2.4m LGF) – first phase completed to transform the High Street, enhancing it as a destination to shop and as a place to trade
 - **Colchester Park and Ride** (£6.8m of which £5.8m LGF) – successfully launched, facilitating the build of 6,200 new homes

- All SELEP's governance arrangements have been agreed in Government's full sight and are articulated in the **Assurance Framework**
- As part of this, SELEP's **Accountability Board** (s101 committee) provides the main performance management structure within the LEP, providing the accountability structure for decision making
- **Independent Technical Evaluation** is contracted through Steer Davies Gleave for the next 5 years, providing continued and consistent support
- Enhanced Capital Programme Management capability through a dedicated member of staff with clear links to local partners
- **Quarterly programme consideration meetings** for the whole programme, ensuring that funds are transferred when required – enabling keen management of the overall programme and the optimisation of flexibility
- Expert advice from the **Accountable Body** in meeting all procedural, financial and legal requirements.

Our strategic focus

- Defined in our 2014 Strategic Economic Plan, SELEP's aim is to create the most enterprising economy in England. Through delivery of the Growth Deal we are committed to create an additional 45,000 jobs and facilitate the build of 23,000 more homes
- The scale of economic and population growth, both aspired to and predicted for the South East means it is absolutely vital that much-needed investment in our infrastructure is made now
- As we move towards the second half of 2016 with our new Chairman, we are looking to refresh its strategic focus. Five key themes will be the basis for our vision:
 - **Thames Gateway** and its long term success
 - **Skills** and the importance of universities
 - **Enterprise Zones** and ensuring full employment
 - **Housing** and support to all our communities
 - **Strategic connectivity** – which is typically of national importance
- The projects listed next are grouped by theme. Please note that they only form a selection of those to follow in July and have not been prioritised at this stage.

1. Thames Gateway



Project name	Better Queensway
Description	<p>The Better Queensway project will regenerate the northern end of Southend's town centre, including the renewal of the Queensway housing estate (providing a mix of affordable and private housing), redevelopment of the retail parade on Christchurch Road, and culverting of the A13 underpass to create one coherent town centre community across a united development with a new high quality public realm provision.</p> <p>The project will provide of mixed tenure, high quality housing alongside further transport, community, education, workspace and public realm improvements.</p>
Outcome	1,378 new homes, 6910sqm commercial floorspace, 84 hotel rooms, 6,256 temporary construction jobs (job years)
LGF sought	£32.8m
Leverage	£289.64m

Project name	Airport Business Park Southend
Description	<p>Adjacent to London Southend Airport and also within the Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP) area the proposed Airport Business Park is a strategically located 55 acre site which will be crucial in enabling jobs growth in south Essex over the next 10 years. It will provide a high quality commercial environment which will also be home to the MedTech Campus. The Business Park has planning permission with initial works commencing autumn 2016. This phase of the project will deliver a 46,000sqft (gross) innovation centre and site infrastructure works, including sustainable transport, which will unlock the potential for a further 60,000sqm of commercial floorspace.</p>
Outcome	274 FTE jobs direct(gross) and 2,450 FTE indirect (gross) Up to 3,500 indirect jobs. Plus 250 direct FTE net additional construction job years. 64,490sqm employment space
LGF sought	£19.9m
Leverage	£2.38m

1. Thames Gateway

Project name	Civic Centre site, Strood – River Flood Defences
Description	The brownfield Civic Centre has been identified as a mixed use regeneration site to meet the high demand for housing in Medway, and contribute towards aspirations to become a Waterfront City by 2035. This site is within the emerging Medway Local Plan. The site is at considerable risk of flooding and requires protection works before it can be redeveloped; once protected it will be an area of prime, high quality residential land with potential for premium housing, offering fantastic un-interrupted views of Rochester Castle and Cathedral. Development of the site will also provide employment land, targeted at SMEs, encouraging local cafes, restaurants and independent retailers, enabling job creation.
Outcome	In the region of 350 new homes and 500 new direct jobs
LGF sought	£3.5m
Leverage	£33.0m

Project name	Dartford Town Centre Transformation – generating economic growth and jobs
Description	Dartford town centre is at the heart of one of Britain’s largest growth locations. However transport constraints have impeded development. With major development in adjacent locations such as Ebbsfleet, it is vital that Dartford develops as a distinctive and vibrant retail and service location. This scheme will incentivise private sector investment and improve the economic performance of Dartford Town Centre through transportation and public realm improvements. The scheme will see the introduction of a market square, improved public transport flow and the creation of a shared surface space at Market St (A226); the reconfiguration of the Hythe Street/Westgate Street junction; and public realm improvements to High Street.
Outcome	At least 3,000 new jobs and dwellings are expected to be generated from the project. The scheme will deliver an estimated 25% increase in footfall in the town centre and in town centre expenditure too.
LGF sought	£4.3m
Leverage	£7.7m (fully secured and ready for investment)

2. Skills and universities

Project name	Technical and Professional Skills Centre: Stansted Airport
Description	Manchester Airport Group and Harlow College are proposing to work in an extended partnership model to develop and deliver a dedicated post 16 Vocational Centre of Excellence. The centre would provide education and training opportunities, where a recognised geographical gap exists in local provision. It is anticipated that the curriculum will be predominately focused in areas that mirror the broader skills needs of the Airport and the new iconic Tri Sail Business centre and would also be aligned with emerging growth needs within the South East Local Enterprise Partnership and the London Stansted Corridor Cambridge Corridor (LSCC).
Outcome	420 new jobs created, 153 jobs safeguarded. 530 training places over 3 years
LGF sought	£4.0m
Leverage	Essex County Council - £4m, Private sector £3m

Project name	Innovation Centre (Phase 1) – University of Essex Knowledge Gateway
Description	The development of the Innovation Centre and the proposal for the way in which it will be operated going forward includes the potential to significantly increase the University's ability to realise its ambitions of driving local and regional economic growth through becoming a globally recognised centre for data analytics. The Innovation Centre will attract companies to come to the University of Essex to establish and grow their business, contributing to student employability strategies and enhancing the position of the University as a national centre for SMEs. The site is recognised by ECC as being a key strategic project and major contributor to economic growth in the County, given its location to the proposed East Colchester / West Tending Garden Settlement to which this scheme will provide a large number of jobs.
Outcome	713 new jobs
LGF sought	£2.0m
Leverage	University of Essex - £6.5m, Essex County Council - £2m

2. Skills and universities

Project name	PROCAT
Description	PROCAT is the Prospects College of Advanced technology, and specialises in STEM skills delivery. The proposal seeks £7.5m of SELEP funding to support the delivery of the £23.32m National Institute for Advanced STEM Technology campus on a 7.2-acre site on the edge of Basildon town centre in South Essex. The funding will cover land acquisition costs and the construction of premises, and will sit alongside £3m from Essex County Council as well as leveraging in £12.82m from the private sector. It is clear that the project would bring forward a high quality learning environment and support business growth, by unlocking a key site and responding to business need for future workforce planning. This is a major skills project of national importance. When completed the National Institute for Advanced STEM Technology will provide a centre of excellence for work based technical and professional further and higher education. Based in Basildon, in the heart of the Thames Gateway, the new campus will promote and deliver advanced apprenticeships, higher and degree apprenticeships in STEM sectors including railway engineering, aviation, automotive and advanced engineering and robotics where there are significant skills shortages affecting productivity and competitiveness. The new centre will be the first of its type in England and has the support of major employers.
Outcome	Over 5,000 sqm of redeveloped floor space, regeneration of 7 acres, 2,000 new jobs, 100 new housing units
LGF sought	£7.5m
Leverage	£15.82m
Project name	Kent and Medway Engineering, Design, Growth and Enterprise (EDGE) Hub
Description	This CCC University scheme will see the construction and equipping of a Kent and Medway Engineering, Design, Growth and Enterprise Hub. This will be a new 3,588m2 facility on the old Canterbury Prison site, with satellite facilities in Dover, Medway and potentially North Kent to support high-value employment, growth and investment in Engineering and Technology businesses.
Outcome	Worth £9.5m to £11m per year to the Kent and Medway economy Creates 67 direct new jobs and 56 indirect new jobs Adds 1250 additional student enrolments by July 2024; 275 of these will be Degree Apprenticeships 420 company research projects completed by 2024 375 learners on CPD courses by 2024 Generates £45,000 in income related to Intellectual property by 2024 Delivers new research and consultancy worth £1.8m from industry and £825K in grants.
LGF sought	£6.0m
Leverage	£14.88m (Canterbury Christchurch University’s own funds and loan)

3. Enterprise Zones and Employment



Project name	Rochester Airport Technology Park Enabling Infrastructure
Description	Building on the LFG Round 1 Expansion project to free up development land at Rochester Airport, this project is the first phase of enabling infrastructure at the Rochester Airport Technology Park site. This will encourage private sector developers to invest in construction on the land (benefiting from Enterprise Zone tax discounts), unlocking the land for commercial use. There will be funding opportunities from the public sector, BAE Systems, Sheppey Industries and the University of Greenwich, all are active stakeholders in the master plan development, in order to fully exploit the Enterprise Zone status. The site is in the ownership and control of Medway Council.
Outcome	Around 1,300 new direct jobs
LGF sought	£3.7m
Leverage	£45.3m

Project name	Newhaven EZ Delivery Package
Description	The delivery of an Enterprise Zone Delivery Package across EZ sites in Newhaven offers an opportunity to address a number of the constraints faced in regenerating a strategically important growth location. The EZ will deliver 55,000m ² of new commercial floorspace, 15,000m ² of refurbished commercial floorspace, as well as creating and sustaining 2,000 new jobs over the 25-year lifespan of the Enterprise Zone. Newhaven Enterprise Zone will officially commence in April 2017. Engagement with private sector partners has identified a pipeline of delivery prospects that would provide the EZ with much-needed early impetus, as well as ensuring that a greater level of business rates retention which can be reinvested in delivery further sites. This application of £10m LGF funding reflects these discussions and is focused on overcoming viability challenges on EZ sites for early delivery to maximise the potential of the Enterprise Zone.
Outcome	2,000 new jobs created; 55,000m ² of commercial floor space
LGF sought	£5.0m (SELEP), £5m (C2C)
Leverage	£70.0m

3. Enterprise Zones and Employment



Project name	East Sussex Strategic Growth Scheme
Description	The package is aligned with identified growth areas and capitalises on existing and programmed infrastructure investment for which it also makes the business case. LGF funds will enable the development of identified quality sites and employment space for existing companies as well as offering quality bespoke developments for companies wishing to relocate to East Sussex
Outcome	2,590 new jobs created, 42,386m ² of commercial floor space
LGF sought	£10.4m
Leverage	£10.8m

Project name	A259 Movement Access and Resilience Project
Description	The A259 corridor forms part of the primary route network serving the county, it is vital in linking the various communities situated along its alignment including the towns of Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford with the city of Brighton to the west, which provides a significant employment, retail and leisure attractor for the area, and Eastbourne to the east, along with Newhaven providing an international gateway to the rest of the country. Significant housing growth is planned in the Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford area in the Lewes District Local Plan (2010-2030) and Newhaven has recently been given Enterprise Zone status. We need to ensure the continued functionality of the A259 corridor through the Peacehaven/Newhaven/Seaford area in order to strengthen the economic base and deliver the ambitious growth plans in the Newhaven Clean Tech & Maritime Growth Corridor.
Outcome	3,453 homes enabled, 2,000 indirect jobs created
LGF sought	£6.8m (SELEP), £6.8m (C2C)
Leverage	£1.2m

3. Enterprise Zones and Employment



Project name	M11 – Junction 8
Description	The proposal involves changes to the M11 Junction 8 traffic network in order to improve traffic flow across the junction, improving access to Stansted Airport, the service station and between the M11 and the A120. Junction 8 of the M11 is currently operating at capacity and already experiences significant queuing on some arms at peak periods. Stansted Airport is growing at an unprecedented rate of 2mppa and committed developments in the area, in particular in Bishop Stortford, will add to this congestion, without this junction improvement coming forward.
Outcome	3,000 jobs and 4,125 homes
LGF sought	£6.8m
Leverage	Essex County Council - £3.0m, GCGP LEP - £1.0m, Private Sector - £1.0m

Project name	Gilden Way widening and Improvement Works
Description	The wider Harlow area has an aspiration to become a major growth area for the region in terms of homes and jobs. This scheme involves widening the existing two-lane road to three lanes on the B183 Gilden Way (B183) to provide two lanes of traffic into Harlow with a third lane to take traffic onto a new roundabout on Sheering Road . The route is already seeing significant growth in demand as the Harlow Enterprise Zone and other principle industries continue to develop. The works include a robust drainage solution that will limit peak discharges into receiving streams to a level no worse than the existing rates, new cycle facilities and improved footways and reconfiguration of existing junctions, roundabouts and egress points to improve safety and traffic flow efficiency.
Outcome	15,000 new homes enabled, 12,000 new jobs via the EZ at Harlow
LGF sought	£5.0m
Leverage	Essex County Council - £5.0m

3. Enterprise Zones and Employment



Project name	Maidstone Medical Campus Highway Works (Part of North Kent Innovation/Enterprise Zone)
Description	The scheme involves the reconfiguration and signalisation of the M20 Junction 7 grade separated gyratory, the A249 / Bearsted Road roundabout junction, and the enlargement of the Bearsted Road / New Cut Road roundabout junction to improve junction capacity and traffic flow in order to accommodate the traffic associated with the Maidstone Medical Campus development. The scheme includes the construction of the on-site access road required to service the development plots, and provision of new pedestrian crossing facilities. The purpose of this funding bid is to attract businesses to locate at the Enterprise Zone and to assist in the delivery of the Maidstone Medical Campus.
Outcome	The scheme will deliver 3,000 jobs and nearly 500 houses by 2021.
LGF sought	£7.5m
Leverage	£2.2m (private sector investment)

Project name	Leigh Flood Storage – Capacity Improvements & Related Flood Relief Works at East Peckham
Description	Tonbridge + Malling has a strong record of sustainable growth, delivering jobs + homes at a consistently high level. However, considerable parts of the borough are constrained by the threat of flooding. Indeed, Tonbridge + East Peckham suffered serious flooding in the winter of 2013/14. 311 homes and over 110 businesses suffered from direct flooding in both communities. The area benefits from the presence of the Leigh Flood Storage Area. However, the capacity was insufficient to protect the area in 2013/14. Urgent work is now needed to increase the capacity of the storage area and to undertake local works to achieve greater protection for existing homes and businesses + to unlock new residential and commercial development. The Leigh Flood Storage works will have additional benefits in diminishing the flood risk to Yalding.
Outcome	2,970 jobs and 1,950 homes by 2031
LGF sought	£4.5m
Leverage	£20.1m

3. Enterprise Zones and Employment



Project name	Grays South
Description	The Grays South project aims to create a new quarter within the town centre based around a boulevard underpass linking two new public squares bounded by a series of mixed use developments (including the new College campus), incorporating a new rail station.
Outcome	Around 2,000 new jobs. 4,540 homes will be enabled and 121 delivered.
LGF sought	£10.84m
Leverage	tbc

Project name	Unlocking employment land at Fort Halsted
Description	An opportunity has arisen to create 179,300 sq ft of employment space, located within the M25, overlooking Sevenoaks. Fort Halstead, an ex-MOD research and development site, historically had been the largest employment site in the district, but in recent years operations have gradually been relocated to Portsmouth and Wiltshire. The scheme aims to create a high value employment site building on Fort Halstead's research-intensive heritage as part of a mixed use development, unlocking over 1000 new jobs (especially high-tech jobs), nearly 500 residential units, an 80 bed hotel and a new village centre. The employment site is anticipated to deliver: 127,000sq ft of A grade HQ style offices, 29,000 sq ft of light industrial floorspace, 5,000 sq ft of laboratories, and 18,300 sq ft of precision engineering. Without LGF investment, it is unlikely that the development of the employment element of the site will come forward in the near term. This will also delay the residential phase of development.
Outcome	Over 1,000 high-tech jobs and 450 dwellings
LGF sought	£1.5m
Leverage	£30m private sector, £0.5m Sevenoaks DC

3. Enterprise Zones and Employment



Project name	Investment in NIAB East Malling Research (EMR) Biotech Hub
Description	This scheme will support the further development of the NIAB EMR biotech hub that will support innovation, research and spin-out businesses. The proposed development includes the purchase of an Industry Standard Glasshouse and energy centre; three laboratories (for genetics service, fruit processing; and fruit analysis); IT infrastructure; and farming infrastructure. This investment will: accelerate the commercialisation of existing and new UK developed plant-based intellectual property; help to develop new UK varieties and crops, for export and including added value uses in food and health; help to develop new and improved tools for agricultural production including application of engineering and bio-tech solutions by UK SMEs with the potential for international export; and create supply chain resilience for UK fresh produce.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An additional 950 jobs nationally, but predominantly in the wider South East.• The safeguarding of an estimated 7,500 jobs in Kent in the horticultural sector.• Safeguarding of an estimated 4,600 jobs in Kent + 7,400 jobs in the SELEP area in downstream industries associated with horticulture.
LGF sought	£6.0m
Leverage	£6.4m of private sector investment from companies such as Driscoll's Genetics

4. Housing and Communities

Project name	The Charleston Centenary Project
Description	Charleston is an internationally recognised arts organisation constrained by its infrastructure. With over £6.1m raised towards its £8.6m three-phase Centenary Project, construction gets underway again this June. New galleries, an auditorium, restaurant, fully accessible infrastructure and new educational and learning facilities will empower growth and enable us to have a sustainable future. Fully aligned to the strategic aims of Culture East Sussex and Lewes District Council's 2016-2020 plan, the Centenary Project will also further strengthen the county's cultural offer, aid the creation of sustainable, resilient communities, support health and wellbeing, leverage local employee acquisition and retention, and act as a catalyst for direct and indirect jobs, tourism and inward spend into the regional economy.
Outcome	35 jobs created
LGF sought	£2.62m
Leverage	£6.89m

Project name	Devonshire Park Quarter
Description	The £44m investment in the Devonshire Park Quarter is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a new conference complex and secure a sustainable future for three theatres, our arts offer and international tennis tournament. The LGF bid will help bring forward a £16m Welcome Building, which acts as a gateway to the wider complex and will be home to a new conference and exhibition facility of sub regional significance and a new driver for economic growth to the East Sussex economy. An additional visitor spend of £13.5m will be a substantial step towards creating a resilient local economy, funding additional hotel beds and retail floorspace and avoiding the downward spiral seen in so many coastal towns.
Outcome	154 jobs created; 213 jobs safeguarded
LGF sought	£5m
Leverage	£39m

4. Housing and Communities

Project name	A2500 Lower Road Investment - Unlocking housing sites
Description	The A2500 Lower Road improvements scheme will improve the A2500/Barton Hill Junction, an existing pinch point and a barrier to housing development on the Isle of Sheppey. The limited route options for traffic wanting to enter or leave the Island places a significant demand on the A2500 Lower Road, particularly near the junction. The Island’s tourism-related economy, coupled with the significance of the prison service on the Island gives rise to further peaks in traffic demand. Unsurprisingly, the cumulative pressures being placed on the A2500 Lower Road is currently resulting in significant delays and issues concerned with journey time reliability. In the context of the emerging Local Plan a proportionate amount of development allocations will bring the transport network under greater strain, with increasing focus on the need for significant upgrade.
Outcome	Over 1,300 dwellings and 300 jobs
LGF sought	£0.9m
Leverage	£0.7m private sector investment

Project name	A2 Coastbound off-slip road at Wincheap
Description	This scheme will fund a new A2 Coastbound off-slip road at Wincheap, Canterbury, and support the delivery of over 1,000 new houses, over 68,000sqm of gross employment floor-space, and over 1,500 new jobs through enabling new residential and commercial development in Thannington and at Wincheap Retail Estate. The project will also improve journey time reliability providing direct access to an expanded Wincheap Park and Ride site. The scheme also includes the construction of a new gyratory system This scheme forms part of wider programme of improvements which intend to keep the A28 road corridor moving by removing key bottlenecks and impediments as well as preparing for future developments and regeneration.
Outcome	Over 1,150 dwellings and 1,685 jobs by 2021
LGF sought	£4.4m
Leverage	£4.4m private sector

4. Housing and Communities

Project name	Colchester’s Northern Gateway Connectivity and Infrastructure
Description	Northern Gateway is one of Colchester’s main growth areas. The major housing growth planned here as part of the whole project (circa 2500 new homes) will also be supported by a focus on substantial job creation. Key to the success of this location is the ability to provide easily accessible, sustainable and well connected sites which attract new employers, investors and developers. In a pioneering approach the project seeks to provide a range of linked infrastructure to offer well connected physical routes, a district heat and power network offering highly sustainable energy solutions and ultrafast broadband opportunities to every business and household. This bid will support private and other public sector investment to ensure the proposed infrastructure is in place before sites come to the market, to encourage strong demand and offer a unique product to investors and developers.
Outcome	Jobs 3,305 and homes 300
LGF sought	£4.8m
Leverage	Colchester Borough Council - £3m, other public sector (including EU) - £4.82m, Private Sector - £4m

Project name	Swan Modular Housing
Description	This project is requesting funding to assist in the set up costs of a factory to construct ‘modular’ homes. It aims to revolutionise the UK house building sector by creating pre-fabricated ‘modules’.
Outcome	546 homes and 100 direct jobs
LGF sought	£1.5m
Leverage	£1.4m

5. Strategic connectivity

Project name	CONNECT
Description	The project seeks to link the economies and markets of South Essex and South East England with those of Cumbria and the North West. The project centres on significant infrastructure improvements and investment at both London Southend Airport (LSA) and Carlisle Lake District Airport.
Outcome	1,000 direct jobs, up to 2,000 indirect
LGF sought	£4.5m
Leverage	£10.1m

Project name	A127 / A130 Fairglen Interchange – New Link Road
Description	Proposes a new link road at the A127/A130 Fairglen interchange to alleviate traffic flows at Fairglen. This project represents very high value for money
Outcome	Value for money calculations have been assessed as Very High in relation to the transport assessment and there is potential indirect impact to bring forward jobs and homes as a result.
LGF sought	£9.84m
Leverage	-

5. Strategic connectivity

Project name	Ashford International Rail Connectivity Project
Description	<p>The scheme invests in the new signalling infrastructure required to allow the international trains to continue to stop at Ashford International Station. Without this investment, the connection to Europe is lost. This scheme will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • safeguard approximately 1,000 jobs in Ashford • stimulate the creation of 1,000 additional jobs by encouraging business location and expansion decisions based on the existence and future guarantee of the international rail service; • stimulate housing growth to match the growth in jobs; • support the creation of a further education hub adjacent to the station • support further economic growth in Ashford and in the wider East Kent region; • create a town in which people want to live, work and participate in business activity; • promote modal shift from road or air to rail, providing environmental benefits and reduction in congestion.
Outcome	The retention of international train services to Europe from the heart of Kent – which supports the 195,000 passengers per year that travel from Ashford to Europe. At least 2,000 jobs safeguarded and created.
LGF sought	£4.8m
Leverage	£5.7m
Project name	The Duke of York’s Roundabout
Description	<p>The Duke of York’s Roundabout is a key junction on the A2 Strategic Transport Route serving a major role in the Trans-Continental Route accessing the Port of Dover and fulfilling a unique local role as a primary junction serving Dover and Deal. Locally, it also the major junction serving the principle housing allocation in Dover District at Whitfield along with the one of the major East Kent employment and business allocations at White Cliffs Business Park. The junction serves the adjacent Connaught Barracks Site owned by the HCA (being one of four sites announced in January for Accelerated Delivery). In addition, the junction will face significant increase in additional traffic generated by the implementation of the new Lower Thames Crossing. It will provide much needed resilience to the Trans European Network in the event of interruptions of service on the M20/A20 Route.</p>
Outcome	Over 1,400 dwellings and 900 jobs Reduces delays on a major European trading route
LGF sought	£3.0m approx.
Leverage	£1.5m sought from Highways England

Large Local Majors proposals #1

- Large Local Major Scheme development funding is requested to finance the production of a WebTAG-compliant business case for improvements to **Junction 7 on the M2**, which is known locally as Brenley Corner.
- Junction 7 of the M2 is located on the strategic European transport route of the A2/M2 that runs from the Port of Dover through to the Midlands and the North of England, via the Dartford Crossing. People wishing to travel to Canterbury and Dover via the A2, are currently compelled to use the slip road from the M2 to the Brenley Corner roundabout before joining the A2. This current configuration of the junction creates peak hour congestion on a regular occurrence, as traffic on the strategic Highways England road network mixes with traffic on the local road network.
- This scheme fits both the strategic SELEP-wide objective to support bifurcation and a new strategic route from the Port of Dover to the proposed new Lower Thames Crossing, as well as the local objective of supporting growth in Swale, Canterbury and wider East Kent.

Large Local Majors proposals #2

- Investment for development funding in the **M11 Junction 7a** is required to unlock full growth potential within the Enterprise Zone and across the greater Harlow area. In order to maximise the economic growth prospects of the West Essex region Essex County Council and SELEP have proposed the creation of New M11 junction to east of Harlow, J7a, with local link to B183 Gilden Way (itself a priority scheme for funding via Local Growth Fund round 3)
- The Investment will support the EZ is to reach its full potential, enable significant housing growth at Harlow as well as improve the resilience of the strategic road network. At present junction 7 is the only strategic access to the trunk road network resulting in poor network resilience and significant congestion during peak times and during incidents. The existing junction is currently at capacity with existing committed development and is congested in peak periods impacting on the attractiveness of Harlow as a place to invest in both homes and jobs. Further pressure on the junction will accrue as the committed development in the town comes forward.
- The Strategic Economic Plan identified that the corridor can accommodate 1,050 jobs and 1,230 new homes by 2021 and could facilitate up to 17,200 jobs and 19,000 homes through our proposed transport schemes. The district councils in the area including Harlow, Epping Forest and East Hertfordshire have identified the wider Harlow area for some 15,000 new homes and 12,000 new jobs and the junction improvement is a key element in ensuring that the local plan is found to be sound and that network operates efficiently and effectively. The delivery of the Harlow Enterprise Zone (EZ) is underway with the refurbishment of the Nortel complex. The EZ will attract companies in life sciences, advanced manufacturing and information and communications technologies (ICT) and has capacity for over 5,000 jobs.

Large Local Majors proposals #3

- The **Fairglen Junction scheme** is a proposal for a long term solution for the complex series of junctions that currently link the A130 with the A127 . The A127 is the principle east-west access route across south Essex linking London, the M25, Basildon, Southend Airport and Southend. The A130 is the principal north-south route linking the A12 at Chelmsford to south Essex, London Gateway Port and ultimately the proposed Lower Thames Crossing. As such it is pivotal to growth across the south of Essex.
- Short term improvements have been funded in LGF1 and work developing these has identified the need for a currently unfunded link road that is the subject of a LGF3 bid and a more substantial longer term solution.
- The Large Local Majors bid is for funding to support the development of that longer term solution and is in addition to the LGF3 detailed above. The current Fairglen interchange carries over 110,000 vehicles in a 12 hour period and suffers significant congestion and journey time delays during peak periods.
- The LGF 3 business case for the additional link road notes that the scheme provides indirect support for the following planned growth in Basildon, Rochford, Castle Point and Southend

Large Local Majors proposals #4

- **Improved Access to Canvey**
- This proposal stems from a long term local access for improved access and network resilience for Canvey Island. Access on and off the island is mainly via Canvey Way to the A13 at Sadlers Farm roundabout, with a second local road to Benfleet. Poor journey reliability via these routes is seen as a handicap to growth, appears to be limiting business investment on the island which in turn encourages out commuting that only further highlights the island's access problems. There is also a wider issue that relates to the risk of flooding on the island and local memories of the 1953 flood. The need for a third road to Canvey was highlighted in the 2016 Budget Statement.

Collaboration & Devolution

- Our collaboration with other LEPs is gathering momentum:
 - With the **Greater Thames Valley LEPs**, we are jointly establishing a venture capital fund using SEEDA legacy money to great effect
 - With **London LEP** we are encouraging investment into the West Anglia Main Line and exploring further areas for joint work
 - With **GCGP and Hertfordshire LEPs** we are actively progressing a wide range of collaborative opportunities – notably around Harlow expansion
 - With **New Anglia LEP** we are expanding our interests and engaging in their conversations around biorefinery
 - With **Coast to Capital LEP** we are collaborating over the bigger asks for infrastructure investment in the South into the future and are working together to ensure the success of the Newhaven EZ
- On **devolution**, we are engaged in conversations with partners in Greater Essex on how to secure maximum benefits from joint working; and for East Sussex we are active at the highest level in progressing the 3SC proposals; and we are supportive of emerging proposals in Kent and Medway

Our plans

- Our energies for the coming year will be focused on **delivering the Growth Deal** and ensuring maximum impact from those investments. In addition to that we will also:
 - Re-double our support for key **sectors** of our economy
 - Enhance the way in which we work with **universities** across SELEP
 - Reach out to a **broader business base** – and more SMEs
 - Enhance our involvement on the **big-ticket items** such as the Thames Estuary Commission and on engagement in strategic infrastructure issues including the Lower Thames Crossing, Airport Capacity and railway networks
 - Work more with our **Employment and Skills Boards** to bring colleges closer to businesses
 - Improve our **governance** arrangements
 - Refresh our **communications** approach
 - Launch a **new strategic economic plan**