



### **Local Growth Deal**

Following the submission of the Solent LEP's Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) in March, the forthcoming Local Growth Deal announcement will define overall Government investment to support economic and housing growth in the Solent. Investment in transport infrastructure and interventions is an important component of this overall package. This investment is needed to provide high quality accessibility to strategic sites, together with ongoing improvements to the wider transport network to support the whole Solent economy.

As we'll hear in a later presentation, Solent Transport's Sub Regional Transport Model (SRTM) provides a comprehensive transport, economic and land use evidence base. The SRTM is an invaluable tool to support the detailed business cases for the strategic transport investment proposed in the SEP, including the four prioritised Local Transport Body schemes.

We hope to hear in the very near future, the outcome of the SEP bid.

### **Portsmouth to Southampton Connectivity**

Improving Portsmouth to Southampton connectivity is a key priority outlined in the Solent SEP. The complex travel patterns in the Solent mean that any solution will require a comprehensive range of interventions, from more transformational investment in the strategic road and rail networks to more local interventions to reduce the impact of short duration trips on the network. The SRTM provides an essential evidence base to develop the most appropriate, prioritised programme of transport interventions to improve connectivity. Solent Transport looks forward to working closely with the Solent LEP over the coming months to provide the transport expertise necessary to help develop this important investment programme.

### **Portsmouth Park and Ride**

I'm pleased to announce that the Park and Ride scheme at Tipner in Portsmouth successfully opened in April. The scheme provides over 600 car parking spaces conveniently accessed from the M275 and has a frequent bus service to and from the city centre. The Park and Ride site is an important part of the overall strategy to accommodate additional travel demand to and from Portsmouth city centre. Usage of the site has exceeded predictions, with over 65,000 people using the service in its first two months of operation. On the busiest day so far (31 May), 2,840 people used the service.