

Growing Places Funding - Expression of Interest
Project Summary

1. Funding is sought to deliver a step change in transport provision between the Solent Enterprise Zone (EZ) at Daedalus and strategic transport networks at M27, Junction 11 and Fareham Railway Station. The aim is to improve journey time reliability and as a consequence, facilitate agglomeration and improve productivity.
2. Designation of Daedalus as an EZ unlocks funding to accelerate rapid development and job creation. Good quality access to strategic transport networks is a key business requirement and critical for the success of the EZ. Local roads on and off the Gosport peninsula are currently congested during peak travel times, with evidence of peak hour spreading and unreliable journey times. The resultant travel delay is a cost to business and a potential barrier to inward, private sector investment.
3. In response, Hampshire County Council has updated its access strategy for Daedalus and the Gosport peninsula, recognising that employment-led redevelopment at Daedalus can reduce out commuting from the peninsula and provide local sustainable access to jobs. Infrastructure investment in the short to medium term will focus on Newgate Lane as the key route to M27 at Junction 11, and Fareham Railway Station. This is a viable alternative for traffic, particularly lorries, utilising the western approach roads via Stubbington.
4. Hampshire County Council is reviewing existing schemes to improve Newgate Lane, in tandem with the scheme prepared by the HCA for Peel Common junction, with the aim of identifying a major scheme with potential to deliver capacity enhancements along this corridor. This work will be supported by full option/financial appraisals, using the TfSH (webtag compliant) transport model.
5. Redevelopment proposals for Daedalus include comprehensive transport measures to provide and encourage use of sustainable local modes of travel, along with phased contributions to mitigate impact at local road junctions. Priority will be given to improvements along Newgate Lane, focussing on the Peel Common junction. However, on their own, developer funded measures will not enable early intervention and cannot address existing traffic congestion, which compromises viability of the EZ.
6. The Hampshire County Council capital programme has an indicative investment of £2.9 million to fund works on the southern section of Newgate Lane. On 22 April Hampshire County Council opens the first

phase of BRT between Fareham and Gosport, with opportunities for synergy between BRT and the developer-funded bus proposals for Daedalus. TfSH has bid for £18 million of the DfT's Local Sustainable Transport Funding to deliver bus, pedestrian and cyclist measures between Fareham and Gosport and has been awarded £4.5 million from the DfT's Better Bus Area Fund to raise the quality of bus travel in South Hampshire.

7. In summary, funding will allow early stage intervention, deliver a step change in accessibility between the EZ and strategic transport networks and lever external funding from Hampshire County Council. These proposals meet all of the Solent LEPs strategic priorities and are deliverable by an authority with proven expertise and resource. Working in tandem with BRT, developer proposals and other potential interventions, this will meet an immediate, enabling infrastructure need and deliver an early impact on job creation.