



Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board

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Item 11 – Infrastructure review – final report

The Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board (HPPB) is asked to:

NOTE the final report of the review of infrastructure priorities across Hampshire and the Solent.

1. The report

- 1.1. One of the priority workstreams agreed with HPPB for 2025/26 was to commission a study to identify Hampshire's highest priority infrastructure needs in three areas: transport, digital, and business space (employment land).
- 1.2. Jacobs were appointed to carry out this work. Members of the Jacobs team presented the emerging findings from the review to HPPB at its meeting on 19 January 2026.
- 1.3. Jacobs have now completed the review, and their final report is attached as a separate file. The report:
 - Finds that, while overall allocations of employment land across the region are broadly sufficient, businesses – especially those in high-value, innovation-led sectors – face a shortage of flexible, sustainable and fit-for-purpose space.
 - Finds that, although overall gigabit availability across the region is strong, there are material gaps in the digital infrastructure needed to enable key locations and clusters to achieve their potential. There are also digital inclusion gaps in both rural and urban areas.
 - Proposes a number of priority themes for transport infrastructure development.
 - Identifies a number of strategic development sites, and indicates how these sites can be supported through infrastructure development, to enable high-value growth.

2. Next steps

- 2.1. We will share the report with partners within Hampshire and the Solent, including other local authorities, so that it can inform economic strategy and delivery across the region.
- 2.2. In particular, we will share and discuss the report with the Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority, so that it can feed into the forthcoming development of the Local Growth Plan for Hampshire and the Solent.

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