

£22.2M EXPANSION OF GROWTH DEAL BOOSTS LOCAL PLAN FOR DERBYSHIRE, DERBY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ECONOMY

The D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership has agreed an expansion to its Growth Deal with the Government which will see an extra £22.2m invested in Derbyshire, Derby, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham between 2016 and 2021. This is in addition to the £174m of funding committed by the Government on 7 July 2014. Over the lifetime of its Deal (2015-2021) the Local Enterprise Partnership estimates that up to 22,000 new jobs could be created, 10,000 new homes built and that it has the potential to generate £550m public and private investment.

The additional proposed projects include:

- Building an Institute for Advanced Manufacturing at Nottingham University to improve the provision of manufacturing research and graduate level skills, as part of a £100m plan.
- Support Drakelow Park with a bridge and bypass to allow development of an employment park and 300 homes.
- Bring Buxton Spa back into use as a mineral water spa hotel in Buxton, boosting the visitor economy.
- Opening up Nottinghamshire housing sites and improving Cotgrave's town centre, creating up to 2,700 jobs and 1,600 houses

In addition, the Government is pleased to hear of the LEP's progress with the Rebalancing Outer Estates Project agreed in their original Growth Deal. We will continue to work with partners to support the project's aims to improve the skills of residents and the economic prosperity of the areas.

The D2N2 Growth Deal is part of a long term plan to devolve at least £12 billion from central government to local economies. The plan aims for every part of the country to be a motor of growth for the national economy – building on the strength of the Derbyshire, Derby, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham area

Quotes

The Prime Minister said:

“Giving local communities the power and the money to unlock growth and development and make the spending decisions that work for them is a key part of our long-term economic plan to secure a brighter future for Britain and ensure a recovery for all.

“And this is happening across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, with more money announced today for key projects to boost the local economy as part of the multi-million pound expansion of the Government’s Growth Deals.

“And because the money will be in the control of a partnership of local community, business and civic leaders it means it will go on the things that really matter to people and businesses here.

“That is what Growth Deals are all about, backing local people and investing in the infrastructure, housing and skills that will drive forward local economies, create more jobs and opportunities for hardworking people and supercharge all parts of our country.”

The Deputy Prime Minister said:

“A quiet revolution is underway in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and across the country, as Growth Deals signal the death of the culture where Whitehall calls the shots. I’ve seen for myself the difference it makes to give these two counties, including the great cities of Nottingham and Derby, more power over skills, over business support, over infrastructure spending.

“I am delighted to announce the expansion of the D2N2 Growth Deal today.

“The Coalition Government has been relentless in our efforts to sort out the public finances and set firm foundations for growth. Growth Deals help create a stronger economy and a fairer society by boosting local economies, and providing more jobs, better transport and affordable homes.”

The LEP Chair Peter Richardson said:

“The announcement of further Growth Deal funding is further evidence that through local partnership the delivery of our Strategic Economic Plan has the confidence of both business and Government to accelerate economic growth across the D2N2 area. We are absolutely committed to positioning this area to compete in the global economy and secure our goal of helping create 55,000 private sector jobs by 2023. The £22m leveraged in our expanded Growth Deal will help secure a strong, sustainable and increasingly resilient economy in D2N2, the UK’s most inspirational postcode. “

Anne Western, Leader Derbyshire County Council said:

“This expansion to our Growth Deal is great news for the people of Derbyshire accelerating delivery at Ashbourne Airfield and Drakelow Park and a significant enhancement to the visitor economy in Buxton and the wider Peak District. This will provide further opportunities for sustainable long term employment and increasing opportunities for learners across Derbyshire”

FACTSHEET

1. How much is the Government investing in D2N2 as part of the Growth Deal?

	Initial Growth Deal (July 2014)	Expansion – additional funding awarded (Jan 2015)	Total Expanded Growth Deal
Local Growth Fund	<i>£ 174m</i>	<i>£22.2m</i>	£196.2m

2. What proposed projects will this new tranche of funding deliver?

- **An Institute for Advanced Manufacturing at Nottingham University**
Training over 3000 manufacturing engineers and delivering a £60m research and knowledge exchange activity. A £100m plan to improve manufacturing research and graduate level skills provision.
- **Drakelow Park** A bridge and bypass to allow development of a 12 hectare Employment Park, plus further brownfield land available for development, which would create 460 jobs and deliver 300 homes.
- **A46 Corridor** Funding local infrastructure requirements to bring forward development sites along the a46 at RAF Newton, Cotgave and Bingham. This would create 2,700 jobs and 1,600 houses.
- **Ashbourne Airfield Access** Provision of a new access and link road to unlock development land providing an additional 300 housing and 500 jobs.
- **Buxton Crescent** Large hotel and spa development, bringing Grade 1 and 2 listed buildings back into use, boosting the visitor economy and delivering 140 direct jobs
- **Midland Mainline Market Harborough Improvements** – Improving the journey time for non-stop passenger and freight train services on the Midland Main Line, through the realignment of the rail infrastructure at Market Harborough, in conjunction with Leicester and Leicestershire and Sheffield City Region LEP.

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This adds to the projects that were announced in July 2014, including

- Infinity Park, Derby
- Bioscience Expansion
- Nottingham Skills Hub

- Nottingham Broadmarsh / Southern Gateway
- Newark Southern Link road

3. How does this benefit the people of Nottinghamshire, Nottingham, Derbyshire and Derby?

The Growth Deal will promote growth in Derbyshire, Derby, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham through improvements to infrastructure, enabling housing sites to be developed, job creation and graduate level skills provision.

According to estimates by the LEP, the Growth Deal could bring to Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire:

- Up to 22,000 Jobs
- Up to 10,000 Homes
- Up to £550m public and private sector investment

4. What is the benefit for local businesses?

As well as much needed infrastructure to open up development sites, the Growth Deal confirms additional funding for reducing congestion, improved accessibility to labour markets, additional funding towards graduate skills provision in advanced manufacturing, plus associated indirect and construction jobs.

5. Facts and figures

The Growth Deal builds on significant recent investment in growth opportunities in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire including:

Growing Places Fund total allocation: £26m

Enterprise Zone funding: £12.5m

The Nottingham City Deal has secured a £25m investment from Government for a venture capital fund that will focus on viable, investment ready growth enterprises in the Nottingham area from a total investment of up to £60m. The deal has also enabled the development of the Creative Quarter, encompassing a wide ranging economic stimulus package to support the creation and growth of businesses and the retention and maximisation of talent.

Regional Growth Fund: D2N2 LEP area has to date received £93.1m investment from the Regional Growth Fund.