

Making the case for Sustainable Transport – Project Potential

The Structural Investment Fund (SIF) Strategy for Greater Lincolnshire identifies the barriers to growth identified by having poor transport infrastructure within the area. These limitations in our network result in the poor commuter accessibility, limitations for growth in the visitor economy, need to reduce carbon emissions and deliver wider social and economic benefits for the community.

It is a priority to encourage and facilitate the use sustainable travel options. This will include:-

- Unlocking access to development sites
- improving congestion and unlocking existing bottlenecks
- improving availability of information;
- simplifying ticketing;
- making connections between different steps in the journey,
- making different modes of transport, easier; and providing better interchange facilities.

The benefits of achieving this will be felt in many different areas:

- protecting the environment – by increasing use of sustainable transport, we can help cut carbon emissions and improve air quality, making a significant contribution to meeting our demanding carbon reduction targets;
- boosting economic growth – by improving connectivity and interchange and cutting congestion, we can help to link our businesses and markets. Fast and reliable journeys support business;
- supporting society – by providing a well-connected and accessible transport system that is safe and secure, we can help improve public health and the quality of life; and
- delivering a good deal for the traveller – by integrating the door-to-door journey as a whole, we can help make travel more reliable and affordable.

In developing the SIF we have engaged with a wide range of stakeholders and have identified emerging schemes that have the potential to come forward for support from European Funds. The table below provides information on the type of projects that could be delivered under the Thematic Objective 7.

Project Title	Brief Description	Total Costs (£m) - where available
Lincoln Transport Hub	This key City centre project will bring together a new bus station combined with a revitalised transportation concourse, new pedestrian footbridge and car park to facilitate major city centre redevelopment.	22.32
Go Skegness - Sustainable Transport	GO Skegness aims to support the visitor economy by unlocking the potential for growth and developing opportunities for visitors and residents to use sustainable travel modes. The inter-connected programme of measures will build on recent successes and seeks to address local problems and benefit the local economy by improving and broadening the visitor experience, and encouraging healthy active lifestyles for all. On the ground this will mean: a seasonal park and ride, bus priority measures, new leisure and commuter cycling and walking facilities, a bike hire scheme and much more.	5.70
LN6 - Plan for the Future	Support delivery of sustainable transport action plan for LN6 area including improving transport networks around multi modal transport hub at Hykeham station to promote and maintain better transport choices whilst reducing carbon emissions.	
Skegness Western Relief Road	The provision of access to a new serviced employment park for Skegness to accommodate businesses serving the towns Tourism industry.	8.00
Freeman Street and West and East Marsh Road	This project will enable continued regeneration of Freeman Street and support its transition from semi-dereliction into a vibrant sustainable economic and residential location supporting the expanding port and renewables sector.	14.60
Access to Employment Zones (Junction Improvements) – North East Lincolnshire	A series of junction improvements on key access routes to and from Grimsby, enabling the capacity for housing and industrial growth.	12.80

Sleaford Regeneration Route	Land acquisition and building of a new link road and associated railway bridge to facilitate the regeneration of the South East area of Sleaford, enabling wider development around the town. This will enable the delivery of over £75 million of private sector investment and create/safeguard over 1,000 jobs.	33.50
New Access Rd - Sandtoft Business Park	The scheme is to provide improved access opportunities for serving the proposed 58.5ha Sandtoft Business Park, as identified within the North Lincolnshire Core Strategy and the Revised Submission Draft Housing and Employment Land Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD).	1.52
Spalding Western Relief Road	A western relief road will support sustainable housing growth, mitigate level crossing delays and ensure Spalding remains a desirable place to live, work and do business.	95.90
Pinch Point Schemes – Lincolnshire	To implement a program of smaller scale improvements aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving road safety at identified "hot spots" on the major roads across the area.	76.00
Berkeley Circle Highway Improvements	Currently Berkeley Circle is comprised of a 5 way roundabout. The final improvement scheme consisted of two main elements: 1. Divert Kingsway across to Doncaster Road to form a single approach into Berkeley Circle. 2. Remove the roundabout at Berkeley Circle and replace it with a four-arm signalised crossroads.	5.00
Brigg Relief Rd	The primary aim of the Brigg relief road is to gain access to the potential housing sites to the north and west of Brigg which are allocated in the North Lincolnshire Local Plan and/or emerging in the Housing and Employment Land Allocations DPD. Furthermore it will provide an alternative east – west route through Brigg allowing for reduced and improved traffic flows in the town centre (particularly A18 Barnard Avenue).	3.80
Humberside Airport - Surface access improvements	Improving access to Humberside Airport in order to facilitate it's future expansion and in particular open up 20 hectares of allocated employment land around the airport.	2.31
Pedestrianisation of Boston's Church Street and Fish Hill	Pedestrianisation of Boston's Church Street and Fish Hill between the Assembly Rooms and new pedestrian footbridge and enablement of new infill developments and business expansions. New signing and promotion. Facilitates café culture, increased footfall and assists Boston becoming an improved and more attractive tourist and shopping destination.	6.00
Wigford Way Connectivity	The proposed reconfiguration of Wigford Way presents a number of opportunities for transformation of the Streetscape and would greatly improve connectivity between the High Street, Brayford Pool and University of Lincoln and would increase the potential of future private investment in this developing area of the City.	6.00

Grantham Station Approach	Improving connectivity between the train station and the town centre should continue to be a priority for the Grantham Growth Point as current access arrangements are inadequate, provide a poor arrival / departure point from the town and do not reflect the status of the station as an important gateway to Grantham.	1.10
Fens Waterways Link Implementation	<p>The Fens Waterways Link is a medium scale infrastructure project that promises to be one of the most significant waterway developments in two centuries, creating the biggest waterway enhancement scheme in Europe. It will connect the Cathedral Cities of the East of England and open up 240km of interconnected waterway, including 80km of new waterway and increased access to 160km. Specifically, the Link will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create opportunities for increased leisure, tourism and regeneration, attracting economic development and employment; • develop a unique image of the Fens waterways as a world-class tourist destination, place for healthy activity in the great outdoors, and place to escape; • open access to the rich heritage, culture and history of the Fens through time; • benefit the natural environment, linking major wetland sites, creating new habitats and supporting the future of our unique fenland wildlife; • help improve water supplies and flood defences by improving our water storage, transfer and drainage infrastructure; • provide a regional water-based transport corridor for people and freight; • give local people a sense of ownership of their local waterways as a place of belonging with rich opportunities for recreation, enjoyment and healthy activities; • promote waterways as a venue for learning, training and skills development, providing opportunities for people of all ages to engage with their environment; • enable visitors, businesses and other community members to become champions for the waterways at the heart of local communities. 	TBC
Improving access to Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park	<p>The proposed project will deliver elements of the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park (LCCP) Business Plan (2013 – 2018) including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improvements to access infrastructure i.e. creating new footpaths and accessible sites; establishing links between attractions; providing sustainable transport options linking traditional holiday resorts to LCCP 2. Development of village facilities, attracting visitors into each community to contribute to the local economy i.e. play areas; cycle hubs 3. Support the development of new business and farm diversification opportunities i.e. farm shops, recreational activities, appropriate accommodation provision 	TBC

South Humber Bank Link Road	The proposed scheme would provide a key north-south connection between Immingham Port and the industrial sites in the north, to the Port of Grimsby and Industry in the south, including the Great Coates Energy Park.	TBC
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As part of this document we have provided a sample of information available on the first three schemes detailed to give a snapshot of the information held on potential projects.

Additional evidence attached:-

1. LN6 – a plan for the Future Strategy Document
2. Go Skegness – Economic Appraisal Report
3. Lincoln Transport Hub – Business Case.