



Crawley Town Investment Plan Towns Fund UPDATE

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Towns Fund – Government Objectives

- Stimulate economic recovery (COVID-19)
- Sustainable economic regeneration

Urban Regeneration

- Increase density in town centres;
- Strengthen economic / cultural assets;

Skills and Enterprise infrastructure

- Drive business investment /SME growth
- Ensure space to support skills

Connectivity

- Local Transport schemes
- Improved digital connectivity



Crawley TIP 2021 to 2026 – Objectives

- To achieve a **dynamic, sustainable and digital economy in Crawley Town Centre**, enabled by a 3,000 home neighbourhood, the growth of a rich cultural offer, a professional services hub and exemplary digital, green and sustainability infrastructure.
- To enable a **high value digital Business Park in Manor Royal**, with a formidable reputation in advanced engineering innovation and green technologies, underpinned by state of the art green infrastructure and sustainable transport connectivity.
- To facilitate **the green transformation of Crawley's economy** as part of the national drive to realise zero net carbon emissions by 2050, maximising investment locally in green business, green homes, green technologies, green transport and infrastructure.
- To **unlock a thriving virtual and physical University offer and community in Crawley**, alongside exciting skills training and infrastructure driven by **Crawley College**, which creates pathways for local residents into high value jobs, yielding R&D and digital excellence and a major boost to innovation output.



Proposed Towns Fund Priority Projects

SKILLS AND ENTERPRISE (TIP Funds: £10.25m)

- Crawley Innovation Centre
- “Invest in Skills for Crawley” Programme
- “Green Business” Infrastructure grants
- Design “commercial eastern gateway” in Town Centre

TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY (TIP Funds: £4.7m)

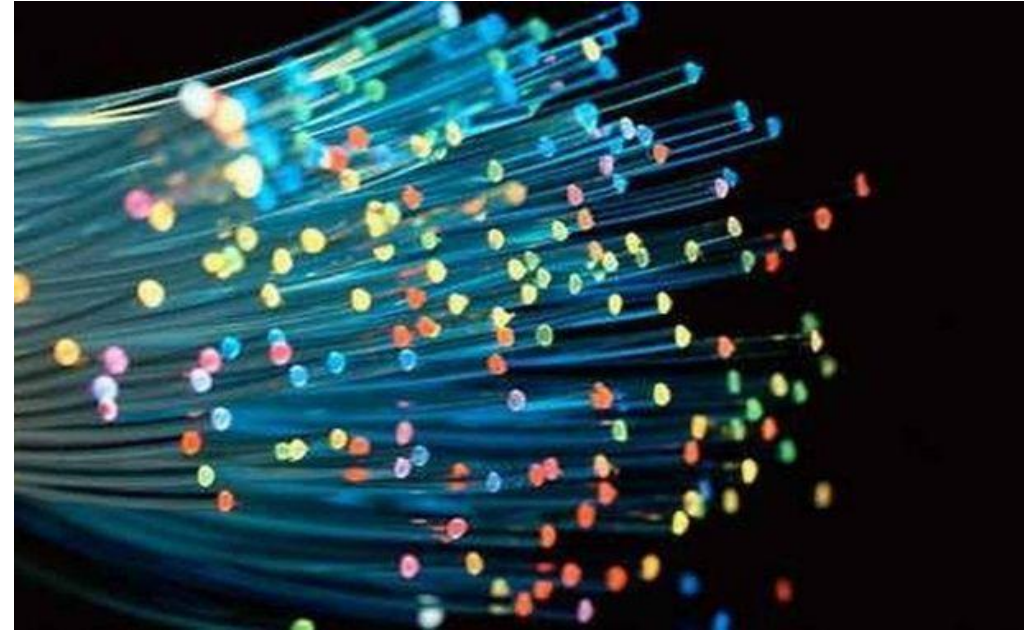
- Transform Crawley Bus Station
- Commuter Cycle Route Gatwick-Manor Royal- Town Centre



Proposed Towns Fund Priority Projects

DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY (TIP Funds: £2.55m)

- Manor Royal “Gigabit” Business Park
- Crawley Town Centre “Virtual Village”



URBAN REGENERATION (TIP Funds: £7.5m)

- Design – Town Centre Cultural Quarter
/ “Pop Up” cultural programme
- Manor Royal Business Environment Improvements
- Crawley “Green Homes” Retrofitting Programme



LATEST POSITION – CRAWLEY TIP

- Government response originally expected – end Sept
- No response received to date.

INFORMAL ADVICE RECEIVED ON LIKELY SCENARIO:

- Draft Heads of Terms and Projects RAG Rated;
- A response in 3 weeks may be required;

THIS MEANS:

- Town Deal Board meeting at short notice
- CBC formal decision process at short notice

INDIVIDUAL PROJECT BUSINESS CASES:

- 12 Months / “Fast tracked” for 2021-22



PROPOSED APPROACH TO RESPONDING

- Arrange Emergency Town Deal Board at short notice
- Ensure arrangements in place for CBC decision
- Review Draft Heads of Terms, engage with Town Deal Board, circulate and propose response
- Review feedback on projects, engage with Town Deal Board, circulate and propose response
- Seek agreement for final TIP and Heads of Terms



Towns Fund – £1m “Accelerated Funds” 2020-2021

Original Allocations:

£565,000 – Manor Royal “Micro Parks” scheme;

£435,000 – Town Centre “Gigabit” Spur;

Revised Allocations

£565,000 – Manor Royal “Micro-Parks” scheme;

£435,000 – District Heat Network – Affordable heating and energy for Crawley town centre residents

Board asked to endorse this change in allocation;

