



The Glasgow City Region City Deal

# GLASGOW AIRPORT INVESTMENT AREA

DEVELOPED PROPOSALS



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The £1.13bn Glasgow City Region City Deal is an agreement between the UK Government, the Scottish Government and eight local authorities across the Glasgow City Region: East Dunbartonshire Council; East Renfrewshire Council; Glasgow City Council; Inverclyde Council; North Lanarkshire Council; Renfrewshire Council; South Lanarkshire Council; and West Dunbartonshire Council. The City Deal will bring tens of thousands of jobs to the Glasgow City Region through 20 infrastructure projects; drive innovation and growth through the support of key sectors such as life sciences; and address challenges in the region's labour market. Both the UK and Scottish Governments are each giving the Glasgow City Region local authorities £500million in funding for the City Deal with member authorities investing a further £130million. Renfrewshire Council is playing a key role in delivering three of the biggest infrastructure investments; the Airport Access project, the Clyde Waterfront and Renfrew Riverside project and the Glasgow Airport Investment Area project. These projects, together with other Glasgow City Region City Deal projects being delivered by other local authorities, will transform local and regional connectivity resulting in job opportunities through business growth and inward investment.

## City Deal Benefits

**Overall, City Deal is expected to provide the following benefits:**

- £2.2 billion of additional Gross Value Added (GVA) per annum to the Glasgow City Region
- 29,000 permanent additional jobs and improved access to employment opportunities
- 15,000 jobs during construction of the 20 projects
- Unlock £3.3 billion of new private sector investment
- Spread the benefits of economic growth across the Glasgow City Region, ensuring that disadvantaged areas benefit from the growth

## Glasgow Airport Investment Area

The Glasgow Airport Investment Area has the potential to become a powerhouse of economic growth for Renfrewshire and the Glasgow City Region; being close to the M8, and to key commercial sites with significant economic growth potential such as the Airport, Westway and Inchinnan Business Parks, Paisley and Renfrew town centres.

To help realise that potential, the £39.1M Glasgow Airport Investment Area project will deliver infrastructure and environmental improvements aimed at facilitating the creating of a world class business and commercial location in the heart of Renfrewshire. It's completion will assist in the continued growth and expansion of the airport, a key driver of the local and regional economy and a source of thousands of local jobs, allowing existing business to grow and new business to be created.

This investment in infrastructure will help to create a more attractive, vibrant and sustainable place to live and work by better connecting communities and businesses; resulting in more employment opportunities for Renfrewshire and City Region residents. A separate leaflet is available for this project.

## Objectives

The Glasgow Airport Investment Area Project will:

- Help facilitate the creation of a world class business and commercial location centred around the airport and existing manufacturing centres in the heart of Renfrewshire, providing many local jobs.
- Improve connections between existing business parks, new development sites and significant population and employment areas.
- Enhance the local environment through the use of high quality landscaping to encourage high quality development and regeneration.

## Summary of Key Points

- Realignment of Abbotsinch Road, including improved connections with the existing road network.
- A new bridge across the White Cart connecting Wright Street with the realigned Abbotsinch Road.
- Improved facilities for public transport, cyclists and pedestrians.

## Project Costs

The estimated cost of the project is £39.1M with the majority of funding being provided by the UK and Scottish Governments, reflecting the strategic importance to the City Region economy, with additional funding being provided by Renfrewshire Council, reflecting the importance of the project to the local economy.

## Consultation Update

Feedback from surveys completed by members of the public in May & June 2016 demonstrated overwhelming support for the project and the benefits it will deliver in the local and wider area.

Five public exhibitions during May and June.



Plus the project team held more than **20** consultation meetings with groups and individuals, including community councils and councillors.

Engagement levels were high with more than **1,000** people taking part in the process.



Participation levels with the survey were high with **280** responses received

over **150** people

have signed up to our City Deal mailing list.



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# 93%

of those who expressed an opinion on the project, believed the project will have positive outcomes for the area.

Other aspects the project team were asked to consider going forward:



Impact of the proposals on local roads and existing traffic



Opportunities for walking and cycling



Impact on wildlife

The Project Team has spoken regularly with key stakeholders to ensure that their concerns, along with any potential problems and constraints, have been identified and where possible addressed, prior to progressing with detailed design work and the subsequent planning application. For example, cycle routes will be provided remote from vehicle traffic where possible. Concerns about traffic congestion have influenced the design of the junction at Abbotsinch Road and A8 Greenock Road where, to reduce vehicle congestion and improve safety for cyclists, a separate crossing location is being considered for cyclists.

## Current Position

The Project Team has looked in detail at the likely environmental, engineering, economic and traffic effects of the options for the road, bridge and cycleway alignments presented at the previous consultation events in May & June 2016 and have identified “preferred routes” - as shown on this leaflet.

These are the routes which are considered to provide the best opportunity of delivering the project objectives, while taking into account the feedback from the public and other key stakeholders.

The purpose of this consultation exercise is to get your views on the emerging designs for these preferred routes so that the Project Team can, where possible, take these into account as the design progresses.

The Gateway Route which formed part of the previous consultation exercise has been removed from the scope of this City Deal project. More information is shown opposite.

## Next Steps

The design of these preferred routes will be finalised over the coming months. As part of that process, further consultation events will be held early in 2017 with submission of a Planning Application soon after, in the spring/summer 2017.

# 1 Abbotsinch Road Realignment



- The preferred alignment with its high quality streetscape and landscaping is seen as the catalyst for delivery of a world class business and commercial location centered around the Airport and building on the area's existing business and manufacturing strengths.
- Capacity improvements to junction with Greenock Road/Inchinnan Road.
- Shared footways & cycleways will link to new and existing active travel routes.

# 2 Inchinnan Cycleway



- Off-road segregated route between Inchinnan Business Park and the Bascule "Swing" Bridge.
- Although not currently within the project scope and budget, potential external funding sources are being considered to allow construction of a new pedestrian / cycle bridge at the Black Cart.

# 3 Wright Street Bridge



- Improved access to key development sites while minimising adverse impact on local businesses and Glasgow Airport operations.
- Shared footways & cycleways will link to new and existing active travel routes.
- Wright Street will continue to operate as a "no-through road" with access to commercial development sites on the East side of the White Cart Water via the new bridge and access to residential sites via Paisley Road.
- Option to incorporate a bus/taxi gate on Wright Street, subject to views of stakeholders.

## GLASGOW AIRPORT INVESTMENT AREA

**A GAIA MASTERPLAN**





**B WESTWAY DEVELOPMENT**



**C COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**



**D RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**





	Realigned Abbotsinch Road
	Inchinnan Cycleway
	Existing Cycle Route
	Proposed Renfrew to Paisley Cycle Route
	Wright Street Bridge
	Clyde Waterfront & Renfrew Riverside Project

## Timescale for Completion



## Stay Involved

See our website for further information including project updates and details of further public engagement events as the project develops. You can also sign up to the City Deal mailing list on our website to be notified when updates and events are announced.

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## Gateway Update

Although not part of the original core City Deal Glasgow Investment Area project, the Project Team looked at potential additional improvements in this area that could deliver enhanced economic and regeneration benefits, including a new Gateway Route, environmental improvements and a new bridge, all aimed at helping regenerate the area as an attractive waterfront location for residential, business and leisure developments.

Cost estimates prepared as part of the options appraisal process however confirmed that these improvements were unlikely to be deliverable within the City Deal funding limits. Accordingly, Renfrewshire Council are now considering opportunities to deliver the Gateway Route as a separate but complementary project.

### GATEWAY ROUTE

**1 Gateway Corridor**

- A new Gateway route with high quality streetscape and landscaping will provide a new, more attractive link between Paisley town centre and the Airport.
- A new shared footway / cycleway will link to existing and new active travel routes.

——— New Gateway Route

..... Proposed Renfrew to Paisley Cycle Route

**A MASTERPLAN**

## Other City Deal Projects in Renfrewshire

### Clyde Waterfront & Renfrew Riverside

The Clyde Waterfront & Renfrew Riverside project aims to regenerate the Clyde Waterfront as an attractive riverside and urban area that supports existing and promotes new residential, industrial, commercial, business, retail and leisure opportunities. With the construction of a new 'opening' bridge across the River Clyde, which will accommodate vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists, and the construction of the Renfrew North Development Road, the project will better link communities and businesses on both sides of the river. This will increase the potential for business growth, for businesses on both sides of the river, as they gain access to increased numbers of customers and suppliers throughout Renfrewshire, Clydebank, Glasgow and the wider Glasgow City Region.



### Airport Access Project

The £144M Glasgow Airport Access Project is the City Deal's flagship project and emphasises the importance of Renfrewshire's role in the future economic success of the region.

The project will provide a direct rail link between Glasgow Central Station and Glasgow Airport, stopping at Paisley Gilmour Street station. This will make it easier for passengers to get to the airport and help local employees to get to work there while also improving access for other businesses in the area.



Crowned UK Airport of the Year 2015, Glasgow Airports success and expansion is vital to the wider economy of the Glasgow City Region area and to Renfrewshire's economic development. The Airport Access project will support this growth by offering better connections to all areas of the City Region by improving links with the wider transport network.