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£12M FUNDING ALLOCATED BY HAVEN GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP TO FACILITATE SUB-REGION DEVELOPMENT

Quotes

"EEDA welcomes this funding for the Haven Gateway. Through the Integrated Development Programme (IDP), investment will be co-ordinated across the sub-region to strategically plan for the future and maximise the benefits of investment.

"This latest investment will help strengthen the economy of the area, creating flourishing businesses and communities within the Haven Gateway; a key international entrance to the UK with nationally-important assets such as the ports of Felixstowe and Harwich. I look forward to seeing the fruits of future investment."

Richard Ellis, chair of the East of England Development Agency (EEDA)

"This further round of Growth Point Funding is more good news for Ipswich and the Haven Gateway. It confirms that our approach of working with organisations like the Haven Gateway and Regional Cities East pays dividends and will help to bring further jobs and investment – showing that Ipswich is indeed fighting back against the Credit Crunch."

Cllr Richard Atkins Planning and Economic Development - portfolio holder, Ipswich Borough Council

"We are delighted with the contribution to the Ipswich Flood Defence Scheme. The partnership funding of this scheme is model of good practice, enabling us to progress the building of the improved flood defences and protect around 2300 properties. It should also give confidence to new businesses looking to move into the town that the risk of flooding is being actively managed by all the partners."

Richard Houghton, Eastern Area Flood Risk Manager, Environment Agency

"Babergh is delighted that its efforts to secure funding has been successful. This funding, a result of Babergh's close working with The Haven Gateway Partnership, has been awarded for projects that will make a real difference to people's lives."

Cllr John Hinton, Babergh District Council

"This funding means that we are able to put in place measures that support the long-term sustainable growth of Colchester, to ensure it continues to be a place people really want to live. Following the announcement of CIF funding last week, the allocation of a further £1.5million towards the development of a new A12 junction and the associated infrastructure, will not only deliver further land in North Colchester for new homes and employment opportunities, but will also help to tackle congestion throughout the borough. With funding also being allocated to support projects that will open up access to some of our unique heritage sites and provide new and improved areas of public open space for residents and visitors alike, this is an exciting time in the development of Colchester."

Councillor Anne Turrell, Leader of Colchester Borough Council

We are delighted that the Haven Gateway Partnership is making such a significant contribution to the proposed Innovation Hub at Martlesham. Suffolk Coastal District Council has already committed £100,000 using funds we have received from Government. The project has the potential to further develop Martlesham as a world-class centre for Information and Communications Technology. This is very welcome news for the future of the Suffolk Coastal economy.

Cllr Colin Hart, Suffolk Coastal District Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Development

"The allocation approved today recognises the need to invest in the key regeneration areas of Tendring. It will lead to a step change in our delivery capacity and our ability to attract private sector investment. This in turn will create new employment opportunities. The additional funding has been secured against objectives and outcomes identified by the Council's regeneration company, ITNend, which will also be responsible for ensuring the projects are delivered."

David Lines, Leader of Tendring District Council

"We want to ensure that any developments bring positive benefits to Suffolk for its long term economic future. Our ambition is to ensure we have a strong and dynamic jobs market here and the Haven Gateway Partnership is helping to move that forward. But we will also work to ensure that we minimise any adverse impact on the local community, on the environment and on the infrastructure - Suffolk is known for its excellent quality of life and we are all working together to maintain that."

Lisa Chambers, Portfolio holder for Economic and Cultural Development, Suffolk County Council