

Appendix 3 - LUP Project details – Sept 2024

Boston Leisure Centre

Lead: Boston Borough Council

To improve access to health and wellbeing facilities. The Leisure Centre is incredibly dated, with planned works to include pool refurbishments, upgrades to plant and machinery and establishing Lincolnshire CVS's 'Leisure First' project, incorporating a volunteer community hub and wellbeing centre.

Redevelopment of vacant space at rear of Boston Leisure Centre (after completion of main Leisure Project) to create a new Community Volunteering & Wellbeing Centre.

Boston United Football Sports Complex & Affordable Homes

Lead: Chestnut Homes and BUFC CIC

To provide funding to enable the completion of the community sports complex along the south side of the stadium. Also to provide funding to enable Chestnut Homes to support the building of 30 much needed affordable homes to further complete elements of the Quadrant housing development.

Haven Wharf

Lead: Boston College

Haven Wharf is poised to become Boston's beacon for innovation, skill development, and opportunity in the creative and digital sectors. The vision, impact, and strategic development of a hub will not only transform an existing heritage asset but also be a catalyst for economic growth, foster new skills, and provide a platform for new industry opportunities in the heart of Boston.

The ambition is for multi-faceted collaborative spaces attracting small and growing businesses in the creative industries and commercial outlets, supported by education and a pipeline of new graduate talent and create space for: 20 business units; Digital hub; Meeting and conference spaces; Flexible TV media/recording/green screen rooms; Creative and Immersive Extended Reality (XR) Centre; Photography space; Video editing suite; Esports facility; Sound production suite; Games development suite; Craft studios; Artist studios; Training/seminar rooms; Shared refreshment facilities; Media/Art Gallery/Exhibition space; Retail outlet/s and café facility. The initial funding proposed from LUP will facilitate Phase I including acquisition of the site.

Boston Community Diagnostic Centre, Rosegarth Square, PE21

Lead: Boston Borough Council

To facilitate the development of a new NHS Integrated Care Centre on the derelict B&M site in Rosegarth Square. The programme of works include the acquisition of the former B&M site and associated costs, infrastructure provision to facilitate the redevelopment of the former B&M site and pump-prime activities for ICC (or redevelopment of meanwhile use of the area).

Community Organisations Package

Lead: Boston Borough Council

A dedicated, community-led grant scheme focusing on the development of community assets and pride in place. Building on the highly successful GRASSroots model currently being deployed through UKSPF and REPF, this scheme will allow for larger-scale grants that will generate noticeable impacts in terms of social and physical regeneration within the Borough of Boston. Specifically, the project will seek to award grants to community facilities, sports facilities (in concert with third party funders), green spaces, heritage and cultural assets, public realm improvements and community groups, providing them with a set amount of funding (on a set intervention rate) to spend on clearly defined 'quick to deliver' projects.

Grant assessment criteria, grant documentation and the infrastructure to support relevant Panels are all readily on hand and existing resource could be rapidly deployed to support quick mobilisation of grant appraisal processes. This will feed into an already-established framework for the management of grant contracts, that will ensure that projects will be supported to deliver rapidly and effectively.

Potential projects:

- Centenary Church for new audio-visual system and repairs to church hall to encourage more usage of facilities by the wider community.
- YMCA Physical Activity Space for new leisure facilities including climbing wall and multi sports space to complement LUF2 project.
- Len Medlock Voluntary Centre to improve building accessibility and energy efficiency to complement Rosegarth Square plans.
- Flexible capital grant pot to support Eastern European Communities.

Boston Connected

Lead: Destination Lincolnshire

Boston Connected will deliver the digital infrastructure needed for a vibrant and competitive visitor economy in Boston. Lack of investment in Boston's visitor economy is both a burden and an opportunity. Numerous LU projects are contributing to the growth of Boston.

Boston Connected aims to link up activities/services that visitors and residents need, to enjoy the richness of what Boston has to offer. The investment includes an accessible headless content management system, enhanced destination website, dynamic content, destination management system, digital asset library, online travel agent (OTA) booking integrations, data collection, social listening, an experience platform, B2B data planning hub, APIs and live event information. It also includes interactive wayfinding that tackles the dispersal of people and multilingual/real-time visitor information in the destination.

Boston Connected will be delivered in partnership with local businesses, art, culture and heritage partners (such as Historic England, Arts Council England NPOs etc.). The digitalisation element is the backbone of the programme.

It will present Boston in a way that has never been possible before due to a lack of investment. It will also act as a digital web across all the other levelling-up projects; scaling up the visitor experience each LU intervention has to offer into a compelling 'place' proposition for visitors and residents. The outcome of these interventions is a fully curated visitor experience that attracts domestic and international visitors, travel trade and business tourism. The impact will be a much-needed foundation stone that can generate local prosperity through new visitor spend.

Boston Community Research Project

Lead: Lincolnshire CVS (in partnership with the University of Lincoln)

This new funding approach is a unique opportunity to put lessons learned into practice and address thriving communities, inclusive growth and future proofing through a community masterplan approach. A Community Masterplan is different. It will enable us to take a deeper dive to better understand the relationship between people and places. It will also help identify future development needs and suggest proposals to create local plans for Boston's diverse communities.

The masterplan will create a blueprint for delivering the Boston Town Investment Plan (TIP) vision and elements of the South & East Councils partnership sub-regional strategy. It would guide investment planning in communities and places, collaborative working and getting the best value from the Long-Term Plan for Towns endowment and other funding. The masterplan would change perceptions about the capacity needed to build social capital and equip emerging community leaders with the skills, knowledge and confidence to help their communities identify and meet their needs and participate more fully in society.

St Botolph's Church Visitor offer

Lead: St Botolph's

Boston's TIC is only open Wednesday – Saturday (in Boston Guildhall) which causes an impact on our local visitor economy and causes frustration to visitors to our town. We feel, now we have a permanent volunteer on our Welcome Desk, we can develop a new visitor information point, to support the existing provision, as we are open 7 days a week. Alongside a new unit which would display leaflets/brochures and have storage facilities, the welcome desk is equipped with a telephone and computer (with internet availability).