

Connected Coast Board Update: 11th June

WELCOME BACK to our regular Connected Coast Board updates.

Following the focus on supporting the town deal projects to the next stage of submission – all project confirmation documents were issued on 24 May – we thought it was timely to re-start our regular newsletters to keep you up-to-date with the development of the full business cases for our 7 Skegness projects and 6 projects in Mablethorpe. We will also use these updates to share any useful Coastal news too. We welcome your feedback too – please get in touch if you have any suggestions, news or ideas.

Campus for Future Living

Our flagship project for Mablethorpe has been selected as a pilot by Health Education England for a new type of medical training school, alongside Derby in Derbyshire and Coventry in the West Midlands.

Known as the Generalist School, the model will include:

- Medical training would follow a national curriculum, but with a greater focus on local health priorities and community healthcare.
- This would be open to junior doctors after they had completed the Foundation Programme.
- Junior doctors would complete rotations and teaching but would also spend one day a week undertaking an ‘immersive experience’
- This would involve an additional community placement and/or other local learning activities, such as spending time working in GP Out of Hours services, alongside other professionals (such as social workers) or in community services (such as in rehabilitation health).

Health Education England (HEE), the body responsible for medical training in England, has highlighted the importance of training junior doctors to understand the healthcare needs of their local communities. The plans would mean:

- Junior doctors are more aware of the needs of the wider population (including hard-to-reach groups)
- Organisations with no previous involvement in medical education are engaged and have access to doctors on placement
- Patients/service users have greater access to new services

MEETINGS:

We have joined the Skegness/Mablethorpe LCWIP (Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans) meeting and the Skegness/Mablethorpe Transport Board.

Met with East Midlands to hear a positive progress report on the Skegness Railway Station.

Technical Sub-Group meeting to discuss the future of the Mobi-Hub project and next steps for the business case progression.

Working collaboratively with support from Magna Vitae on opportunities for the new Cultural Investment Fund.

The National Trust has kept us up-to-date with their plans for Sandilands and supported the new levelling up fund proposals (see update below).

IN THE NEWS:

Lisa Collins – ELDC Place Manager – was interviewed this week on BBC Radio Lincolnshire on tourism and visitors to the Lincolnshire coast this summer.

FUNDING:

UK Community Renewal Fund: Lincolnshire County Council is leading on this bid for the county. The Prospectus sets out four investment themes - Investment in skills; Investment for local business; Investment in communities and place; Supporting people into employment.

As East Lindsey has been designated as a priority one area we have been given the opportunity to give feedback on the proposals received, many of which include pilot projects that are set to benefit the coast. The bid is in progress and will be submitted on 18th June.

Levelling Up Fund: East Lindsey District Council is leading on a £20m bid for funding.

The bid is split into two packages:

Package 1 – Wolds Connected – Establishment of two landmark routes covering over 100 kilometres for cycling and walking - the creation of the *Danelaw** and Connected Coast routes sits at the heart of this proposal. It connects the area into the national cycling network and significantly enhances access to the Wolds AONB.

(* name will need to change due to duplication with another route name, but propose a competition to find route name).

Package 2 – Wolds Cultural Quarter – Focused on Alford, Spilsby, Louth and Horncastle with investment into culture and heritage.

The improved connectivity of 'Package 1' sits alongside the regeneration of 4 market towns through a series of investments in its heritage, culture and economic infrastructure:

Alford: Manor House – supporting creation of a new millwright visitor experience and extending its function room to provide yearlong events usage; Windmill – works to restore the mill back to working order and facilitate the creation of a visitor café/shop and holiday accommodation.

Spilsby: Sessions House, grade II (at risk) – to deliver necessary repairs to the building and bring it back into use as a theatre.

Louth: Cycle Hub – regenerating vacant property, creating a 'Cycle Hub' destination for cycle sales, hire, maintenance and storage. The project also allows for touch-down points in Spilsby, Alford and Horncastle – with potential for future investment to also link with Town Deal Project MobiHub Mablethorpe.

All: Market Place(s) - Modest investments are planned in all 4 of our market towns all of which are designated as conservation areas (at risk) to upgrade the facilities in their market squares.

Please find attached a **presentation** on the proposals. The bid has been supported by Lincolnshire County Council and WSP, along with partners across the market towns.

Safer Streets: A joint bid by the Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones, Lincolnshire Police and East Lindsey District Council has secured £244,801 funding from the latest round of Safer Streets grants from the Government.

This is a great financial boost for the east coast communities and tourism and will fund a host of measures designed to tackle crime and ASB.

TOURISM:

Lord Taylor and the Midlands Engine on the visitor economy: <https://vimeo.com/551969224>

This speech by Lord Taylor on the visitor economy which has been shared on social media by the Midlands Engine. It is great to see the results of our support to Lord Taylor and the Midlands Engine being discussed, and referencing the Towns Fund.