



Gravity

A Smart Campus and Community

Memorandum of Understanding

September 2020

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- This is Gravity
- Sedgemoor District Council
- Somerset County Council
- Highways England
- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- Bridgwater and Taunton College
- Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.
- Network Rail
- *Potential Future Delivery Partners*

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the Delivery Group partners listed above. The purpose of the MOU is to promote effective co-ordination and co-operation between the MOU partners to secure the delivery of the Gravity Enterprise zone (EZ), known hereafter, as Gravity, through a Local Development Order (LDO) process.

The key working principles that MOU partners sign up to are:

- Working with Government and agencies to deliver the UK Industrial Strategy and to attract inward investment
- Enable market led delivery of the EZ through the LDO, establishing a simplified planning regime
- An ambition to shape and facilitate clean and inclusive growth
- Creating employment opportunities, economic transformation, social value
- A commitment to timely delivery and maintaining momentum to achieve the programme
- A commitment to observing due process, including securing all necessary consents, to secure delivery of Gravity and associated infrastructure
- Open-ness
- Co-ordination
- Collaboration
- Communication and stakeholder engagement
- Shared responsibility and ownership of problems, risks, and solutions
- Alertness to opportunities
- Minimising impact on the environment and local communities

This MOU is not legally binding. Nothing in this MOU will contravene or override the statutory duties of the partners.

It is hereby agreed that:

Strategy

The MOU partners collaborate to enable the delivery of Gravity, including co-operation around meeting market needs (commercial), planning, highways, and environmental matters, and liaison with key agencies, potential occupiers, community groups and other stakeholders.

The MOU partners will establish a co-ordinated programme of activity from October 2020 onwards. Completion dates for specific activities will be set out as part of that programme, considering the individual responsibilities of different partners and the collective ambition to deliver Gravity and enable growth.

Each partner agrees to provide guidance, technical input and support and to assist in delivering specific activities as appropriate and agreed within the agreed areas of work.



Information and Data Collection

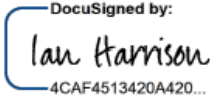
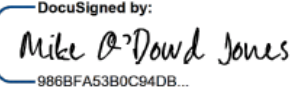




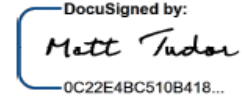
Information requests between MOU partners will be managed as quickly as is reasonable, depending on the complexity of the request and information available.

Where appropriate, data collection is to be co-ordinated between the MOU partners to maximise the use of data and enable cost sharing. Any costs will be mutually agreed by partners as per the appropriate contractual arrangement.

Review

The MOU shall come into immediate effect. The MOU partners will jointly review the arrangements set out in the MOU as and when necessary.

Signed	Date	Organisation	Name
 9B44A3F207244AA...	26 October 2020 22:01 GMT	This is Gravity	Claire Pearce
 EEEEFC20F23CB4A3...	03 November 2020 17:07 GMT	Sedgemoor District Council	Stuart Houlet
		Heart of the South West Local	Ian Harrison

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	01 February 2021	Network Rail	Mike Gallop
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