

# Gravity

**A blueprint for a smarter, cleaner future**

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## Bulletin

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### Highlights

- **Sedgemoor District Council adopts a Local Development Order (LDO) for Gravity and opens a gateway to transformational change for locality and wider region**
- **Claire Pearce speaks on 'Developing Gigafactories' - supporting Britain's Net Zero Ambitions**
- **Gravity at forefront of sustainable lithium supply chain**
- **Gravity Link Road opens creating new access to J23 of the M5**
- **Gravity Business Charter - supporting clean growth in the SW**
- **Gravity judges' regional environmental awards**
- **TV's George Clarke announces Design Competition winners**

## Gravity Local Development Order Adopted by Sedgemoor District Council



On February 23, we were delighted to receive the news that Sedgemoor District Council adopted a Local Development Order (LDO) for Gravity.

Our goal is to create up to 7,500 high-quality, skilled jobs, driving the UK's shift towards a zero-carbon economy.

This landmark decision opens the gateway to transformational change over the coming years, as Gravity takes shape as one of the most sustainable smart campuses in Europe, attracting high-value occupiers, committed to clean growth.

Our next step will be to work closely with potential occupiers to ensure that parties are aware of the site being in a 'ready state' for immediate mobilisation, enabling an accelerated response within a fast-moving and global marketplace.

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## Gravity Link Road opens to the public



In Q4 2021, Gravity's connection to the UK's motorway network, the Gravity Link Road opened to the public. We expect the footpath across our unique 'green bridge' to open later in the spring.

[Watch Video](#)

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## Gravity team visits Cornish & British Lithium facilities



In February, Gravity's leadership team travelled to Cornwall, to better understand the facilities and processes of Cornish & British Lithium. The trip was facilitated by the Heart of the South West LEP who promote and influence economic growth, job creation and prosperity across the region.

Work to develop an ethical, sustainable lithium supply is rapidly accelerating and such efforts have already received backing from the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) via the UK Government's Getting Building Fund, and from Innovate UK.

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## **Claire Pearce speaks at ‘Developing Gigafactories- Supporting Britain’s Net Zero Ambitions’ webinar**



Gravity’s Director of Planning & Economic Development, Claire Pearce, joined the Built Environment Networks’ ‘Developing Gigafactories’ – supporting Britain’s Net Zero Ambitions webinar.

The event brought together several leading UK organisations that are driving forward the approach on transport decarbonisation, and specifically the transition to electric vehicle manufacturing and the development of large-scale battery manufacturing.

According to the Faraday Institution, for the UK to meet its projected domestic battery demand seven battery production sites will be needed by 2040.

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## **Gravity Programme Director judging regional Environmental Awards**



Gravity Programme Director, Paul Lowndes, has recently been judging entries to both the 'SBA 2022 'Environmental Achievement Award' and the 'Federation of Small Business (FSB) South West's 'Environmental/Sustainability Award'.

Both awards are here to recognise and celebrate the businesses in the South West that are making significant progress towards improving their environmental awareness through ESG decision making and reducing their operational carbon emissions, contributing to the UK's decarbonisation efforts.

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## **Winners of Gravity Young Person Design Challenge announced by TV presenter George Clarke**



In early December, TV Presenter George Clarke announced the winners of the Gravity Young Person's Design Challenge. The overall winner was revealed as Alyssa Ghio of Chilton Trinity School, Bridgwater with her amazing Pythagoras House design.

The challenge, created by the Ministry of Building Innovation and Education < (MOBIE), Gravity and Bounce Forward, asked young people from the Bridgwater area to design an innovative and inspirational sustainable place with jobs and homes that meet the changing needs of future generations, including promoting wellbeing, quality of life and healthy ageing.

The judges were drawn from Gravity, MOBIE and Bounce Forward, which provided participating schools with mental resilience training.