



The Glasgow City Region City Deal
**GLASGOW AIRPORT
INVESTMENT AREA**

FINALISING PROPOSALS

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The £1.13bn Glasgow City Region City Deal is an agreement between the UK Government, the Scottish Government and eight local authorities across the Glasgow City Region.

This City Deal will fund major infrastructure projects; create thousands of new jobs and assist thousands of unemployed people back to work; improve public transport and connectivity; drive business innovation and growth and generate billions of pounds of private sector investment.

Further information can be found on the City Deal website at www.glasgowcityregion.co.uk.

Glasgow Airport Investment Area (GAIA)



The Glasgow Airport Investment Area has the potential to become a powerhouse of economic growth for Renfrewshire and the Glasgow City Region; being close to the M8, and to key commercial sites with significant economic growth potential such as the Airport, Westway and Inchinnan Business Parks, Paisley and Renfrew town centres.

To help realise that potential, the £39.1m Glasgow Airport Investment Area project will deliver the infrastructure and environmental improvements (described below) with the objective of facilitating the creation of a world class business and commercial location around the airport and existing manufacturing centres in the heart of Renfrewshire. Its completion will also assist the continued growth and expansion of the airport, a key driver of the local and regional economy and a source of thousands of local jobs, allowing existing business to grow and new business to be created.

This investment in infrastructure will help to create a more attractive, vibrant and sustainable place to live and work by better connecting communities and businesses; resulting in more employment opportunities for local residents and wider Glasgow City Region residents.

GAIA Project Benefits

Through the construction of the proposed infrastructure (described overleaf in 'Project Detail') it is anticipated that the project will enable the delivery of the following benefits for the local and wider communities:

DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS

- Vacant and derelict land brought back into use (60 hectares)
- Land remediated (11.4 hectares)
- New business space (Industrial/Storage/Distribution) (101,880 sqm)
- Enhanced business space (Industrial/Storage/Distribution) (9,754 sqm)
- Enhanced commercial space (450 sqm)
- New office space (200,963 sqm)
- Enhanced office space (6,387sqm)
- New homes (250)

Development of the project design, in consultation with stakeholders and the public, has enabled the following additional benefits to be delivered by the project:

- Reduction in HGV traffic on Porterfield Road (due to Wright Street link)
- Reduction in HGV traffic on Paisley Road, by linking Westway business park to M8 over White Cart
- Improved operation of the Greenock Road / Abbotsinch Road junction
- Safer and significantly expanded cycleways
- Enhanced opportunity for public transport links between Renfrew, the Airport and Airport Business Park
- Potential for significant area adjacent to the White Cart to become an accessible area for leisure
- Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles by over 200 tonnes in 2020
- One of the first projects in the world to follow the new standard (PAS 2080) to minimise greenhouse gas emissions - directly contributing to the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals

GAIA Project Details

The GAIA project involves realignment of Abbotsinch Road, including improved connections with the existing road network, new bridges across the Black and White Cart and improved facilities for public transport, cyclists and pedestrians. A summary of the key project outputs are as follows:

1

ABBOTSINCH ROAD

Realignment and upgrading of the existing Abbotsinch Road to establish a high quality gateway setting the scene for a world class business and commercial location. Works include:

- 1620m of new 7.3m wide road accommodating 2 lanes of traffic with a 30mph speed limit
- 420m length of upgraded existing road from south of Arran Avenue roundabout to the new realigned Abbotsinch Road
- 3m wide shared cycleway¹ on both sides of the new and upgraded road
- 3 new roundabouts on the realigned Abbotsinch Road to facilitate access to future development sites

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WRIGHT STREET LINK

A new bridge spanning the White Cart River from Wright Street to an approach road off Arran Ave. Works include:

- New 70m (3 span) bridge carrying 2 lanes of traffic
- Minimum clearance height of 3.35m from bridge to water level
- 480m of new 7.3m approach road carrying 2 lanes of traffic with a 30mph speed limit
- 100m of upgraded existing road from roundabout at Arran Ave / Abbotsinch Rd to new approach road
- New 3m wide shared cycleway¹ from the roundabout to Wright Street on south side of new link
- No Through Route on Wright Street

CYCLE LANE CONNECTIONS

Further improved connections to existing cycleways & corepaths will also be provided:

- 1a 120m of new 3m wide off road shared cycleway¹ south of White Cart stone Bridge, linking to Bascule Bridge
- 1b Widening of 700m of existing footway to provide a 3m wide shared cycleway¹ on the west side of Abbotsinch Road, between Sanderling Road and Arran Avenue
- 1c Links to existing Glasgow Airport cycle routes

DRAINAGE

Drainage for the new road and cycleways will use the principles of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems including:

- Pollution Control
- Tidal Attenuation

JUNCTIONS

There will also be new & improved junctions:

- Capacity improvements at Abbotsinch Road / A8 Greenock Road / A8 Inchinnan Road junction
- Capacity improvements on the existing Arran Avenue / Abbotsinch Road roundabout

LANDSCAPING

High quality landscaping of new roads and cycleways with the aim of setting the standard for future development, including:

- Mature trees planted on the realigned Abbotsinch Road to create an immediate visual impact
- High quality hard landscaping materials
- Provision of benches, cycle parking and features at key points
- Hedge planting to enhance biodiversity on Inchinnan Cycleway

A separate planning application is also being submitted for the following works:

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INCHINNAN CYCLEWAY

New off-road cycle way connecting proposed realigned Abbotsinch Road to Inchinnan Business Park, including:

- 2030m length of new off-road 3m wide shared cycleway¹ on south side of Greenock Road
- Installation of solar studs to provide lighting during the hours of darkness
- 100m cycleway / pedestrian bridge spanning the Black Cart Water with min clearance height of 3.3m from bridge to water level

¹ By 'shared cycleway' we mean a shared use path for use by pedestrians and cyclists.

 Corresponds to map reference overleaf.

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Renfrewshire
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EXISTING



INCHINNAN
BUSINESS PARK

OFF ROAD CYCLEWAY

3 INCHINNAN
CYCLEWAY

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PROPOSED INCHINNAN CYCLEWAY



NEW PEDESTRIAN CYCLE BRIDGE

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New pedestrian
cycle bridge

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Off road
cycle route

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NORMANDY
HOTEL

GLASGOW
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EXISTING ABBOTSINCH ROAD

VM5

Statutory Process

The submission of Proposal of Application Notices (PAN) for this project began a period of consultation, during which events will be held to seek stakeholders' views before the plans are finalised. A full planning application will then be submitted later this year.

The planning application and supporting documents (including an Environmental Statement containing the findings from an Environmental Impact Assessment) will be available from the Planning Authority* after submission and validation of the application. To sign up to our mailing list to be notified of these key project updates, or for further details visit our website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/citydeal.

* Planning Authority Portal: (<http://pl.renfrewshire.gov.uk/online-applications>)

PROPOSED PROJECT TIMELINE

March 2017	Proposal of Application Notices (PAN) submitted
April 2017	Consultation with Elected Members and Community Councils
May 2017	Public consultation events 8th to 11th May in Renfrew, Paisley, Clydebank & Yoker**
June 2017	Submission of full planning application
June onwards	Consideration by the planning authority*** and decision on application.
2018	Start construction****
2020	Complete construction; roads and bridges open****

** Please note that comments recorded at these events are being considered as general project feedback and are not representations to the planning authority. The process for making a formal representation is set out in the note below;

*** Any person has the right to make representation on the proposals. Such representations must be made in writing within set time limits. These will be clearly set out in explanatory material accompanying the Planning Application and Environmental Statement.

**** Dates dependant on Planning Application outcomes and timescales.

Consultation to Date

Feedback from surveys completed by members of the public in December 2016 at the second phase of consultation continued to demonstrate the overwhelming support shown in the initial phase of engagement in May & June 2016 where the public voiced support for the project and the benefits it will deliver in the local and wider area.

The Project Team has spoken regularly with key stakeholders to ensure that their concerns, along with any potential problems and constraints, have been identified and where possible addressed, prior to finalising the design and the subsequent planning application. For example:

YOU SAID	WE DID
Include safe walking and cycling route	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All new roads will include cycle routes, remote from vehicle traffic where possible
Concerns about traffic congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Comprehensive Traffic Modelling assessment carried outJunctions at Abbotsinch Road and A8 Greenock Road have been designed to reduce vehicle congestion and improve safety for cyclists
Concerns about Wright Street bridge creating a 'rat run'	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wright Street stopped up to prevent through route from bridge traffic and also facilitating the reduction of HGV traffic on residential streets