English Partnerships at work in South West England





English Partnerships, the government's national regeneration agency, is delivering high quality, sustainable growth across South West England as its works with the Housing Corporation and the Department for Communities and Local Government to establish the new homes agency.

We are developing our portfolio of strategic projects and we ensure that surplus public sector land assets are used to support wider government objectives and create communities where people can afford to live and want to live. Information about our projects and programmes in the South West can be found at www.englishpartnerships.co.uk/south; meanwhile, here are some details about a few of our most important schemes.

Millbay and Devonport, Plymouth

In Plymouth, English Partnerships is helping to stimulate economic growth and improve the quality and choice of homes for local people by delivering two major new neighbourhoods at Millbay and Devonport.

Millbay is a strategically important £300m harbour-side regeneration scheme that will provide new homes, offices, shops and leisure facilities for Plymouth and reconnect the marine area with the city centre. Meanwhile, the regeneration of the former South Yard Enclave in Devonport will make a major contribution to the quality of life for local people by creating more than 450 new homes as well as shops, offices and community facilities. The much-loved historic Market Hall and Clocktower will be restored and more than 100 of the homes will be available for affordable rent or shared ownership.

Camborne, Cornwall

English Partnerships and CPR Regeneration, Cornwall's Urban Regeneration Company, have appointed Midas Homes as the developer partner for a major regeneration scheme that will redevelop the former CompAir Holman site in the Dolcoath area of Camborne in West Cornwall. This new mixed-use neighbourhood will provide nearly four hundred new homes and also create around 250 new jobs through the provision of offices and commercial opportunities suitable for small businesses.

Swindon

English Partnerships is a founder partner of the New Swindon Company, which was formed in 2002 to stimulate investment and co-ordinate plans for the commercial, cultural and tourism revitalisation of Swindon Town Centre.

The current priority is the regeneration of a major site known as The Exchange, which is located between the Central Business District and the Railway Station, providing one of the best mixed use development opportunities in the South West of England.

Weston-super-Mare

English Partnerships is working with the South West of England Regional Development Agency to deliver up to 1800 new homes and a range of leisure, education and community facilities to the former RAF Locking Training School on the outskirts of Weston super Mare.

Over a 20-year period it is planned to extend the employment space to one million square feet, creating an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 new jobs.

Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Company

English Partnerships is also a founding partner of the Gloucester Heritage URC and in early 2004 it purchased and then leased-back the Gloucestershire College of Arts and Technology Campus in order to facilitate the construction of a new campus adjacent to Gloucester Docks. Work on site started in 2006 and the 20,000 sq m new College of Further Education, now re-named 'Gloucestershire College' was officially opened in June 2007.

English Partnerships is also undertaking the construction of a spectacular new bridge that will join up major canal-side regeneration areas in Gloucester, improve communications and open up business and leisure opportunities. Costing in the region of £6 million, this project has been designed, procured and managed by English Partnerships and is scheduled to open in spring 2008.

Finally, Bristol-based housebuilder, Edward Ware Homes Ltd, has recently been appointed by English Partnerships to develop the vacated College campus on Brunswick Road, Gloucester, bringing almost four hundred new homes to the city and setting new standards for the design and sustainability of city centre residential developments. This very high quality scheme will create a new environmentally friendly neighbourhood, incorporating proposals for a Neighbourhood Resource Centre along with public open spaces located adjacent to heritage areas.



The St Ann Way Bridge, Gloucester