

Member Briefing

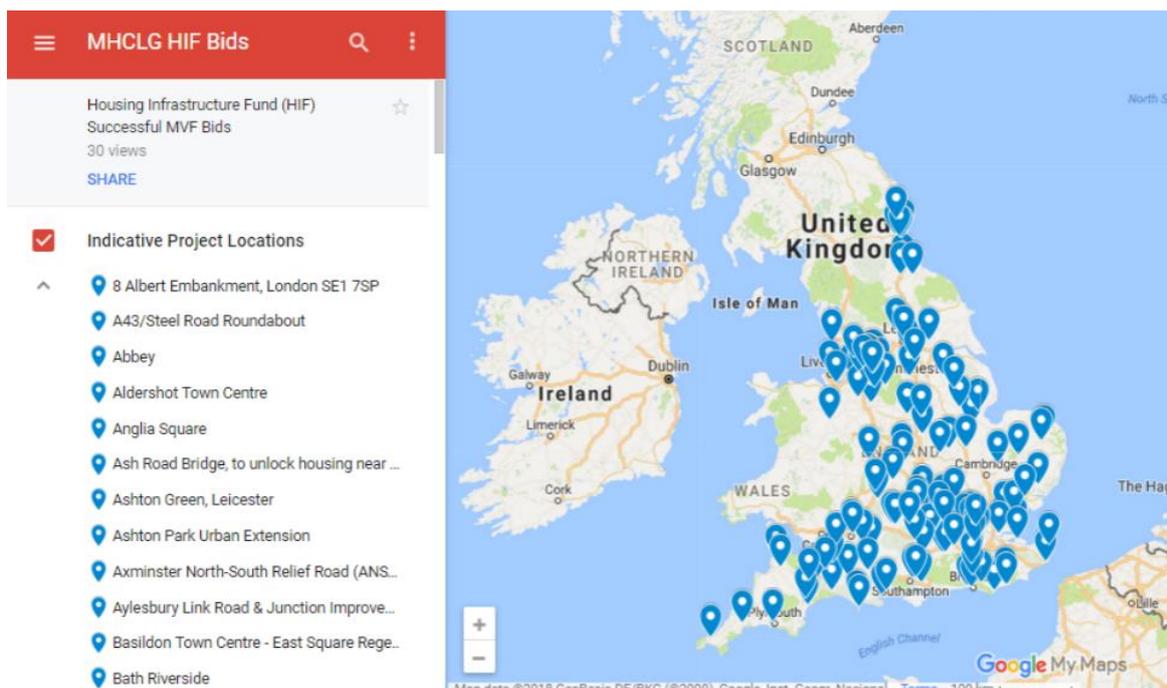
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Title: Housing Infrastructure Fund

Summary: Cheshire West and Chester Council has been awarded £3 million from the Housing Infrastructure Fund to help deliver new homes in Ellesmere Port.

The Housing Infrastructure Fund is a government capital grant programme of up to £2.3 billion, which will help to deliver up to 100,000 new homes in England. Local authorities were invited to bid for funding to provide new infrastructure that would unlock new homes in areas of greatest housing demand.

The Government, together with Homes England, assessed each bid for their strategic ambition, benefits costs ratio and deliverability. Cheshire West and Chester Council was one of 133 councils to secure funding.



See a map of [project locations](#)

This funding forms part of the Government's Industrial Strategy. The strategy sets out a long term plan to boost the productivity and earning power of people in the UK.

The Council has been awarded £3 million to design, obtain permissions and construct a footbridge over the railway line to improve pedestrian and cycle connectivity at Rossfield Park, Ellesmere Port.

Whilst some properties have already been completed at Rossfield Road, later phases stalled due to the planning requirement for a bridge. Network Rail now

require a taller design to allow for upgrading the Hooton-Chester line, at considerably more expense than originally estimated when planning permission was obtained, making further redevelopment of the site unviable. Now funding is available for the enhanced bridge, 233 new homes can be built in the next five years with opportunities for a further 485 in the future.

Securing this money will provide an improved, safe access across the railway and ensure a range of new housing is provided in the town centre to meet residents' needs. The development of this long term vacant brownfield site will also boost local businesses and increase confidence and pride in the area.

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