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Partnership Signals Boost for Development in South Hampshire

Local partners have reached an agreement over the long-term management of some of South Hampshire's most important regeneration sites owned by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) and the HCA have agreed to work together to ensure that local authority and business leaders have a strong say in the future of four sites formerly owned by the South East England Development Agency.

The stewardship agreement means that PUSH will have the ability to influence the four major development sites in the Solent owned by the HCA to ensure that local priorities are taken into account and that they are developed in a way which best fits with the economic aspirations of the area. The sites included in the agreement include:

- The Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus, where the HCA is working with partners on long-term plans to transform the former air base into an employment hub with 3,500 new jobs.
- Tipner in Portsmouth, where work is progressing to create 1,500 new homes and 1,600 new jobs as part of a new gateway to the city.
- Land at Harts Farm Way, Havant, which is to be developed into employment space as part of a partnership with Havant Borough Council.
- Gosport Business Centre, a successful facility providing small offices and workshops to local companies

A local steering group involving the HCA, PUSH and local authority leaders has been established to advise on the development of site-specific plans for each of the sites within the plan.

Councillor Sean Woodward, PUSH Chairman, said: "We have already been working with the HCA to make sure that these major sites, some of which have been derelict or inaccessible for years, can be unlocked and brought forward for development. However, the stewardship agreement that we have now signed with the HCA takes our partnership to a new level. It commits us to working alongside each other, making best use of the expertise and resources of each partner and ensuring that decisions about some of our biggest development sites are made at local level in a way which most benefits the Solent Area."

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Councillor Seán Woodward, PUSH Chairman

Kevin Bourner, from the HCA said “The HCA’s stewardship approach to managing its major sites helps make sure that the priorities of local people are taken into account. Though this agreement, the HCA is committed to working with PUSH and key partners to deliver the best results for these sites. Working with key local partners is crucial to ensuring that the delivery of these sites aligns with the economic ambitions of the Solent area thereby creating a joined up approach and encouraging private sector investment.”

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Notes for editors

PUSH

1. PUSH is a partnership of ten local authorities including unitary authorities of Portsmouth, Southampton; Hampshire County Council and the district authorities of Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Test Valley and Winchester.
2. PUSH in collaboration with local partners and government agencies continues to work to deliver sustainable, economic-led growth and regeneration to create a more prosperous, attractive and sustainable South Hampshire, which offers a better quality of life for all who live, work and spend their leisure time in the sub region.

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3. The HCA is the national housing and regeneration delivery agency for England. The sites within the Solent Stewardship Agreement **transferred from the South East of England Development Agency (SEEDA) to the HCA** on 19 September as part of a national transfer of assets from England's RDAs to the Agency. For more information about the HCA's Economic Assets Programme, visit <http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/ourwork/economic-assets>
4. For more information about PUSH please visit the PUSH website at www.push.gov.uk

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