

Appendix A

Project descriptions

London Borough of Redbridge - The Forge Centre

Total project value: £3,474,274

Good Growth Fund: £1,183,379

The Forge Centre project looks to provide affordable commercial space for creative and craft industries in under-used former agricultural buildings in Hainault Park, along with a new visitor centre, cafe space and public realm improvements. The new Centre will provide space for businesses ranging from the traditional industries of the ancient Forest to emerging small and medium-sized enterprises in the neighbouring Hainault Business Improvement District. Businesses will connect into Redbridge, providing jobs and skills development opportunities that unlock new vocational training routes for local people.

The project aims to deliver:

- 4,773 m2 new commercial space and public realm improvements
- 10 businesses receiving general business support
- 150 community cultural events
- 36 new jobs
- 4 apprenticeships
- 15% increase in visitor satisfaction
- 50% increase in footfall

Expenditure from the Good Growth Fund will be used to support the required design development and the delivery of the capital works.

The project will be delivered in accordance with the London Borough of Redbridge Equality and Diversity Action Plan 2018-2020. As part of the project the London Borough of Redbridge will:

- Commission an accessibility audit and work with the Redbridge Disability Consortium to develop a strategy for access to as many parts of the site as possible;
- Provide food growing opportunities for children with learning difficulties on site;
- Market the new units to communities that are traditionally excluded from business start-up opportunities.

Better Bankside - Crossing the Line

Total project value: £2,149,000

Good Growth Fund: £1,000,000

The Crossing the Line project aims to deliver good growth within the arches of the rail viaduct (the so-called Low Line) between Bankside and Bermondsey in the London Borough of Southwark. The project will secure more commercial floorspace, diversify occupier mix, build

skills within and connect local communities, and contribute to a greener, resilient city. Project design and activities include:

- Occupier Mix Test Beds: three initial sections of the Low Line where test sites will bring into use vacant and underused commercial space and will pilot different scenarios relating to uses and lettings.
- Connecting Communities: Linked to the test sites, three project areas for improvements to the public realm and pedestrian connections into its surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Jobs, skills acquisition and career progression: upskilling local residents to be better placed to access economic opportunities arising in the area
- Infrastructure for a green a resilient city: international design competition focussing on urban greening of the Low Line

The project aims to deliver:

- 2,500 m2 of public realm improvements
- 8 vacant units brought back into use
- 25 businesses receiving support
- 45 new jobs
- 100 volunteering opportunities created
- 4 apprenticeships
- 25% increase in visitor satisfaction
- 25% increase in footfall

Expenditure from the Good Growth Fund will be used to support the required design development and the delivery of the capital works.

The project will deliver multiple benefits by.

- Improving the quality of the public realm and improve permeability along and through the rail viaduct to reduce severance and better connect adjacent neighbourhoods;
- Attracting new businesses to the area specifically to provide local communities with new economic and employment opportunities;
- Providing sustainable transport infrastructure – an accessible route that promotes walking and cycling and that will be greener, healthier, safer, tranquil and less exposed to pollution, connecting some of London's busiest commuter stations. Where relevant Better Bankside will consult with TfL's independent Inclusive Design and Access Group and Independent Disability Advisory Group.
- Working with Southwark Council's access and diversity teams to ensure that projects delivered through Crossing the Line will not adversely impact the proposed beneficiaries. Better Bankside will use the project partners' networks to ensure they reach a broad audience.