

LEP – Samlesbury Aerospace EZ – Lead Programme Manager - Chris Dyson

Background

In April 2012, the Government awarded Enterprise Zone status to the Lancashire Enterprise Zone Samlesbury Aerospace (SAEZ) and Warton Aerospace Enterprise Zone Sites. The SAEZ has benefitted from circa £54.994m public and private sector investment to date: including £12.994m infrastructure works invested as part of an overall infrastructure investment package of £28.8m (public highway, drainage, access, AMRC plot works) and £42m by BAE developing three facilities, Academy for Skills & Knowledge and Wincanton Defence & Logistics Centre and the Asset Management Facility. The County Council has facilitated the delivery of the North West Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) by the University of Sheffield, which has received £20m Growth Deal funds to deliver circa 4,500sqm of research and development floor-space.

Performance

The County Council has completed the plot works and access road works, and legal agreements are in place that have allowed AMRC site access for their construction, which is now underway by Robertson (Main Contractor). In April 2019 BAE commenced development of a circa £12m, 15,794sqm Asset Management Facility (AMF) which is due for completion by late November 2020. Drainage & Earthworks Strategy (to inform site construction works later in the autumn/winter), and a Commercial Development Framework are both progressing well and will support future development and marketing. This will also assist in KPI management going forward.

Three claims have been made to date to draw down Growth Deal funding to the value of £1.42m as part of the £6.725m on target to spend to deliver site wide infrastructure provision. Orders have been placed for site-wide utilities, and progress is being maintained on delivering the power supply, the major barrier to development, with site ducting nearing completion, after which off-site ducting will commence. The main gas main pipe installation will be completed in November to service the entire site. Final telecoms routing will commence in November. The county council has entered into a Collaboration Agreement with Electricity North West (ENWL) in respect of the provision of electricity to the site and ENWL has conducted route proving, off and on site surveys for the new primary substation, planning approvals are in place and a comprehensive programme of works will be commence in late 2020.

KPI Performance	Targets (to 2029/30)	Actuals (Qtr.1 20/21)	RAG
New commercial floor space	125,352 sqm	22,400 sqm	
New jobs created	2,528	200*	
Utility construction project complete	5	0	
Public Sector Investment (site-wide infrastructure)	£28.8m	£12.994m**	
Private Sector Investment -BAE £42m & Utility £7m	£49m	£42m	

* Additional to Growth Deal target

** Includes Prudential borrowing for initial costs of new road and infrastructure

Milestone	Dates
Primary sub-station design	May 20
Primary sub-station planning approval	Jul 20
Gas main construction commenced	Aug 20
Commercial Development Framework commissioned	Aug 20
Drainage & Earthworks Strategy commissioned	Aug 20
LCC AMRC Landlord Works complete	Sep 20
Utilities orders placed	Sep 20
AMRC Construction (Robertson)	Oct 20
Updated Marketing Strategy & progression of enquiries	Dec 20
AMF Completion	Nov 20
Earthworks & Drainage site works complete (Due to the impacts of Covid-19, subsequent delays & compounded impact of working through winter, this is likely to slip to Q1 2021/22)	Feb 21
Plots full serviced (excluding power) (As above)	Feb 21
Primary sub-station connection	Sep 22
Site wide utility infrastructure operational	Sep 22
Delivery of enquiries (conducted in parallel to infrastructure delivery)	Feb 21+

Risks

A new Single Portfolio Risk Register for the combined programmes has been created, which can be found at Appendix M to the main report.