

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, enabling the developments as detailed in the table below.

Development / Works	£m	Funding Body	Completed
Spine Road	£11m	LCC PWLB / Business Rates	Completed 2018
BAE Facilities (ASK, Wincanton Defence & Logistics Centre, AMF)	£42m	BAE	Completed 2020
AMRC Facility	£20m	LEP – Growth Deal	Summer 2021
Side wide infrastructure works, including AMRC plot development.	£16.75m	LEP Growth Deal, LCC PWLB / Business Rates	Summer 2022
Private Sector investment (utility)	£7m	ENW	Summer 2022

Performance

AMRC Development - As part of the site wide infrastructure works as detailed above, the County Council has completed the plot and access road works, and the University of Sheffield's main contractor, Robertson, is progressing the construction of the AMRC Building, with the majority of the steel works being complete and cladding works have recently commenced. The AMRC NW is due to open Summer 2021.

BAE Development - In November 2020, BAE completed the development of a circa £12m, 15,794sqm Asset Management Facility (AMF), in addition to the Ask Facility and Wincanton Defence Logistics Centre already completed.

Site Wide Infrastructure Works - 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 allocation to deliver the site wide infrastructure provision. In addition, orders have been placed for site-wide utilities. ENWL has commenced its major programme to deliver the cabling to the site for the new primary substation. The gas governor is connected, and the final connection will be made in February 2021. The Telecoms infrastructure routing is being co-ordinated. The County Council's Drainage & Earthworks Strategy for the next programme of works activity has now been prepared and a tender has been placed for the major earth works. Works are to commence in April 2021.

Commercial Development Framework – this has now been completed and is being utilised to inform enquiries and the site development strategy.

Enquiries - A range of major enquiries are currently being pro-actively handled, and interest in the site remains strong despite market disruption caused by Covid-19. Adverse weather conditions remain challenging on site.

KPI Performance	Targets (to 2029/30)	Actuals (Qtr.2 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	Target Dates	Achieved Date
Primary sub-station design	May 2020	COMPLETE
Primary sub-station planning approval	July 2020	COMPLETE
Gas main construction commenced	August 2020	IN PROCESS
Commercial Development Framework Commissioned	August 2020	COMPLETE
Drainage & Earthworks Strategy commissioned	August 2020	IN PROCESS
LCC AMRC Plot Works complete	September 2020	PLOT COMPLETE
Utilities orders placed	September 2020	COMPLETE
AMRC Construction (Robertson)	October 2020	COMMENCED
Updated Marketing Strategy & progression of Enquiries	December 2020	Enquiry handling ongoing
AMF Completion	November 2020	COMPLETE
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	
Research and Development Plots full serviced (excluding power) (As above)	Feb 21	
Primary sub-station connection	September 2022	
Site wide utility infrastructure operational	September 2022	
Delivery of enquiries (conducted in parallel to infrastructure delivery)	February 2021 onwards	

Risks

A Single Portfolio Risk Register for the combined programmes is attached to the main report.