



Dorset LEP Growing Places Fund

CASE STUDY

Hamworthy Bridge

The £660,000 Growing Places Fund has enabled the Borough of Poole to deliver the Hamworthy Rail Crossing which now provides safe and easy access for residents walking or cycling via the Harbour Reach development to reach the facilities in Hamworthy Park. The bridge forms a vital part of a connected corridor from Hamworthy Park to the new development sites in the Hamworthy regeneration area, while also linking the forthcoming Townside Access and Town Centre North schemes.



Quotes:

At the formal opening of the bridge, then Mayor of Poole, Cllr Ann Stribley said: *"This is a momentous day. We have all waited a long time for this crossing to be built. It is an important link between Poole Town and Hamworthy and I'm sure it will prove very popular with residents."*

Councillor Ian Potter, cabinet portfolio holder for transportation said: *"This is a really important project for local residents so I am particularly pleased to see this crossing open and already being used by the community."*



Growing Places Fund:

The Growing Places Fund is a repayable loan that encourages local economic growth in Dorset. The Fund is designed to unlock capital projects which have a significant economic impact and the potential for job and home creation and can quickly deliver tangible economic outcomes. The Fund may also be used where businesses are unable to access alternative funding mechanisms for viable schemes that will deliver economic growth and support Dorset LEP's strategic objectives.