



“These bids are about delivering homes to create great places to live in a sustainable manner. Key to this is the provision of transport infrastructure - we want to ensure that the right infrastructure for all modes of transport is in place to support growth in the region.”

Cllr Kevin Bentley, Essex County Council
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure

Essex sits at the heart of the East of England; playing host to internationally-recognised universities and research facilities while also helping connect Britain with the rest of the world through its international air and sea ports. Its proximity to London makes it a popular choice for commuters as well as businesses branching out of the Capital.

The county is an important driver in the UK economy. Our economic success means over the next 20 years there is going to be a need for more than 180,000 new homes in Greater Essex.

It is essential that high-quality infrastructure is in place in Essex and the surrounding areas to support this growth, ensuring that people and goods can move efficiently throughout the East of England and beyond.

Essex County Council is working with local authorities, developers and other organisations to make sure that the proposals will provide the maximum benefit to the current and future communities and economy of the region.



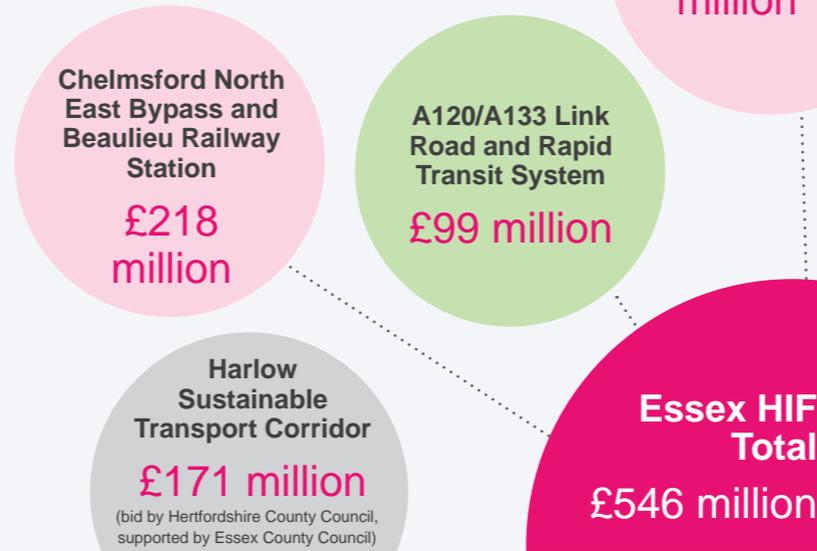
The case for Government funding

The East of England is one of the fastest growing regions in the country – in the next 20 years there will be a need for over 180,000 new homes in Greater Essex alone. It is therefore vital that the infrastructure in the county and the surrounding areas can keep pace with this growth.

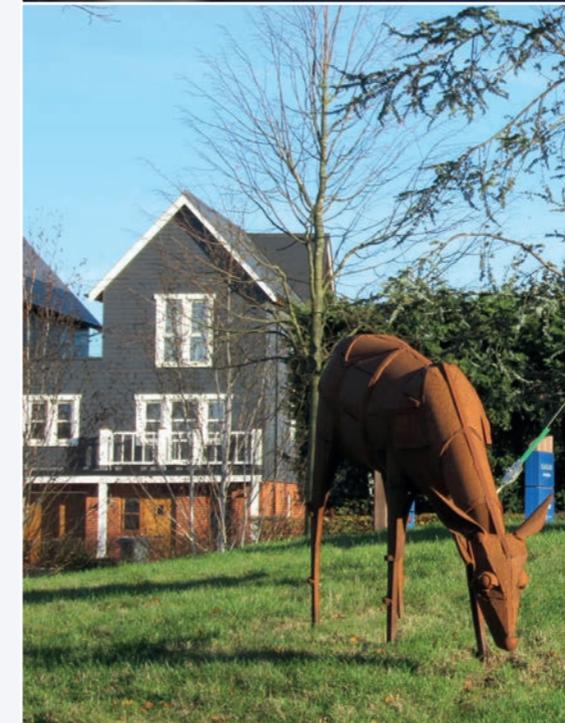
Investing in strategic infrastructure through the Housing Infrastructure Fund will:



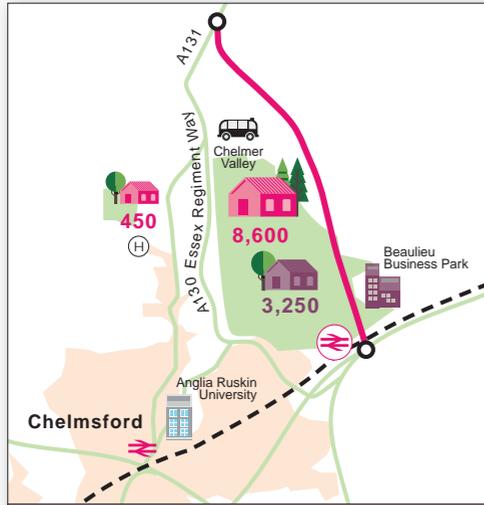
To implement the proposals, we are asking for:



INVESTING IN ESSEX
Housing Infrastructure Fund



The proposals

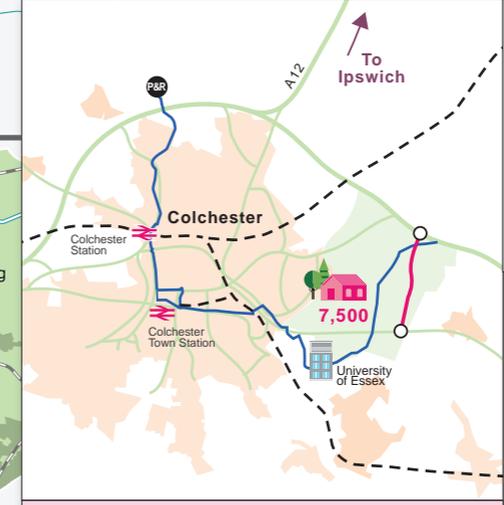


Chelmsford: Beaulieu railway station and Chelmsford North East Bypass

- Unlock over 10,000 new homes between Chelmsford and Braintree
- Enhance resilience of the road network
- Provide a brand new railway station on the Great Eastern Main Line

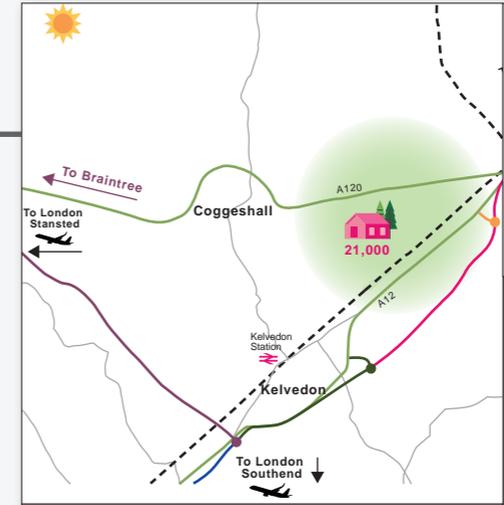
Harlow and Gilston Garden Town: Hertfordshire County Council bid, supported by Essex County Council

- Enable brand new communities with over 16,000 homes collectively
- Connect key employment zones
- Make sustainable travel more accessible and attractive



Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community: A120/A133 link road and rapid transit system

- Enable a brand new community with up to 7,500 homes
- Provide more sustainable travel choice
- Improve local and regional connectivity



Housing Growth in North Essex: A12 realignment

- Enable delivery of up to 21,000 homes in the area
- Provide direct access to the proposed Garden Community from the A12
- Increase the capacity of the Kelvedon Bypass

