

Construction in the Swindon and Wiltshire LEP area

Helping you to achieve growth



Construction helps you to achieve economic growth

The construction industry accounts for **8% of United Kingdom Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** and has a workforce of **2.6 million**. The industry generates a **return of £2.84** to the economy for every pound of investment.

The role of construction

The construction industry plays a leading role in delivering economic growth. The industry is essential in meeting the economic and social challenges that Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) face across the infrastructure, housing, repair and maintenance, industrial and commercial sectors.

Whether you are working to meet your area's housing needs or to deliver iconic infrastructure, **we can help you to plan and maximise your skills outcomes through construction.**

We want to help you **use construction to drive long-term growth and jobs** across the Swindon and Wiltshire LEP area and your priority sectors. We work with LEPs and bring together industry to find solutions to address the current and future skills needs of construction businesses in the LEP area.

With the economy now strong and continuing to grow, the UK construction industry needs to attract 43,000 new recruits every year for the next five years to meet the increased demand for skills and to replace those leaving the sector. We will continue to work with your LEP and local partners to support and bring growth to the Swindon and Wiltshire LEP area through the development of employment and skills in local construction businesses.

Who we are

CITB is the Construction Industry Training Board. We work with the construction industry to reduce skills gaps, train the workforce and inspire the next generation of people to work in the industry.

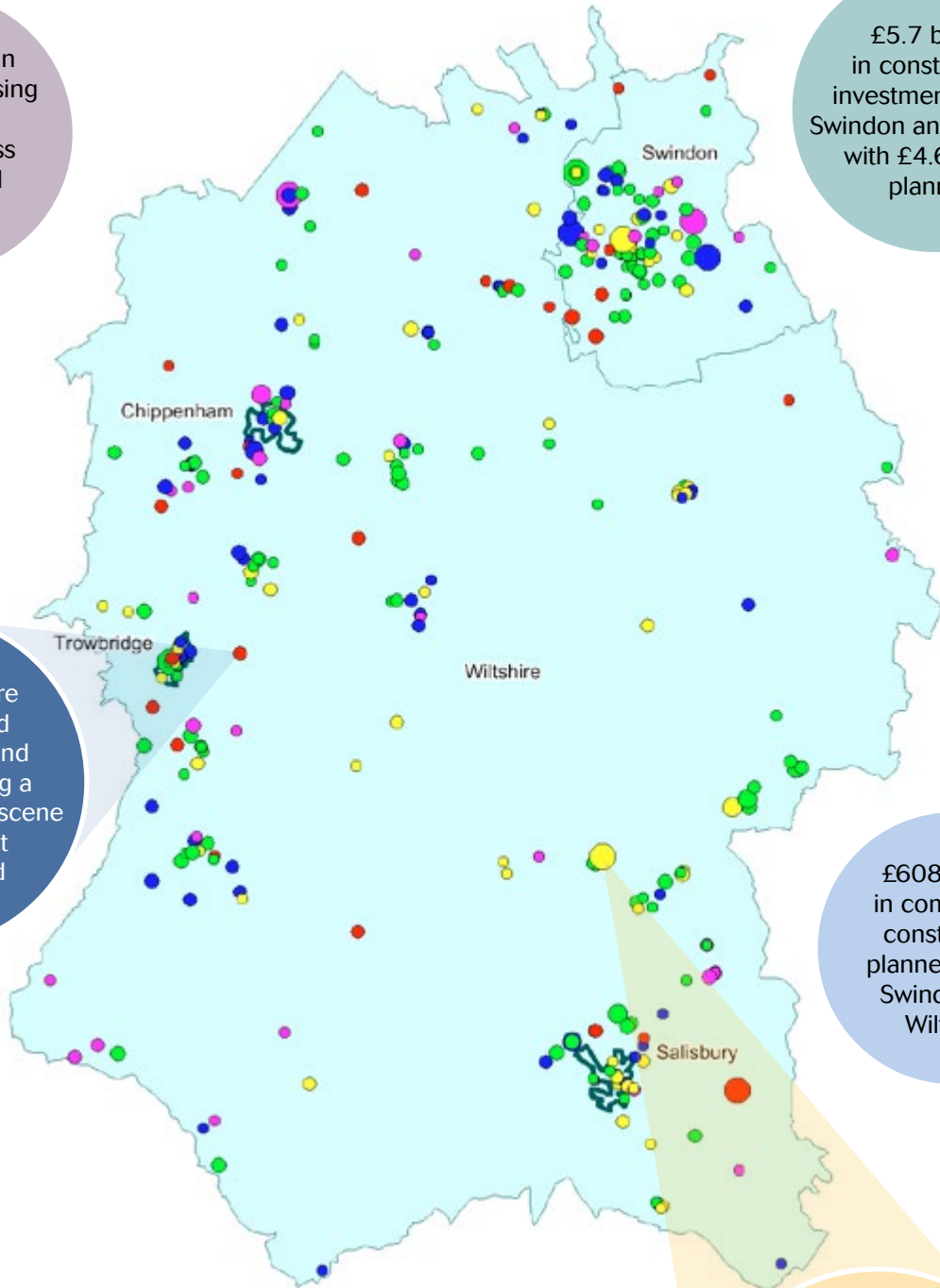


If you want to deliver growth in your area, we can help, contact **Leif Tarry, Partnership Manager** on **07554 416579** or **leif.tarry@citb.co.uk**

In the Swindon and Wiltshire LEP area, there are 3,285 construction businesses and 27,400 construction jobs.

£865 million in public non-housing construction planned across Swindon and Wiltshire

£5.7 billion in construction investment across Swindon and Wiltshire with £4.6 billion planned



£2.1 billion in new infrastructure projects planned across Swindon and Wiltshire, including a Highways and Streetscene contract in West Wiltshire valued at £45 million

£608 million in commercial construction planned across Swindon and Wiltshire

£798 million in new housing planned across Swindon and Wiltshire, including 227 houses in Salisbury valued at £17 million

Planned projects by sector

- Infrastructure
- Private commercial
- Private non-housing
- New housing
- Private industrial

Planned projects by value (£ million)

- >100
- 50 to 100
- 10 to 50
- 2 to 10
- <2

CITB part of Swindon and Wiltshire's decade of growth

The Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP) has ambitious plans for future growth in the area.

The Strategic Economic Plan sets out the area's aims to develop an economy that is world-renowned for innovation and entrepreneurialism. The area has strong growth prospects – the creation of 30,000 jobs was forecasted across Swindon and Wiltshire between 2010 and 2020, twice the rate of growth predicted nationally.

To support this growth and address the needs of the future, the SWLEP will need to provide a level of housing to support this expanding population and workforce. Between 2016 and 2026 there is a requirement for 42,480 new homes to be built; 23,171 of which are required between 2016 and 2021 (thereby contributing 2.3% of the Government's target of building a million new homes by 2021).

Due to the importance of housing and infrastructure to local growth, the SWLEP's Strategic Economic Plan recognises construction as an important sector to support. The LEP is putting actions in place to ensure that the sector is enabled to deliver the area's growth ambitions.

A construction sector development group has been set up in partnership with the SWLEP, Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire County Council, Construction Excellence and CITB to deliver actions that will directly address the sector's needs, removing barriers and enabling development.

A range of activities has been undertaken and this has included an employer-focused construction skills event aimed at understanding the issues in recruitment and training of the construction workforce, and putting in place solutions to address these issues.

Work is also under way on a major housing development scheme at Wichelstowe in South Swindon. A joint venture is being developed between Swindon Borough Council and Barratt Developments to build over 3,000 homes.

To ensure that this major development will provide the widest possible benefit, CITB has been engaged to embed employment and skills plans through planning and procurement agreements. CITB's Client Based Approach will ensure that the highest level of Apprenticeships, work experience and upskilling can be delivered throughout procurement and planning agreements.

Through such joint venture activities and the embedding of employment and skills into future construction projects, the SWLEP and its partners are ensuring continued economic growth, the development of a skilled local workforce and the employment of local people.



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