

# SOLENT ENTERPRISE ZONE AT DAEDALUS



The Solent Enterprise Zone at Daedalus is an employment-led transformational regeneration project located on 82 hectares of developable land between the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth. This former military site is unique, featuring an operational airfield and waterside access.

It is the flagship project for the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership and public sector investment in infrastructure and buildings totalling £43 million has already been secured. Daedalus East is the first parcel of land to be developed. Infrastructure improvement works are currently underway to prepare this part of the site for the opportunity to develop 22,000 sq m of industrial, storage and distribution floor space.

Daedalus East is now home to Fareham College's £12 million Centre of Excellence for Engineering, Manufacturing and Advanced Skills Training (CEMAST), which opened in September 2014, providing training opportunities for 900 students.

"The creation of the new Centre of Excellence in Engineering, Manufacturing and Advanced Skills Training has offered us the chance to work with employers to design both the curriculum and the facilities that truly meet their needs in the key growth sectors of aeronautical, marine, electronics, composites, automotive and manufacturing engineering," said Peter Marsh, Deputy Principal of Fareham College.

The Waterfront, bordering the stunning Solent coastline with views across to the Isle of Wight, is 26 hectares and presents a fantastic opportunity for a comprehensive mixed-use development. The Waterfront is being marketed by Jones Lang La Salle and landowners the Homes and Communities Agency.

Delivery partners are keen for a developer to create a compelling vision that makes the most of its waterfront setting. The Homes and Communities Agency is leading a search for potential investors to take responsibility for developing and managing part of the site in the long term.

"These are exciting times for the Enterprise Zone, with major new developments taking place on the site. Partners are working together to effect a change that will secure the long term future for the Enterprise Zone as a place where business will have the confidence to locate, invest and grow."

*Colin Molton, the Homes and Communities Agency's Executive Director for the South and South West*