



A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

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Rail Campus Derby: HQ of Great British Rail launched



Brownfield Land Release Fund Round 3 Funding announced



Government launches Industrial Strategy



EMC Employment Law Update with Darren Newman

RAIL CAMPUS DERBY: HQ OF GREAT BRITISH RAIL LAUNCHED

Rail Campus Derby has officially launched at a special event held on Thursday 17 October. Over 200 delegates and stakeholders from the rail sector were in attendance.

Rail Campus Derby will become a key hub for the UK's rail industry, supporting collaboration across all facets of the sector.

Secretary of State for Transport, Louise Haigh MP, and the Mayor of the EMCCA, Claire Ward, both attended the event, highlighting the project's significance both on a regional and national level.

Andrew Pritchard, Director of Policy and Infrastructure at EMC was also pleased to attend the launch to champion key rail routes across the region, including the electrification of the Midland Mainline with DfT and the GBR Transition Team.

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BROWNFIELD LAND RELEASE FUND ROUND 3 FUNDING ANNOUNCED

This week, the Prime Minister announced that £68m has been awarded to 54 councils in England under the Brownfield Land Release Fund 2. The funding will mean that councils can clear empty buildings, former car parks and industrial land to make way for the homes.

In the East Midlands, West Northamptonshire Council will receive £2,599,500 in this latest round of funding.

The Brownfield Land Release Fund started in 2018 as the [Land Release Fund](#), where 70 council led projects received £45m capital funding, including Rushcliffe (£300,000) and Broxtowe (£1,000,000).

In [October 2021](#), £57.8m was awarded to 53 councils including Derby City Council—£825,000, Leicester City Council—£443,000, Newark and Sherwood District Council—£284,000, and Nottingham City Council—£222,000.

In [November 2021](#) a further £11m was awarded to 15 councils including West Northamptonshire Council—£470,000.

In February 2022 £38m, was awarded to 18 councils, none located in the East Midlands.

In [November 2022](#) £35m was awarded to 41 councils including Amber Valley—£1,033,901.

In [October 2023](#) £60m was awarded to 60 authorities including Derby City Council—£570,686, Leicester City Council—£713,435, and West Northamptonshire Council—£750,000.

In August 2024 it was announced that EMCCA had been allocated nearly £17m from the separate [Brownfield, Infrastructure and Land \(BIL\) fund](#).

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GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

This week the government published a green paper to help deliver the government's Industrial Strategy and appointed Clare Barclay, CEO of Microsoft UK, as Chair of the new Industrial Strategy Advisory Council.

The key sectors which the Industrial Strategy is focussed on are advanced manufacturing; clean energy industries, creative industries; defence; digital and technologies; financial services; life sciences; and professional and business services.

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EMC EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE WITH DARREN NEWMAN

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2024

10AM - 12.15PM—VIA MS TEAMS

Back by popular demand, EMC are holding an Employment Law Update facilitated by Darren Newman.

With employment law changes coming in and an Employment Rights Bill expected soon, the update will be particularly useful and timely.

Expected changes arising from the Bill include: restrictions on “fire and rehire” practices, introduction of day one rights on parental leave and protection from unfair dismissal; flexible working, banning exploitative zero hour contracts, the creation of a Fair Work Agency, reforms around trade union laws and establishing a Fair Pay Agreement for Care workers.

Discounts are available for multiple bookings and the closing date to book is 24th October 2024.

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UPCOMING MIGRATION TRAINING

IOM UK: Afghanistan Information Session

Part One: Geography, Society, Current Events and Services

Tuesday 5 November 2024 10am—12pm—Virtual Via Zoom

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Part Two: Cultural Norms, Family and Social Life

Wednesday 6 November 2024 10am—12pm—Virtual Via Zoom

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