

Globe Business Park Annual Levy Bill 2023



Globe Business Park

Our Vision

Our vision is to develop the business park into one of the premier trading environments within the Thames Valley capable of attracting and supporting a broad spectrum of companies by:

- Developing multi-layer business activity and opportunity;
- Fostering growth;
- Promoting a sense of community;
- Improving facilities and image.

Dear Business,

This leaflet is being sent to you in conjunction with your annual levy bill for the Globe Business Park (GBP) Business Improvement District (BID). The 2nd term BID was voted for by eligible businesses in November 2019 and came into effect on 1st January 2020 running through to 31st December 2024.

The BID Business Plans sets out a suite of projects and initiatives specifically designed for Globe Business Park. The key themes are:

- 1. Transport Options & Sustainable Transport.**
- 2. Connected Business Community.**
- 3. Infrastructure & Green Infrastructure.**
- 4. Business Growth & Investment.**

The BID is managed through an elected executive Board made up of GBP Businesses and associated stakeholders.

Projects and Services Supported and/or Funded by the BID include:

1 - Transport Options & Sustainable Transport

- Progression with the options for access/egress into GBP. Working in conjunction with BC & NH.
- Proposal drafted for on demand transport.
- Cycle scheme docks in preparation for scheme launch.

2 - Connected Business Community

- Weekly litter pick in conjunction with Marlow Wombles.
- Quarterly guided walks with free lunch.

- Wildlife projects including nature corridors and bug hotels.

3 - Infrastructure & Green Infrastructure

- Engagement with landowners & consultants to secure parking options, including planning application for car park extension to Newtown Pit.
- Introduction of parking bays on Parkway.
- Drainage clearance works on Fieldhouse Lane including gullies.
- Solar panel scheme with potential to source GBP.

- Global Action Plan – transition to Electric Vehicles (EV) project.

- Flood alleviation development and investigation works to reduce flood risk.

4 - Business Growth & Investment

- 6 careers events working with local education establishments, Bucks Skills Hub and the Careers Enterprise Company to engage and retain local talent.

Projects for coming year 2023 include:

The following projects are highlights of what will be supported/funded by the BID in 2023.

1 - Transport Options & Sustainable Transport

- Access and egress solutions for vehicular movements. Working with associated agencies and appointed transport consultant to engage with technical specialists.
- Development of an on-demand shuttle service from High Wycombe and Maidenhead to GBP.
- GBP bespoke cycle scheme will launch in spring 2023.
- Hiya car services offering flexible car use for businesses.

2 - Connected Business Community

- Shared services scheme with onus on waste and energy.
- Workforce wellbeing – guided walks, wellness workshops and inter business events.
- Development of the current security strategy to cover all businesses.

3 - Infrastructure & Green Infrastructure

- Pedestrian and cycle access. Working with land owners and the LA to identify and create suitable access and egress points.

- Work with local stakeholders to support parking options to serve GBP users.

4 - Business Growth & Investment

- Recruitment, training and development. Support for businesses in attracting the right employee base and encouraging relationships between businesses and local agencies.
- Retaining local talent – providing an Enterprise Advisor to work with local schools, colleges and universities.

What is the cost?

BID levy is calculated at 1.5% of the Rateable Value (RV) of your premises, using the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) list 2017.

The income generated from the BID levy in 2022 is *£88k, the amount spent on BID arrangement is *£68k. All remaining funds will be carried over to 2023.

*forecast figure. Final figure will be included in final accounts report.

Other BID Information

The BID is managed by Groundwork South who are the BID Body. All businesses have an opportunity to put forward representatives to sit on the Board of levy payers which has a responsibility for providing strategic leadership and governance for the BID Body in the management of funds.

We are currently looking to recruit new BID Board members from the GBP business community. If you would be interested in joining the board, please make contact as per the contact details below.

For all enquiries regarding the BID please contact Margaret McCarthy at: margaret.mccarthy@groundwork.org.uk or visit us at www.globebusinesspark.co.uk

With best wishes,
Your BID team