

## News Release

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Bristol today became the centre of economic political activity when the Prime Minister and one of his key ministers made personal visits to the new Enterprise Zone in the City.

Colin Skellett, Chairman of the Local Enterprise Partnership, which had chosen Temple Quarter as the Enterprise zone, said their presence was a clear acknowledgement of how important Bristol and the rest of the West of England was to the Government's hopes of economic recovery.

"David Cameron, and Greg Clark, the Minister for Decentralisation and Cities, came to see the site for themselves and to hear from members of our Board just how we believe we can achieve the ambitious targets we have set ourselves – a billion pounds of private sector investment over the next five years and almost 100,000 jobs by 2030."

"We are confident we can deliver our part of the bargain as long as Government helps us by removing obstacles to growth. There's no doubt that process is helped by having the chance to explain the issues personally to the Prime Minister and to show him an area that can be transformed into a vibrant economic driver and a superb new gateway into Bristol," said Mr Skellett.

Bristol City Council Leader Barbara Janke added: "The Prime Minister's visit sends out a very clear signal that the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone is very much open for business. It is also recognition of the strong role Bristol and the West of England can play in driving economic growth.

"The job of making this Zone a success has started, transforming the site into a world-class destination for businesses to invest and create jobs. All the partners on the LEP are 100 per cent focussed in making this happen."

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