



# SW HOUSING SUMMIT

*‘The skills we need to fulfil our ambitions’*

Achieve economic growth by  
enabling your local strategies

*Roger Stone  
SW Strategy*



## ‘HOUSE BUILDING MOVING AGAIN IS CRITICAL TO ECONOMIC GROWTH’

- ***Housing as a driver of UK economic growth***
- ***Delivering ‘real’ jobs and economic value***
- ***Supporting labour market mobility and wellbeing***
- ***Enhancing local economic development***



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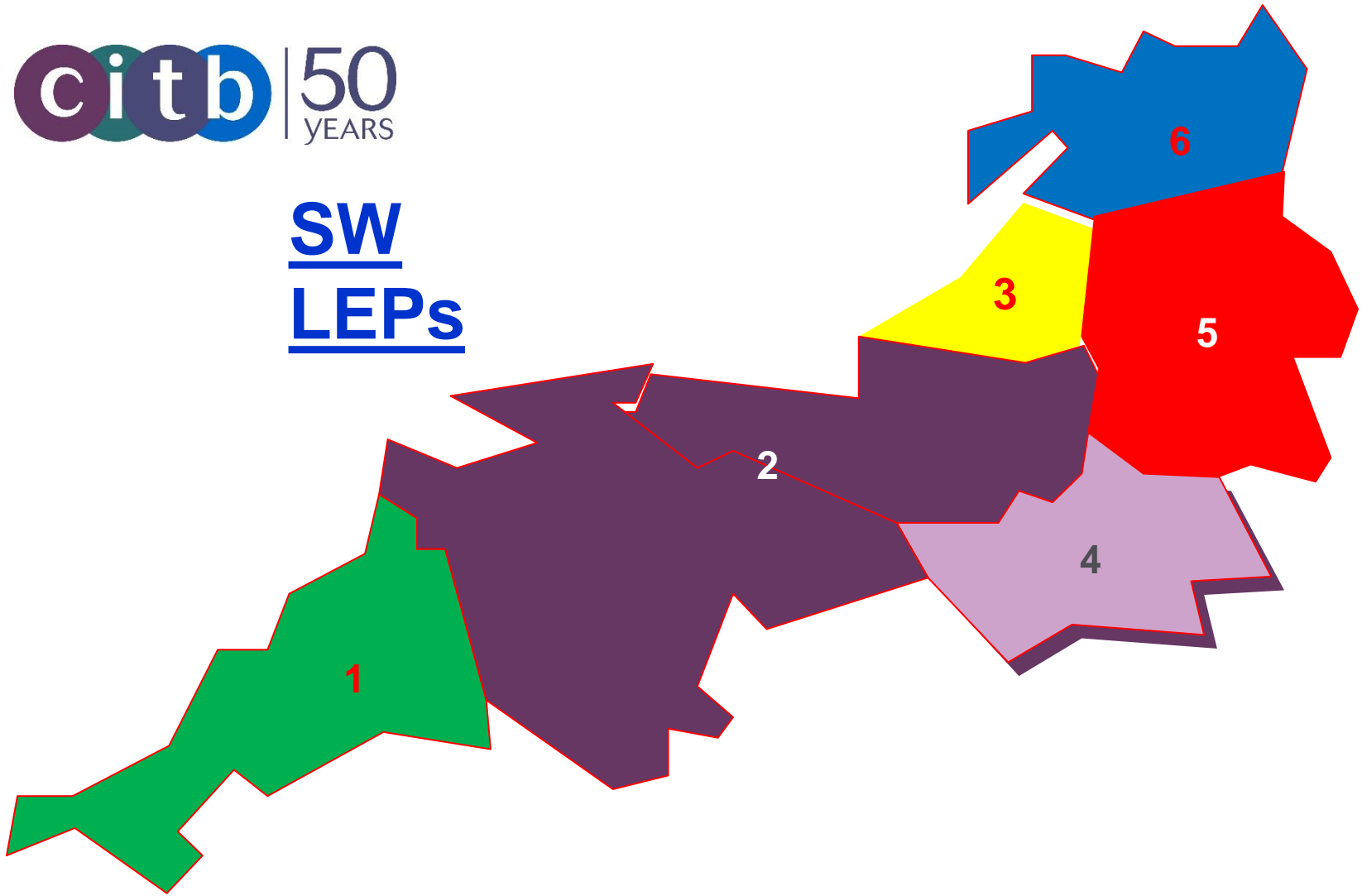


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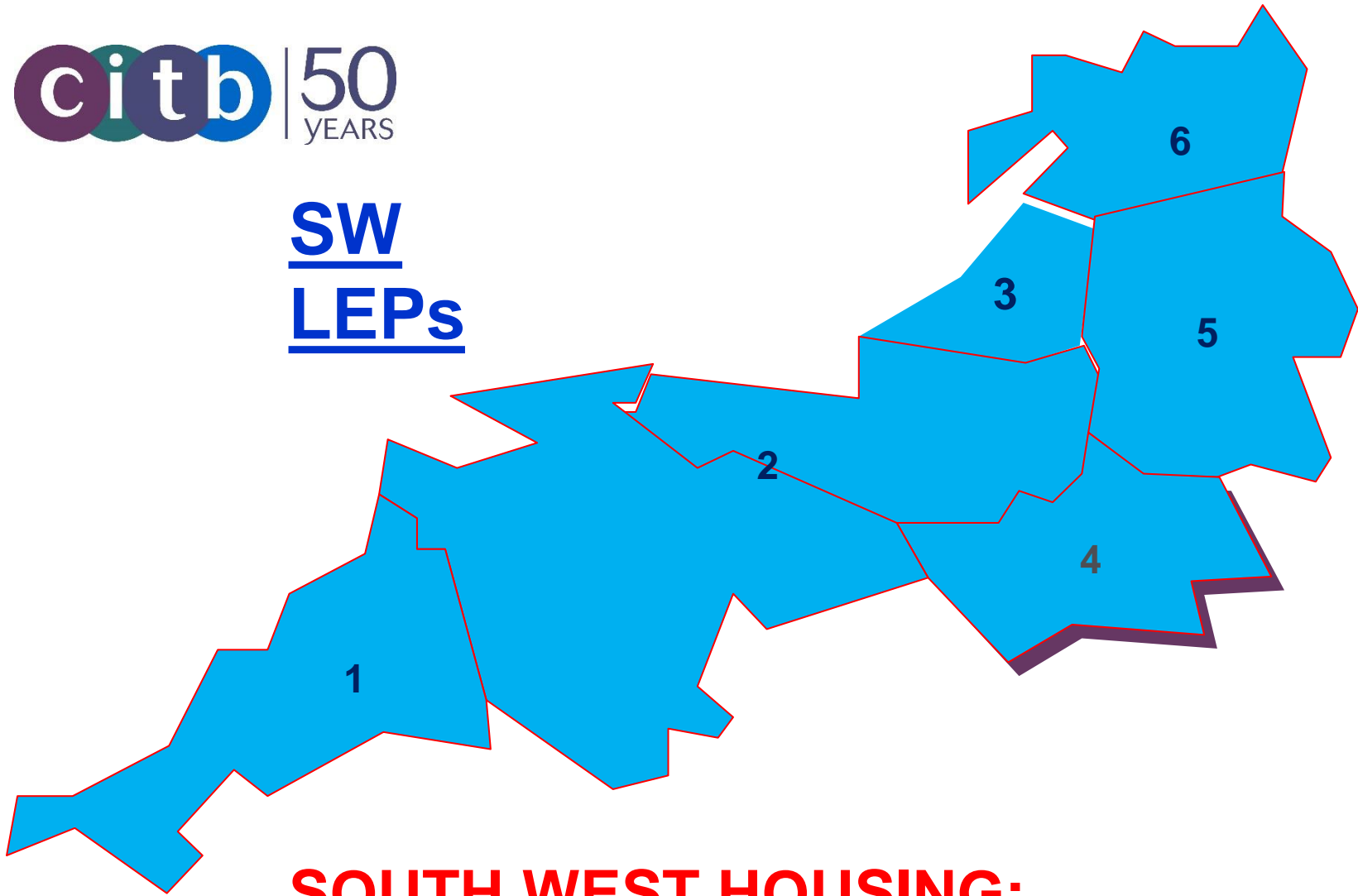








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**SOUTH WEST HOUSING:**  
**DEMAND, SUPPLY, GAPS, SOLUTIONS?**

## Our industry

- Over 2.8 million people in the UK (240,000 in SW)
- Contributing 9% to GDP and 12% of UK workforce
- Efficient industry for local investment
- **Underpins** all key priorities and sectors

- SW house building worth £2bn p.a.
- House building accounts for 19% of all SW construction output (15.3% private housing, 4.1% public)
- 270 Active SW Firms
- 30,400 people involved in the house building workforce
- 44% Manual occupations (13,380)- *mobile workforce*
- 56% Non-manual (17,020 including 10,400 'support staff')
- Major house builders: 84/16% direct labour/ indirect labour
- SMEs: 15/ 85%



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Public Housing							
GL	37%	11%	4%	2%	1%	0%	3.4%
SE	19%	2%	-4%	4%	7%	2%	2.3%
NE	56%	8%	-10%	1%	4%	1%	0.6%
SW	-12%	-8%	-5%	2%	5%	2%	-0.8%
NW	12%	-2%	-8%	3%	6%	15%	2.7%
YH	34%	4%	-5%	2%	5%	1%	1.5%
EM	-1%	-6%	-3%	3%	6%	1%	0.3%
ET	27%	8%	-3%	3%	3%	1%	2.3%
WM	8%	-3%	-3%	2%	5%	1%	0.5%
WA	-6%	-1%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2.2%
SC	3%	8%	6%	0%	3%	1%	3.4%
NI	-10%	-6%	-5%	1%	4%	1%	-0.9%
UK	20%	5%	0%	2%	3%	2%	2.4%
Private Housing							
GL	30%	16%	11%	4%	1%	-1%	5.8%
SE	5%	3%	5%	4%	6%	2%	3.9%
NE	5%	1%	-6%	2%	4%	2%	0.6%
SW	12%	9%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4.7%
NW	24%	11%	5%	0%	2%	7%	4.8%
YH	19%	11%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3.8%
EM	31%	20%	4%	2%	4%	2%	6.2%
ET	6%	5%	0%	3%	2%	2%	2.3%
WM	8%	8%	5%	2%	4%	2%	4.1%
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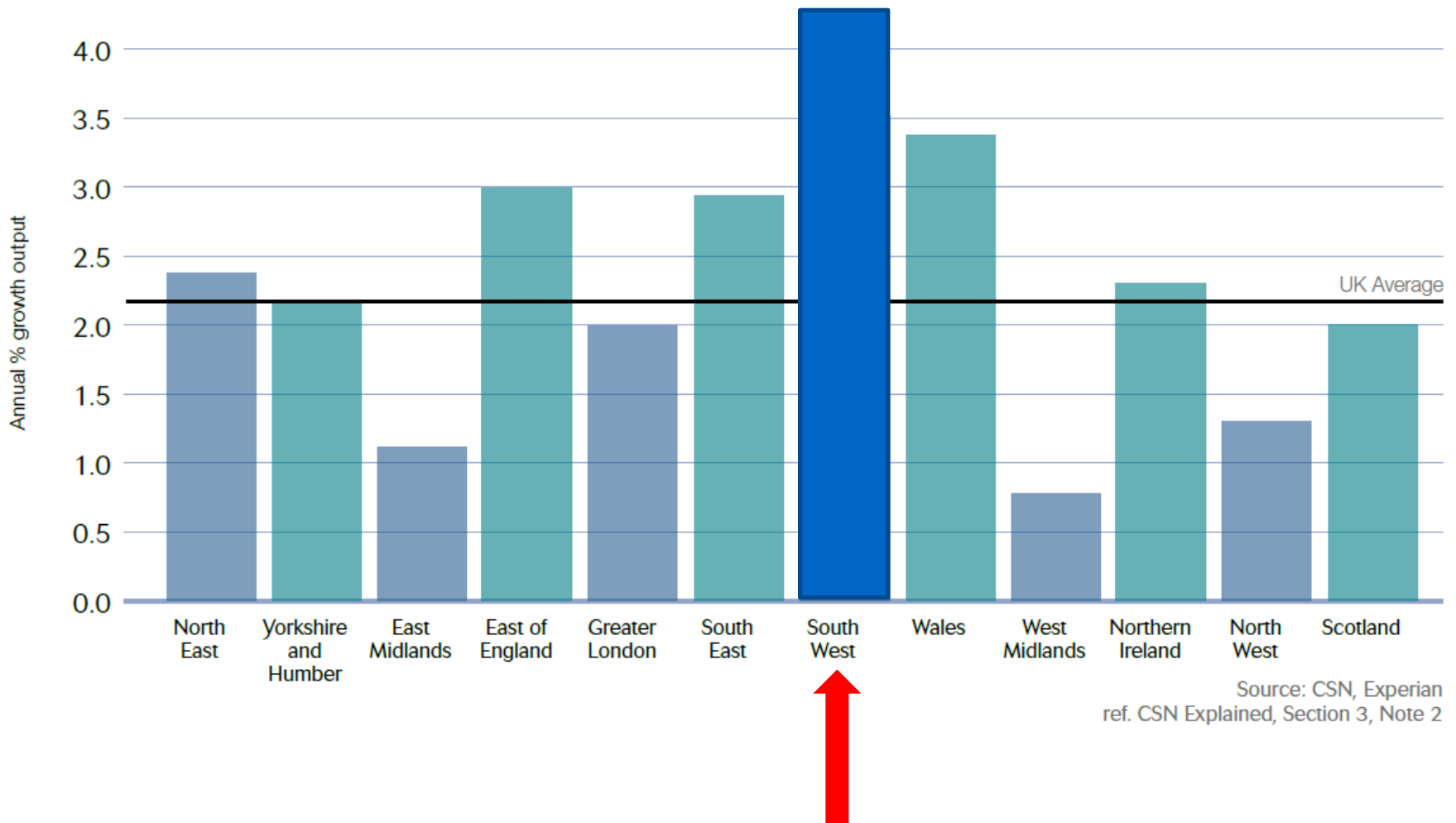
# The South West LMI 2016-20

*The DEMAND?*



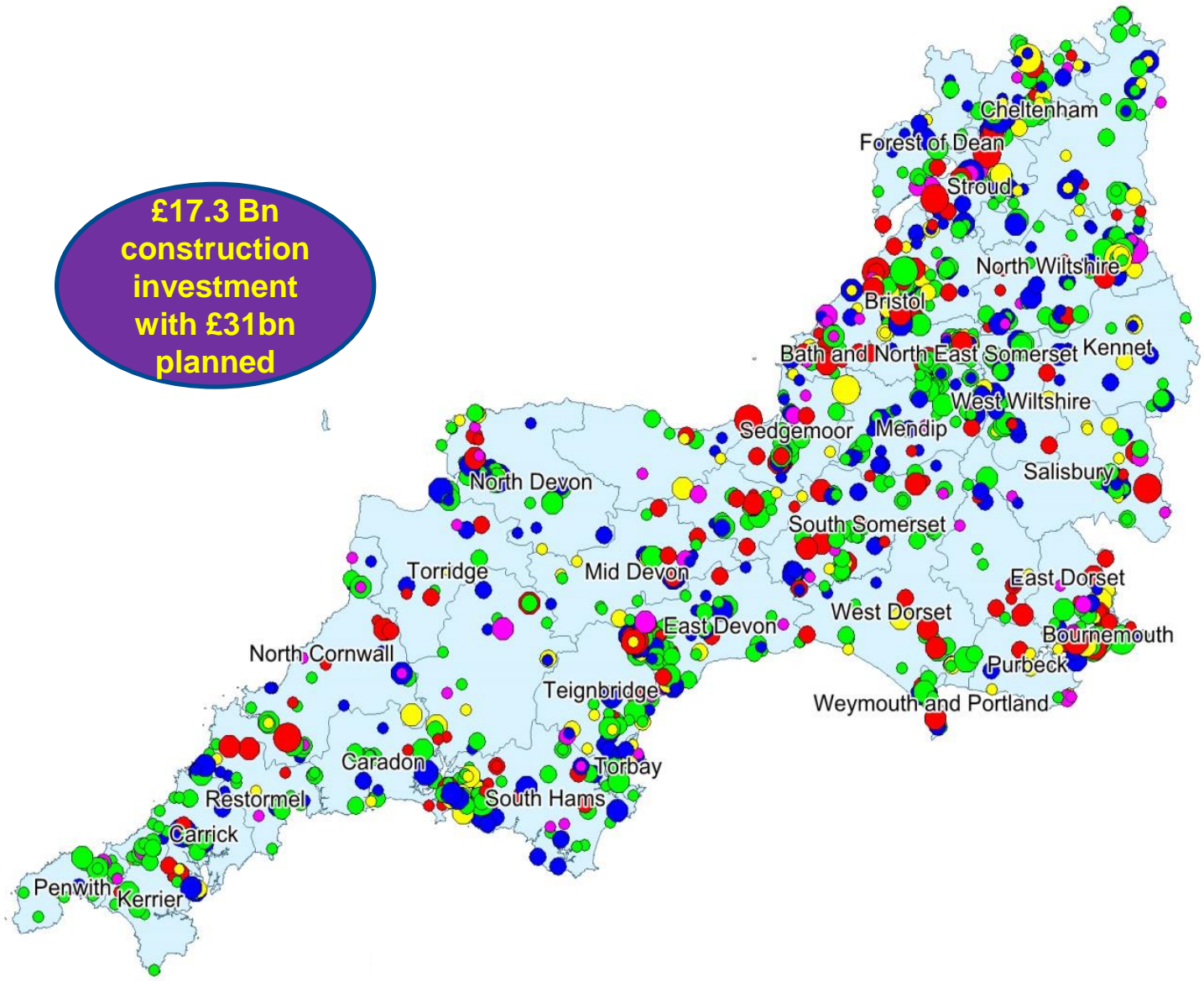


## UK annual output by region (2016-20)

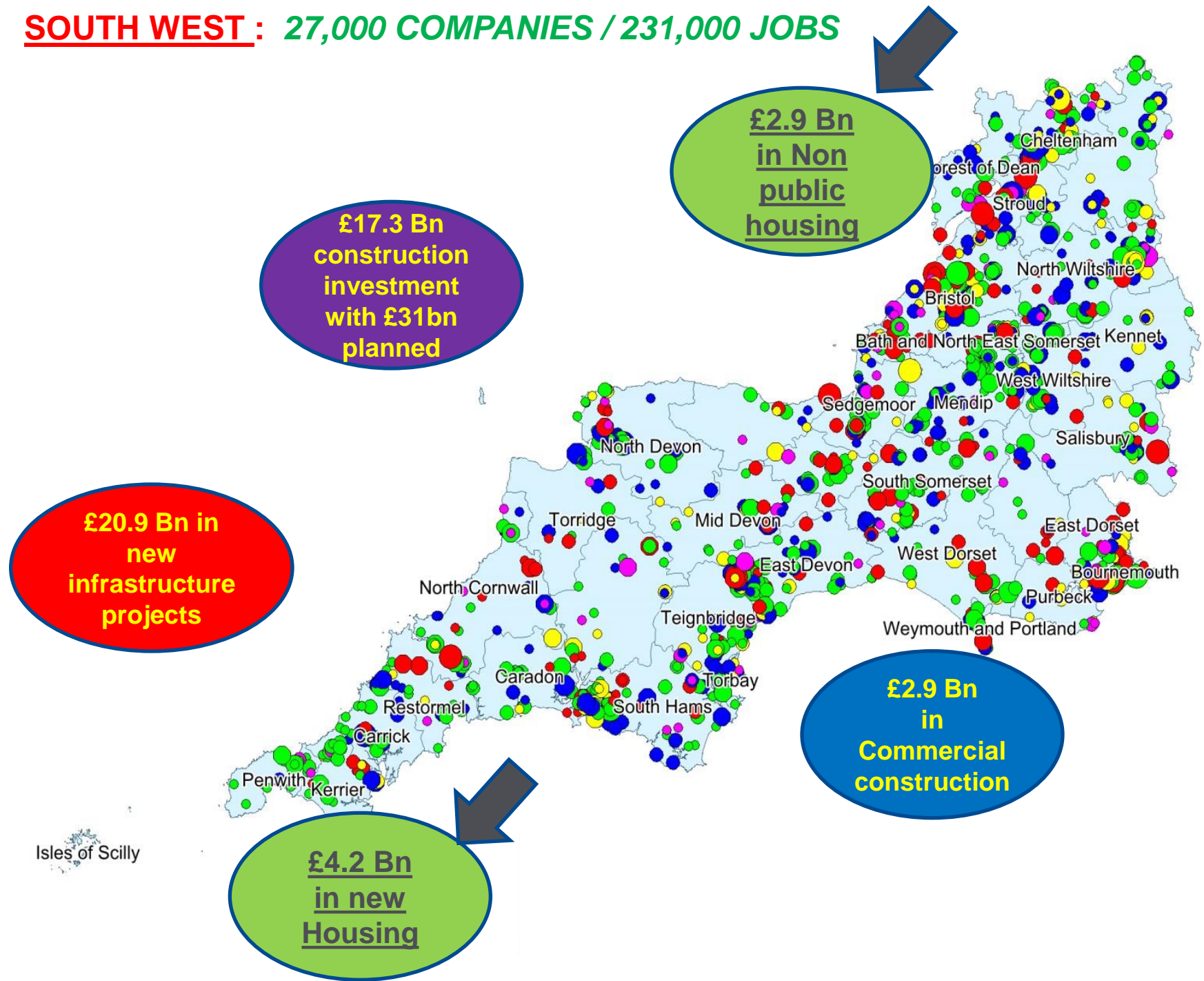


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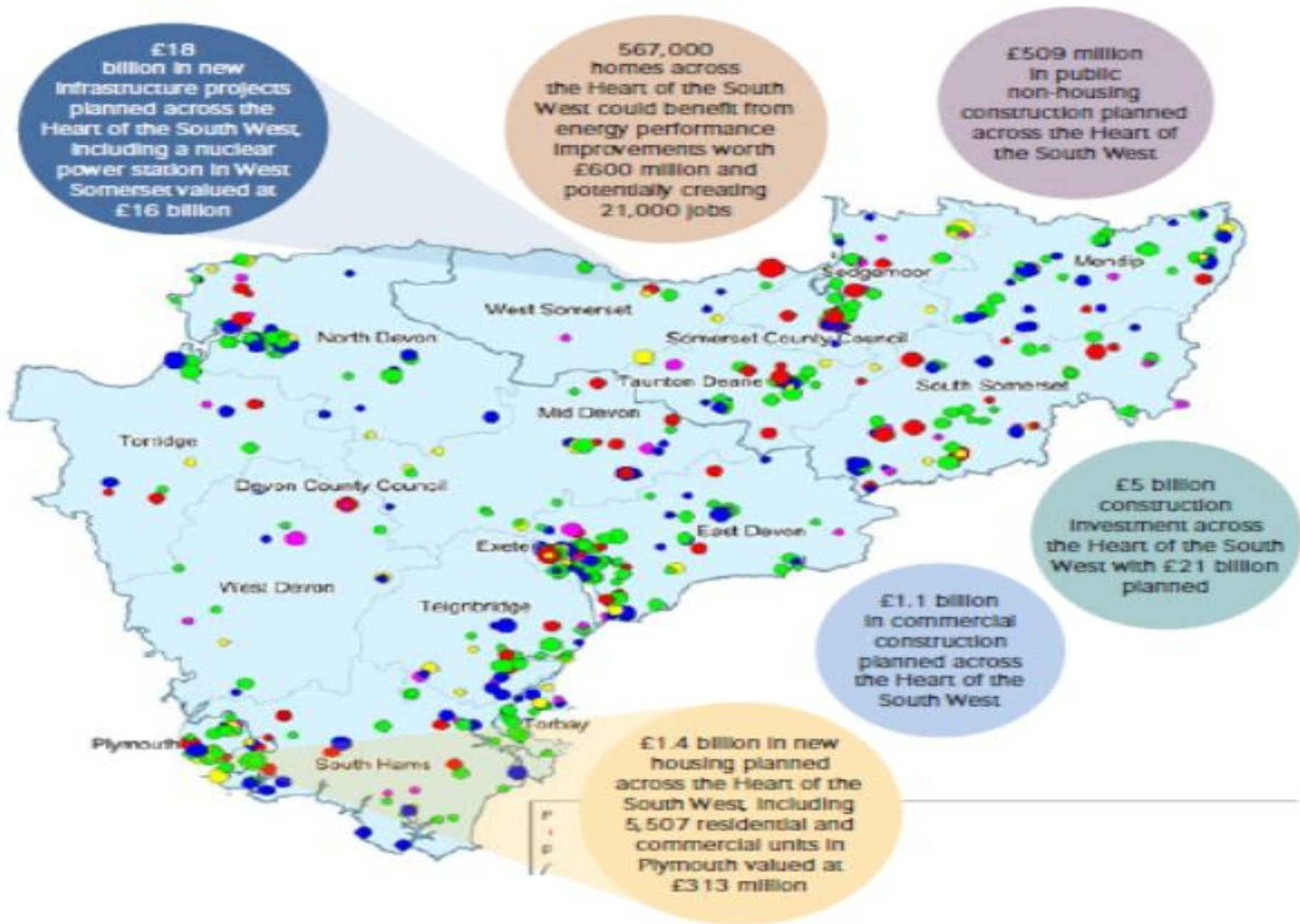
**£17.3 Bn  
construction  
investment  
with £31bn  
planned**



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**HotSW:** 8470 COMPANIES / 56700 JOBS (32% and 26%)

## £4.2 bn - Some of the key SW Home building projects

• BANES	Mixed residential	£123m
• BOURNEMOUTH	Residential Residential/ Student	£262m
• BRISTOL	Mixed residential	£220m
• CORNWALL**	Mixed residential	£716m
• DEVON**	Mixed residential	£750m
• DORSET	Mixed residential	£177m
• GLOUCESTERSHIRE	Mixed residential	£261m
• NORTH SOMERSET	Mixed residential	£126m
• PLYMOUTH	Mixed residential	£76m
• POOLE	Mixed residential/ R&M	£227m
• SOMERSET**	Mixed residential	£474m
• SOUTH GLOS	Mixed residential	£257m
• SWINDON	Mixed residential	£71m
• TORBAY	Mixed residential	£42m
• WILTSHIRE	Mixed residential	£396m

## HOUSE BUILDING HAS 650 OCCUPATIONS!!!

- Senior Managers/ Directors
- Architects, designers and specifiers
- Town Planners
- Technical staff
- Building control and inspection
- Construction managers
- Ground workers
- Trowel trades
- Wood trades
- Roofers
- Plasters and dry liners
- Service installers
- Finishing trades
- Sales staff
- Non construction office based staff







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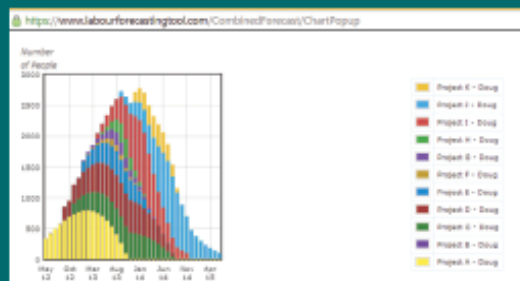
The CITB Labour Forecasting Tool (LFT) is an award winning online application for forecasting labour needs for a range of construction projects. It was highly commended at the CIOB International Research and Innovation Awards in 2013 and has been adopted by a number of major organisations.

The LFT allows users to predict the labour demand on projects including new work and repair & maintenance given only the project type, its value or gross floor area, and its start and end dates. Forecasts are produced on a month-by-month and trade-by-trade basis. This powerful tool is web-based, ensuring access to the most up-to-date information.

Typical projects where the LFT is invaluable include:

### Housing

- Infrastructure (including roads, water, gas & electricity)
- Public non-residential
- Commercial (office and retail)
- Industrial
- Housing repair and maintenance
- Non Housing repair and maintenance



It has also been developed to accommodate specific areas such as rail, nuclear, tunnelling and wind power. It can also predict labour needs at the 'end-user' point of a project.

The tool can be used on projects of any size or value, and to aggregate the labour demand across any number of projects.

Developed over several years it is accessible and easy to use and provides forecasts that are reliable and robust.

## Further Benefits

- As the only web-based tool of this type, it is continuously calibrated and updated, allows the user to save, share and update continuously.
- The LFT gives evidence to plan and negotiate realistic community benefits arising from skills and training requirements on construction projects.
- It provides real data created through a sound methodology, backed up by actual project information to ensure skills and training requirements are realistic.
- LFT subscribers receive comprehensive support to help them get the most out of the service, including:
  - On-site and remote training
  - Expert advice on the process of labour forecasting
  - On-line and telephone guidance from the Customer Support Team

## Key features

- Project based forecasts based on historic data and actual construction projects, continuously calibrated
- Replicate the actual labour profile on a month-by-month basis
- Flexibility to change the shape of the labour profile
- Ability to adjust the shape as the project progresses
- Specific forecasts for particular project types
- Define the boundaries clearly around a project
- Forecasts can be saved and combined with ease
- The forecasts take account of time and location
- Web-based – meaning users always have access to the latest data

## Who should use the LFT?

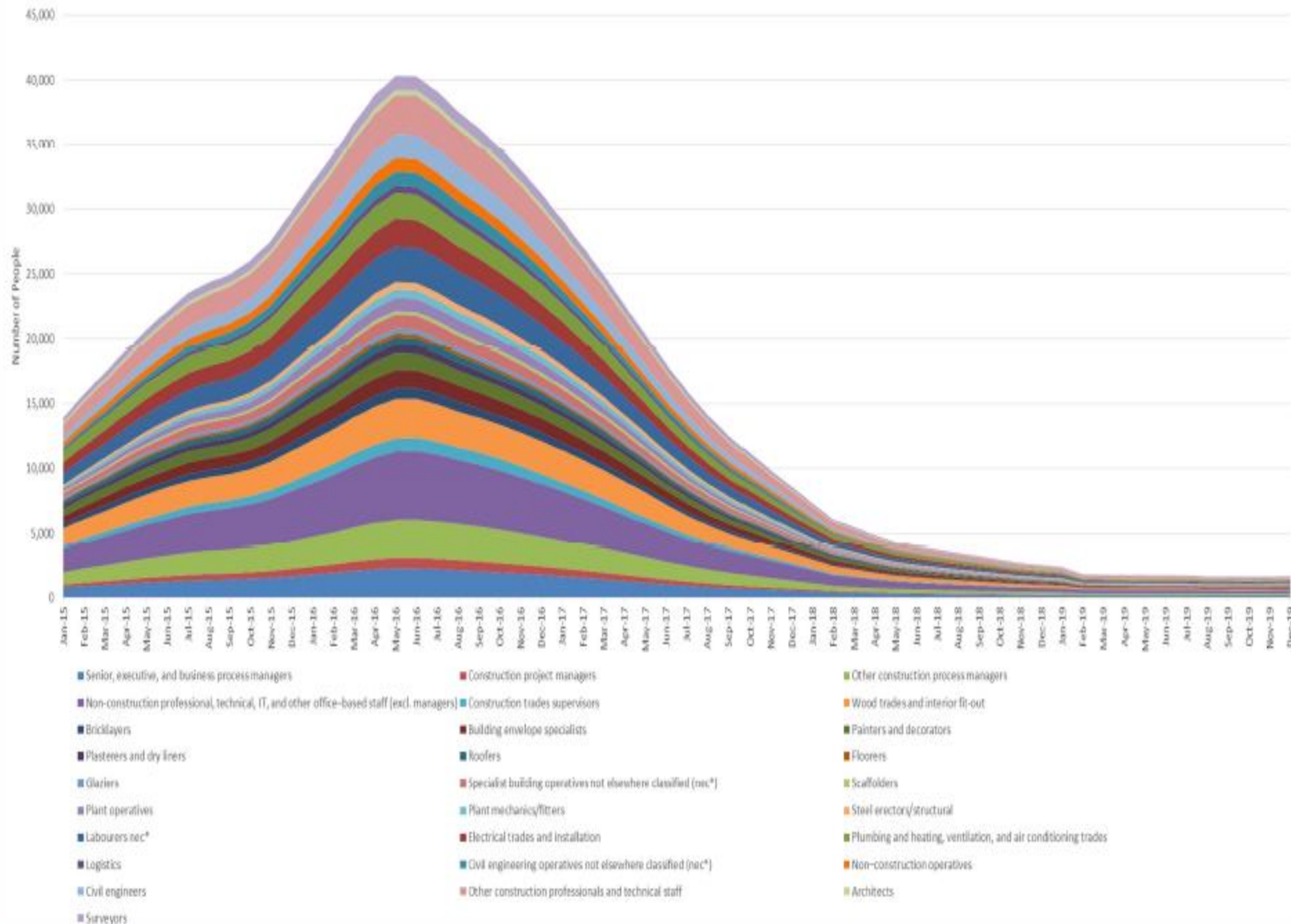
The LFT has already been successfully utilised by a range of organisations which include Local Authorities, Local Enterprise Partnerships, Developers, Contractors, Planners, Colleges, Government Departments, Chambers of Commerce and Government Agencies.

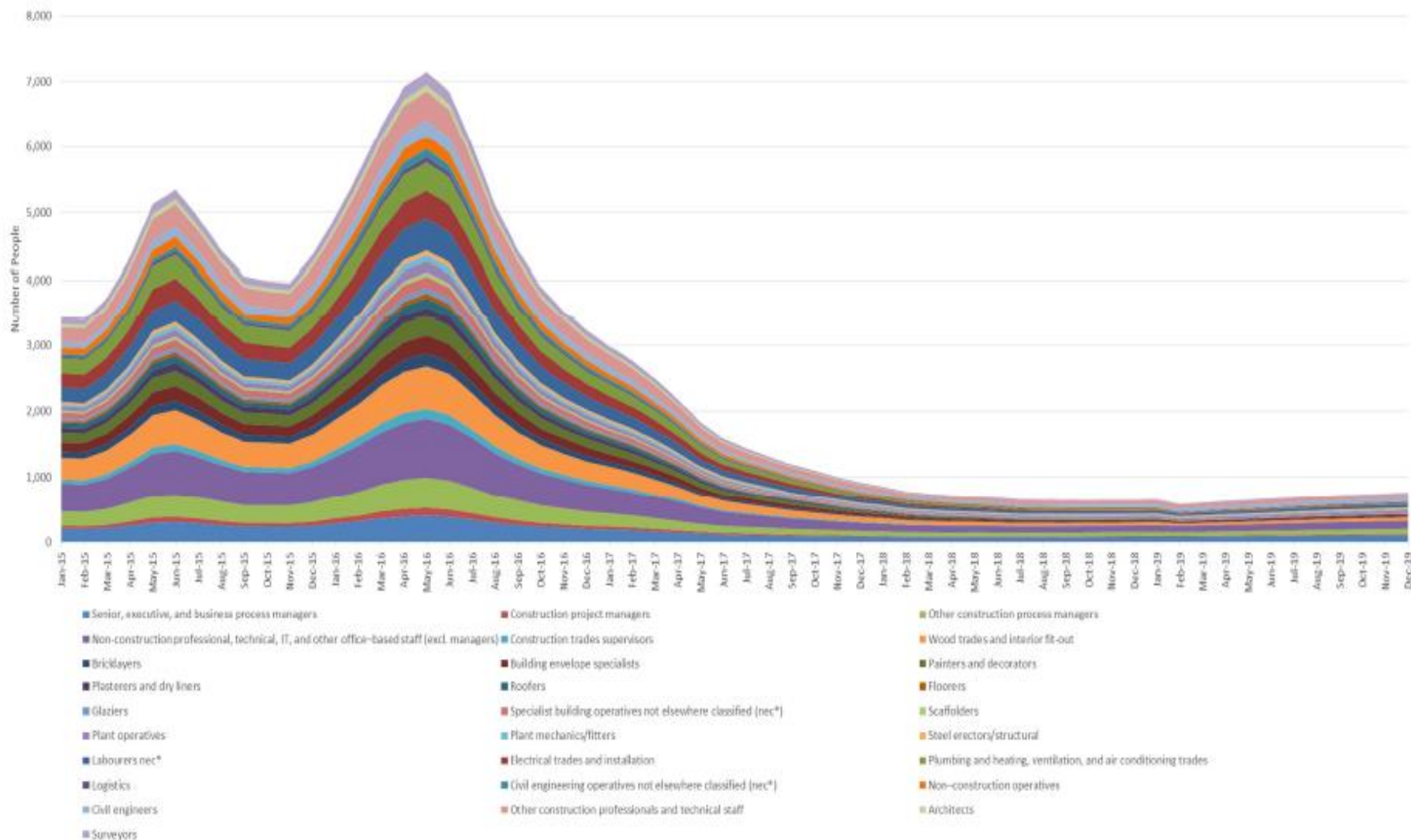
The LFT can benefit local authorities and developers who are negotiating Section 106 agreements and other community benefits.

It may also assist:

- Contractors programming forthcoming work
- Planning Agencies to explore the impact of concurrent regional projects
- Skills agencies and organisations to develop strategies for getting people into jobs.

Construction Labour Demand - West of England LEA







## DEMAND v SUPPLY- Skills Gaps





# Supply

*The Gap's?*

*People and SME's:*



## Q: Skills gaps through lack of people?

- Recession
  - Retirement
  - Age: Schools, U16s
  - **Image**
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- NEETs, LTU, ex-construction, **ex-military**, WIC

## Q: Skills gaps through local SME's?

- **80% of companies put skills shortages as one of their primary concerns**
- Only 32% recruited an apprentice in previous 12 months
- **Only 28% increased their training budget to address skills gaps**
- Over a third of SME's took no actions to address long-term skills gaps
- **Few local companies are linked to schools to attract talent**
- 4000 ex-construction workers/ ex-military claim benefits
- **Only 8% of your construction workforce are women (2% in trades)**



## Q: Skills gaps through local SME's? (CITB research)

- **Recession: Contractors cut margins. Clients used to lower prices**
- **Lower Wages: A major recruitment hurdle and difficult to tempt back significant numbers of former workers who left on higher wages**
- **38% of plasters, 35% bricklayers and 25% carpenters lost during recession**
- **Lack of business, leadership and management skills**
- **Hinkley factor** (90 mins)- drawing labour from across South West will create addition local gaps (steel fixers, wood trades, brick, plant and general operatives)



## South West

### Current major challenges for employment:

- **Ageing** construction **workforce**
- Insufficient recruitment due to **poor industry image**
- **White male** dominated industry

### Current major challenges for skills according to Employers:

- Workforce does not have **appropriate level of skills** to meet industry demand
- **Training provision** does not match industry skill needs
- Need access to reliable and up-to-date **LMI** about construction employment and skills

## LMI 2016- Demand for SW

- Managers
- Office based staff
- Bricklayers
- Wood trades
- Floorers
- Civil engineers/ operatives
- Scaffolders (Scaffold provision)

## Construction Demand from Hinkley

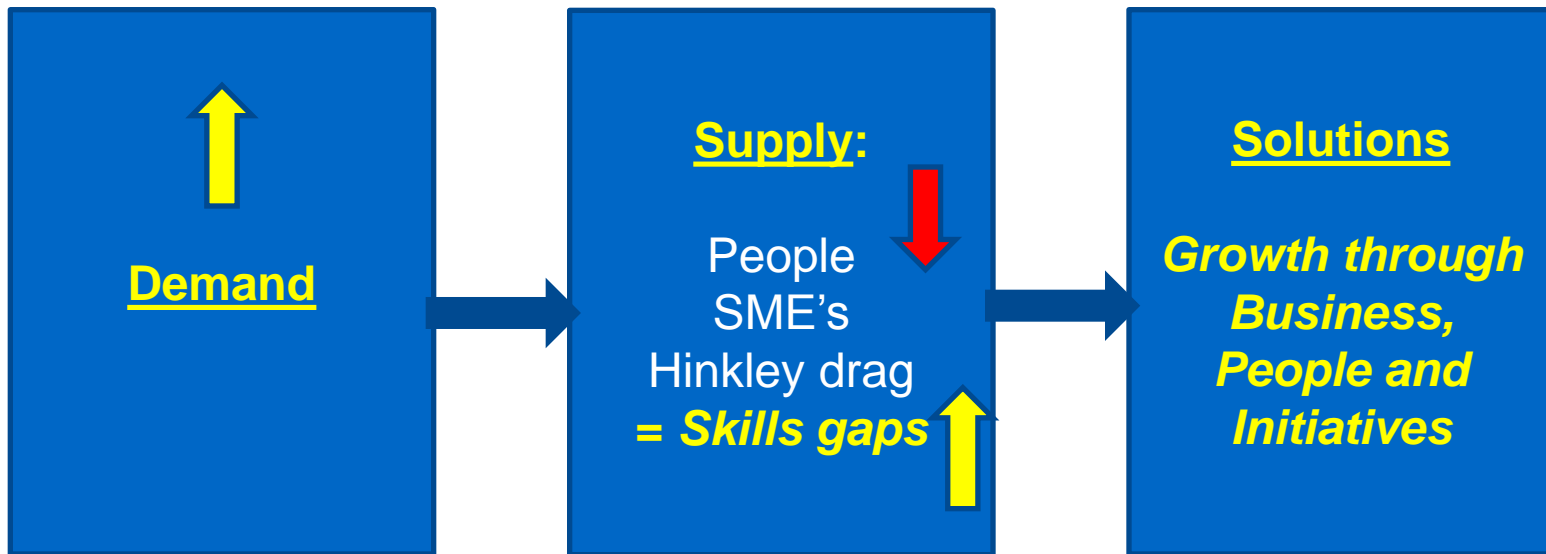
- Plant Operators
- Steel Fixers
- Form Workers
- General Operators
- Concrete Occupations
- Bricklayers

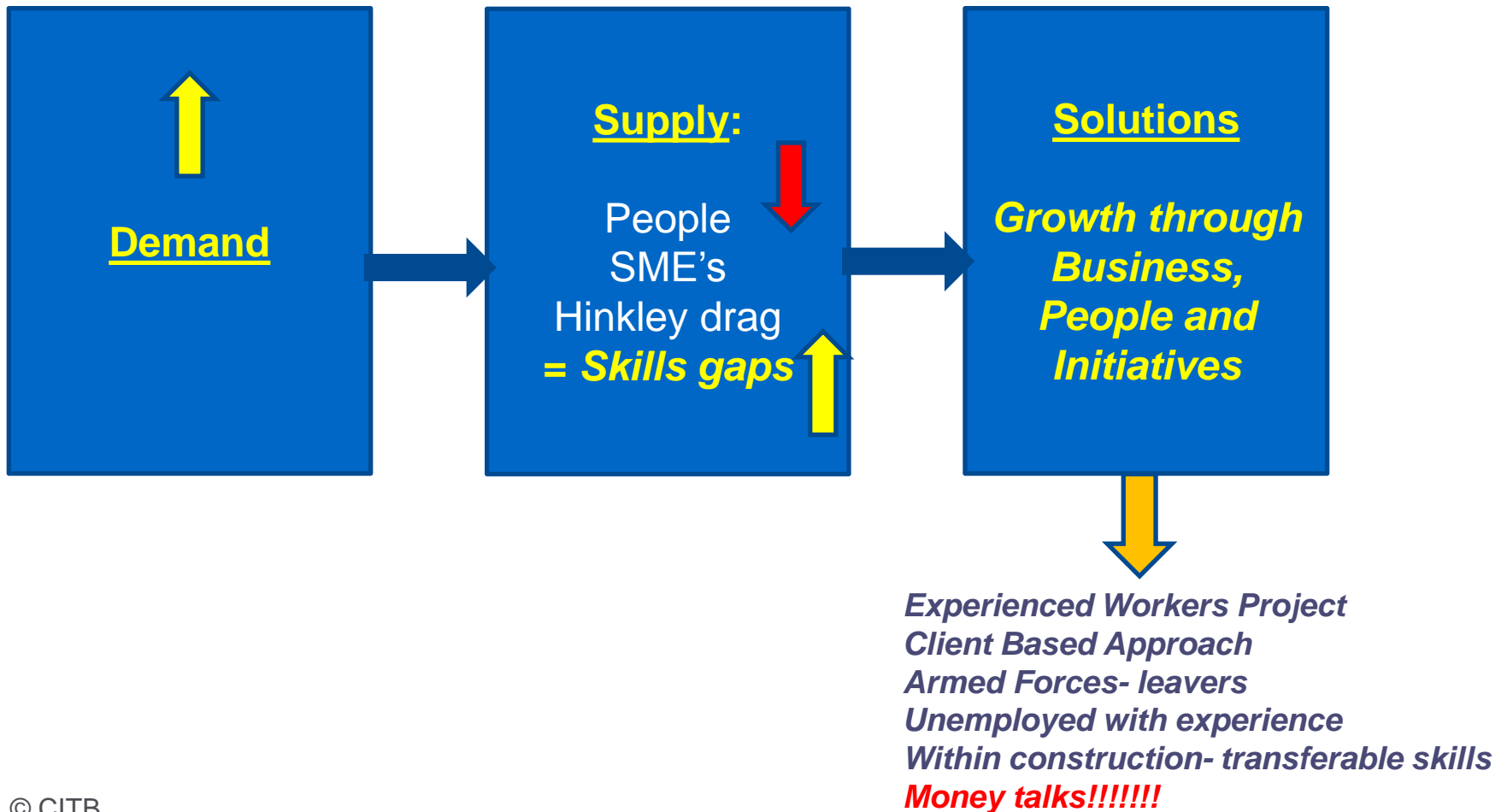


## Swindon and Wiltshire shortages:

- BRICKLAYERS
- Junior Project Managers
- Wall and Ceiling Fixers
- Timber Frame Erectors
- Renderers/ Dry Liners
- Plant Operators
- General Operatives and Specialists

General comment





*We started this exercise thinking we have a **skills crisis** and we've come out of it recognising a broader issue in that we have a **labour crisis***

**CEO of a South West LEP**



## Does the Home Building Industry agree there is a problem looming?

*Skills shortages are already evident in trades, site management and some key professions. Whilst home builders will continue to recruit young people entering the employment market for the first time, the recruitment of experienced workers with relevant skills could increase industry and supply chain capacity more quickly if the right workers can be identified, trained to augment their existing skills for jobs in home building and linked and supported into job opportunities with home building companies or their supply chains.*

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## Shortage of builders holding back development, says housebuilder



**Bob the Builder: Can we hire them? No we can't!** (17 Nov 15)









## ARE THERE SOLUTIONS TO THE SKILLS , PROVISION AND EMPLOYMENT GAPS?

*Yes but collaboration between  
the Housebuilding Industry,  
providers, funders , clients and  
the general construction industry  
is essential*









### Can Women Build Bridges?

#### Bridge Presentation Criteria

Remember you have five minutes to present to the judge!

Describe your bridge including the following:

- Explain the name you have given it
- Design and construction
- Materials used and its appearance
- Its function

Your Marketing statement for your bridge









## SOUTH WEST HOUSE BUILDING -EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS

The 'Demand' is there but the future will depend on:

- **The 'Supply' of People**
- **Selling the Industry – IMAGE**
- **Construction Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG) – Attracting Talent**
- **Employer- led engagement at all levels (Schools, Ambassadors, Work Experience opportunities)**
- **Clients playing a leading role on Employment and Skills**

## EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS IN THE SOUTH WEST

- Link local employers to provision – Fit for Purpose
- **New provision – Operatives, Plant, Adult upskilling (military, WIC, ex-construction, NEETS), Scaffolding**
- Selling the Industry – **IMAGE**
- **Construction Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG) – Attracting Talent (Go Construct, Adopt a School) – [www.goconstruct.org](http://www.goconstruct.org)**
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## What does the Housing Industry propose?





Member		Pinch Points			Solutions		Barriers	Willingness to recruit
1		Bricklayers, joiners and managers			Ex armed forces  Experienced worker returners  ‘Transferable skills’ group  National coordination and campaign		Disillusioned workers won’t come back  Industry image (poor)  Cyclical nature and resultant lack of security of work	Armed service leavers  Unemployed with construction interest or experience  Students with 2 yrs knowledge but no VQ  Those in temporary work outside the sector
2		Bricklayers & carpentry; site supervisors and site managers; professionals (architects); QS; ‘other’			South West of England hotspots  Card schemes – ‘experience’ simplification  Ex offenders  Armed Forces  Transferable skills’ group  FT students in construction  National cohesive industry approach		Not enough from segments under consideration  Unwillingness to return  Security of work in longer term  Competing sectors (manufacturing, retail, banking?)  Attracting new entrants	Armed service leavers  Unemployed with construction interest  Students with 2 yrs knowledge but no VQ  People from other parts of the construction industry with transferable skills

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3		Bricklayers  Project Managers		Veterans Project  Project with a focus on early service leavers			
	iii						
4		Bricklayers  Site Managers and Assistants  Quantity Surveyors  Sales Negotiators / Advisors  Carpenters & Joiners		Armed Forces (on own though rather than collaborative)  Apprentices laid off in recession part way through – destinations unknown		Sufficiency of experienced workers ‘out there’ – most will have come back by now  Conditions still cyclical in house building so never secure though prospects good for coming years	Armed Forces (on own though rather than collaborative)  Unemployed with experience – though sceptical about volume/calibre  Students without site experience /VQ
	Hays	Bricklayers Carpenters Site Managers					
	Other employers	Bricklayers/ Roofers  Bricklayers, wood trades, plumbing, P&D  QS's, Estimating, Site engineers, Foreman, design engineers  Site engineers, Bricklayers, Scaffolders, Joiners					





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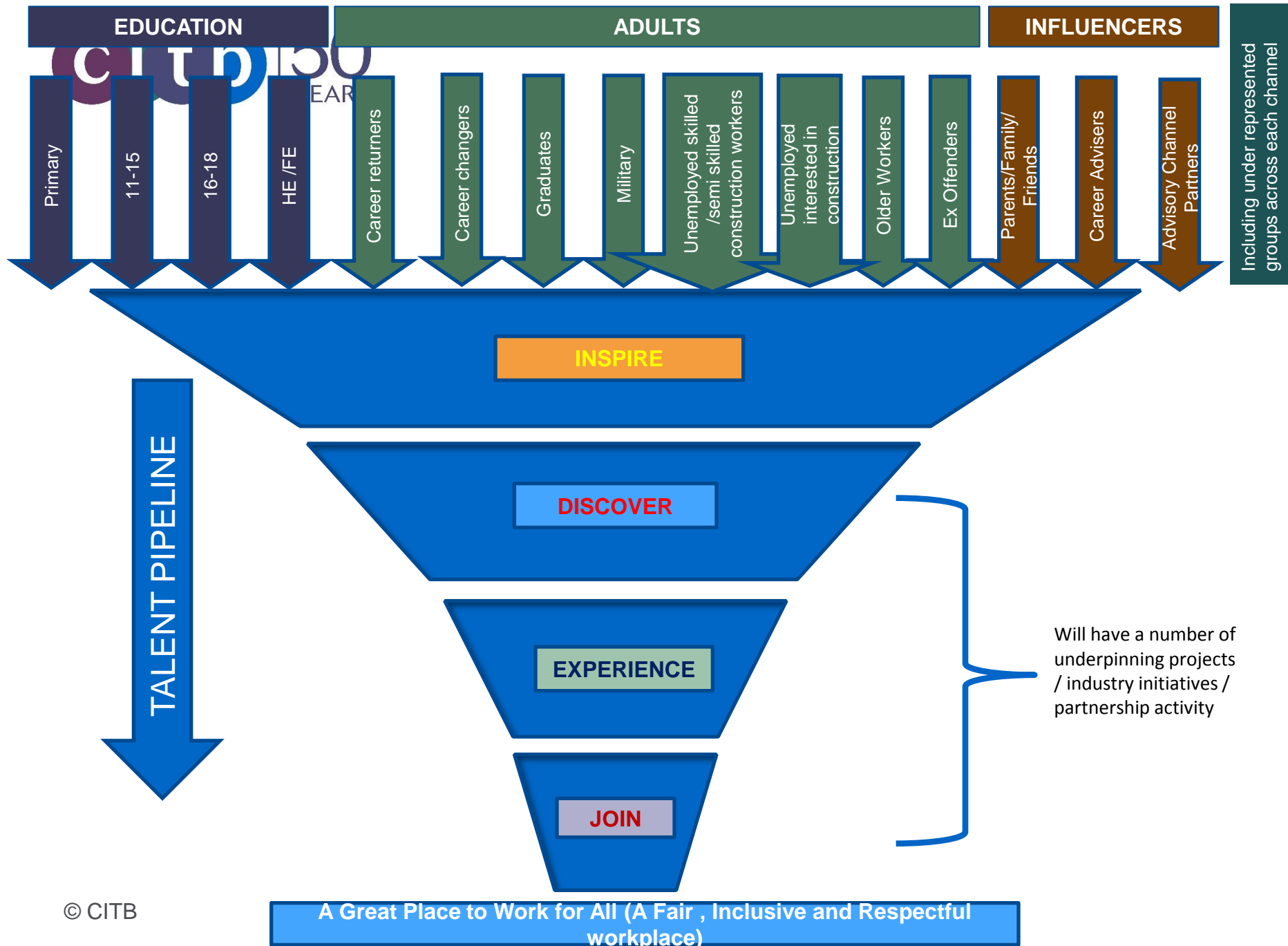
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The Construction Careers Matching Service



# Constructing Excellence Newsletter:

## *Go Construct: Boosting constructions image*

The CITB facilitated web site, Go Construct, launched recently and we are associating ourselves with this excellent initiative in an effort for improve the image of construction and entice more people to consider construction as a career. The web site may be viewed at [www.goconstruct.org](http://www.goconstruct.org). This is an industry wide initiative and we recommend everyone visiting the web site and using the collateral whenever and wherever possible.



**My last presentation for  
CESW!!!**





***Where have all the years gone!!!!***



