

# The Importance of Infrastructure to the South West Economy

Is the South West still the Cinderella Region of the UK?

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# DCBC Overview

DCBC is the only regional body that supports private sector businesses by operating at a strategic level across both counties.

We are a not for profit organisation, sustained by private sector membership.

## **Our strategic priorities:**

- Education, Productivity and Skills
- Entrepreneurship and Aspiration
- Spatial Planning
- Arterial Infrastructure
- Sustainable Investment

# Key Objectives of DCBC

## Our main objectives are:

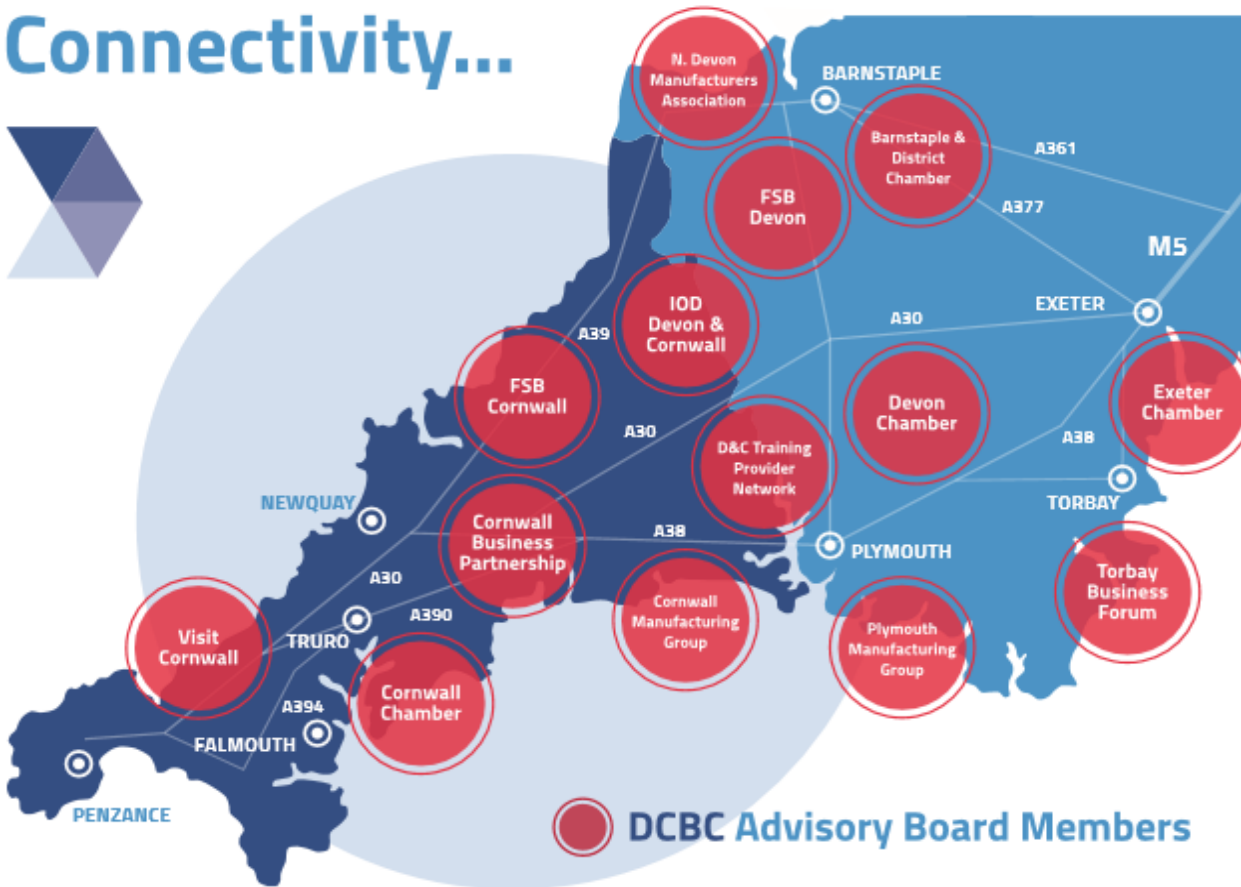
- To provide a well-informed, coherent and authoritative voice to represent the business interests of Devon & Cornwall
- To ensure that the best decisions are made to deliver sustainable economic prosperity for Devon & Cornwall
- To work in support of member and partner priorities to help to achieve collective goals & aspirations

## In order to achieve these objectives:

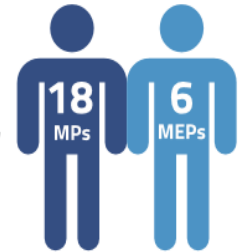
- DCBC lobbies on regional issues of importance to the business community.
- DCBC works at a strategic level across the region, brokering high-level connections between the private, public, and third sectors.
- DCBC works with businesses of any size and any sector and are proud to include Social Enterprises, charities and educational institutions amongst their network.

# Our Stakeholders:

## Connectivity...



Great political connectivity



- One County Council
- Three Unitary Authorities
- Eight District Councils
- Dartmoor National Park Authority



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# We have over 100 members, including:



# National Picture

- Institute of Public Policy Research findings
- Department of Transport
- Power of big City's – Northern Power House/ Midlands Engine
- 3 H's or 3 G's
- Time delays

# Where is the South West?

- South Devon Highway
- A30 Temple
- Unblocking major junctions
- Exeter Science Park
- Derriford Transport Corridor
- Dawlish Sea Wall
- Somerset Levels
- Met Office Super Computer
- South West Water
- Hinkley
- Sherford
- Broadband Investment

# What is the South West Lobbying For?

- Providing East/ West and North/ South Trunk Roads
- Peninsula Rail Task Force
- Electrification
- Broadband/ Mobile



# Smarter Use of Infrastructure

- Optimising Asset Performance
- Adding a digital layer to physical infrastructure
- Processing/ Project Management
- Assets talking to each other
- Case study - short break holiday market

# What can the Government do/ How can we help ourselves?

- Encouraging overseas investors
- Matched funding
- Improved skills
- Improved productivity
- Autumn Statement

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