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MOD's New Collaborative Innovation Playground

The MOD has joined forces with Dorset Council and Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership to open Defence BattleLab, an innovation centre and engineering space for innovators to ideate, fail fast and succeed sooner. The BattleLab is the National Security Technology and Innovation Exchange (NSTIx) Defence co-creation site. Strategically located at the intersection of the South West Maritime and Marine, Aerospace and Nuclear Clusters, MOD testing ranges, Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marine and RAF establishments, and The Solent Maritime Enterprise Zone. The aspiration is that through greater diversity of thought, collaboration and co-creation, creativity will flow, enabling innovative solutions to complex problems. Flexible terms are available for all, with gratuitous space available on selected MOD projects. Visit the website via for QR code above for more details - together we can be stronger.

Where Defence Problems, Industry Solutions & Academia Collide



**1100m² of modern collaborative office space
£400 per month**

**450m² of flexible workshop capability
OPEN NOW**



BattleLab Build Phase 1



Access to specialist end users



Proximity to over 50km² of range space

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Why Dorset?

Dorset is home to a thriving and varied advanced engineering sector specialising in aerospace, defence, composite and marine technologies. Altogether, they employ around 18'000 people and contribute over £1.4bn to Dorset's economy.

Dorset is a highly attractive region. Advanced engineering & manufacturing businesses locate to Dorset for many reasons including:

- The presence of major prime contractors
- A highly skilled workforce
- A vibrant and dynamic supply chain supported by key trade associations
- 50:50 split between military and civil work
- Excellent universities and colleges with specialisms in innovative target sector research and education
- Superb quality of life – acting as a magnet for skilled people



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**World famous beaches
and scenery**



DORSET INNOVATION PARK

Why Dorset Innovation Park?

Dorset's only economic development site with Enterprise Zone Status. Dorset Innovation Park is developing as an advanced engineering cluster of excellence for the South West, building on its strengths in marine, defence, energy and cyber-security. The Park offers office space, workshop facilities and fully serviced parcels of land ready for development within a simplified planning process.

The Park offers the space and support to expand, access to local finance and a growing occupier community. It offers a secure facility and the presence of two world leaders in defence technology - Atlas Elektronik UK and QinetiQ; with many more innovative small and medium-sized enterprises looking to join the growing community.



Over 40 acres of flexible space to grow and scale

Local Development Order (LDO) simplified 28day planning process

Benefits to Business

- Enterprise Zone business rate relief - up to £275,000 p.a. over a five year period
- Secure site with CPNI perimeter fencing, security gatehouse and 24/7 access
- Fully serviced parcels of land ready for development
- Flexible tenure/leases for workshop units and office space
- Highly skilled local workforce
 - Access to two universities and higher education institutions
 - Many civil and military centres of excellence within a one-hour radius
- Collaboration across the South West region with like-minded fellow AEM occupiers, universities, centres of excellence and target sectors
- Direct fast train to and from London Waterloo in just 2.5 hours
- Easy access to Port of Poole, Portland Port and Port of Southampton, Bournemouth Airport, Southampton Airport and Exeter Airport
- Just 15 minutes to Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove and the only natural UNESCO World Heritage site in England

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DORSET GATEWAY



What Business Support is Available?

Dorset Gateway is Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership's growth hub, whom exist to help businesses across Dorset find the right advice, support and funding to enable them to grow and prosper. They are funded to provide these services by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, so they're free to any Dorset based businesses seeking help. Scan the QR code above to find out more about:

- Finding Finance and Bid Writing
- Business Scale-up and growth
- COVID-19 support
- Trading Internationally
- General Business Support

Speak to real people who can help access the business support you need



Other Funding & Support:



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The Defence Sourcing Portal, the e-sourcing platform and one-stop-shop for contract opportunities, tendering and information on doing business with the Ministry of Defence



Apply for funding to support innovative, large-scale and complex projects that tackle big science questions and have the potential to produce world-leading research



DASA finds and funds exploitable innovation to support UK defence and security quickly and effectively, and support UK prosperity



Guidance to industry and academia on priority areas and funding opportunities for science and technology, research and development, and innovation 2021 to 2025



To find how KTN can support your funding application or help you find partners



Horizon Europe is the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation with a budget of €95.5 billion



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What are Co-Creation Spaces?

Co-Creation Spaces bring together key public and private sector parties to foster open and collaborative development of high-impact, user-driven technology solutions around a cross-cutting theme critical to national security, at a pace and scale that could not otherwise be achieved. NSTIX does not directly task or fund the Co-Creation Spaces or the projects within them. NSTIX does provide the partnerships and enablers under which co-creation can thrive. In return Co-Creation Spaces provide NSTIX with a practical outlet for our core work, allowing us to develop cross-cutting capabilities, test concepts and develop best practice in co-creation that will be fed back into the Co-Creation Spaces and to wider partners.

The Co-Creation Network adapts according to national security priority needs. These currently include: Protective Security, **Defence Innovation**, Cyber, Data Science & Artificial Intelligence and Operational Technology.

Mission

To scale science, technology and innovation investments and impact on common national security priorities by co-ordinating and cohering across the national security system, as a systems enabler.



Vision

A world leading, agile and responsive national security science technology and innovation ecosystem that amplifies the UK's strengths to secure operational and competitive advantage, through a more coherent and efficient approach to innovation.

Values

Innovate. Collaborate. Co-create.

How do we know co-creation is actually a useful exercise?

It is widely recognised that co-creation enables opportunities for innovative development and prosperity by bringing parties to the table that would not normally be involved. Following the success of its pilot scheme, NSTIX Co-Creation Spaces have been referred to as a successful example of industry, research and government collaboration in the Integrated Review of Defence, Security and Foreign Policy and the UK Innovation Strategy, published in July 2021¹.

¹ [Global Britain in a competitive age The Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy](#) (March 2021)
[BEIS \(2021\) UK Innovation Strategy](#) [UK innovation strategy \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)



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