

FORTH GREEN FREEPORT - FIFE UPDATE

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Moving into Delivery

Forth Green Freeport is continuing its transition from programme development into delivery, with activity now focused on attracting investment, supporting businesses, developing skills and bringing forward infrastructure projects that can create long-term economic opportunities for Fife.

Growing interest in Fife Tax Sites

Fife Tax sites have secured a number of new investor enquiries across sectors including advanced manufacturing, hydrogen, logistics, recycling and energy transition. This demonstrates the growing interest in the opportunities available with Fife's designated tax sites at Rosyth and Burntisland.

Planning for Future Infrastructure

Work continues to identify the infrastructure and energy investment needed to support future growth at Rosyth and Burntisland, helping ensure both sites are well positioned to attract investment and create jobs.

Fife Council's Economic Development Team works directly with Forth Green Freeport partners to help attract and secure investment, create quality jobs, strengthen local supply chains and ensure communities benefit from the opportunities Forth Green Freeport can bring.

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Overview

Forth Green Freeport (FGF) is a 25-year economic growth initiative supported by both the UK and Scottish Governments. Spanning 3 local authority areas including Fife with Fife Council being one of the partners, the primary objective of Forth Green Freeport is to drive economic transformation and inclusive growth throughout the Forth Corridor by:

- creating global hubs of trade and investment
- boosting innovation
- helping to create the skills needed to support a diverse and sustainable economy
- sustaining and creating jobs including high quality green jobs
- developing a sustainable decarbonised and net zero economy

Covering a 45KM boundary and four ports, FGF offers over 500 hectares of investment, opportunities are available at tax sites in Fife, Falkirk, and Grangemouth.

The designated tax sites are:

- Rosyth (Port of Rosyth)
- Mid Forth tax site (comprising Port of Burntisland and Port of Leith)
- Grangemouth (Port of Grangemouth)



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A Focus on Fife Tax Sites - Rosyth

Queensferry One Development Reaches Key Milestone

Development is underway at Queensferry One in Rosyth, with Scarborough Muir Group marking the start of site preparation works with a ceremonial sod cutting event carried out earlier this year.

Supported by a £300,000 UK Government Site Accelerator Grant, the initial works will prepare the site for the delivery of Q1 50, a fully consented 50,000 sq. ft industrial and logistics unit. This development signals continued investment activity at the 110-acre site within the Forth Green Freeport.

Construction of Q1 50 is expected to follow completion of the current groundworks, with the unit anticipated to be available for occupation early 2028.

Representatives from Government, industry, education and regional partners attended the event, highlighting the strategic importance of the development to Fife and the wider region.



Turning FGF Ambitions Into On The Ground Delivery

Rosyth Tax Site has reached an important milestone with the arrival of Had-Fab Ltd, which has selected Rosyth as the location for its latest investment.

Had-Fab Ltd manufactures steel towers for high-voltage transmission infrastructure, helping to strengthen the electricity network required to support the transition to renewable energy. Their operations at Rosyth contribute to grid modernisation, energy security and Scotland's net zero ambitions, while creating opportunities across local, regional and national manufacturing supply chains.

This investment highlights the growing attractiveness of Rosyth as a strategic business location. It also demonstrates the Forth Green Freeport's programme's role in supporting economic growth by reactivating around 6 acres of long-term vacant brownfield land, bringing it back into productive use for advanced manufacturing. In doing so, the investment supports the creation of employment opportunities, strengthens local supply chains and unlocks new economic activity within one of Fife's key industrial locations.



A Focus on Fife Tax Sites - Burntisland

Positioning Burntisland for Future Investment

Burntisland forms a key part of the Forth Green Freeport offer, and works in tandem with Port of Leith to form the Mid-Forth tax site. Work is ongoing at Burntisland to ensure the site is ready to benefit from future infrastructure improvements and investment opportunities.

Preparing for Future Growth Sectors

Infrastructure and utilities work continues to help support future investment opportunities in sectors linked to energy transition, manufacturing and industrial growth.

Strengthening Fife's Sustainable Growth

Potential For Multimodal Freight Hub

Feasibility work to advance the Rosyth Rail Freight project has been exploring how improved rail access could support the longer-term development of a multi-modal freight hub at Rosyth.

With strong road links and potential rail connectivity, Rosyth is well placed to offer businesses across Fife more efficient, lower-carbon options for moving goods, materials and components.

This work will help assess future infrastructure requirements, strengthen the area's investment proposition and support ambitions to reduce road miles while improving freight resilience for local industry.

Unlocking Global Trade Through Forth Green Freeport Customs Sites

Businesses operating within the Forth Green Freeport outer boundary can apply to become a FGF customs site and access a range of customs benefits designed to support international trade, manufacturing and logistics.

Authorised businesses can import goods with duties suspended, store or process products within the site, and only pay duties when goods enter the UK market. Goods that are re-exported may be exempt from customs duties altogether.

Customs site operators and occupiers also benefit from simplified customs processes, including reduced paperwork, streamlined declarations and easier movement of goods between the UK's Freeport customs sites. These measures can improve cash flow, reduce administrative burdens and help businesses manage supply chains more efficiently.

Located at the heart of Scotland's transport and industrial network, the Forth Green Freeport offers an attractive opportunity for companies involved in advanced manufacturing, energy, logistics and exporting.

Combined with the wider support available through the Forth Green Freeport, customs site benefits provide businesses with a valuable opportunity to enhance competitiveness and support future growth.

Continuing the Conversation on Forth Green Freeport

Forth Green Freeport continues to engage with businesses and stakeholders across Fife, ensuring everyone is kept informed about developments and opportunities linked to the programme.

Most recently, the Forth Green Freeport was promoted at the **Fife Defence Supplier Event** delivered by Fife Council's Economic Development team, where attendees heard about the investment and supply chain opportunities being created across the region. The Economic Development team also attended the **Fife Chamber of Commerce Conference and Tradeshow**, engaging with businesses from a wide range of sectors and sharing updates on Forth Green Freeport's progress.

Engagement activity will continue at **Fife Business Week** in November, providing another opportunity to showcase the programme, share the latest developments and connect with local businesses.

Maintaining a presence at key business events remains an important part of building awareness of Forth Green Freeport and ensuring businesses across Fife can learn more about the opportunities it presents.

Fife Strengthens its Position in Defence and Advanced Manufacturing

Fife is strengthening its position at the heart of Scotland's defence, maritime and advanced manufacturing economy. Invest Fife's recent **Fife Defence Supplier Event** highlighted growing opportunities for local businesses to access advanced manufacturing supply chains, develop new capabilities and support major national programmes and contracts.

This builds on wider activity through the Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation programme, emerging Defence Growth Deal proposals and Forth Green Freeport, as part of continuing to help attract investment, develop skills, strengthen supply chains and create new opportunities for businesses across Fife.

"It was great for the Forth Green Freeport team to be part of this event which showcased the significant opportunities available to businesses through defence and national supply chains. For companies in FGF priority sectors such as shipbuilding and advanced manufacturing, there is real potential to secure new contracts, access new markets and support the UK's industrial growth ambitions. The networking and business engagement sessions provided valuable insights into future opportunities and helped companies build the connections needed to compete for high-value supply chain work."

Sarah Murray, CEO , Forth Green Freeport

Skills & Fair Work Supporting Jobs and Local Supply Chains

The Forth Green Freeport programme continues to focus on maximising opportunities for local employment, business growth and supply-chain participation through investment at Fife's tax sites and across the wider programme area.

A key part of this will be working with partners to support events that help local businesses understand future opportunities, while also supporting people to transition into new sectors, upskill for emerging roles and develop the workforce needed for future growth.

In Fife there has been a number of events to highlight the business opportunities of FGF as well as the future job opportunities across all sectors. This includes engagement such as the STEM events at High Schools across Fife, with interactive and industry supported activities at these events helping pupils to connect classroom learning with future careers in engineering, logistics, energy transition, manufacturing and port-related activity.

Over time, this work will help build a stronger local skills pipeline so businesses across Forth Green Freeport sites and across supply chains can access the talent they need now and, in the years, ahead.

Further Information and Support

Further information is available on the [Forth Green Freeport](https://www.forthgreenfreeport.gov.uk) website and the [Forth Green Freeport](https://www.investfife.com) page on the [InvestFife](https://www.investfife.com) website.

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AGIC D3M CoLAB Programme - Unlocking the Power of Data-Driven Manufacturing

Autumn 2026 will see the launch of the first programme from the Arrol Gibb Innovation Campus (AGIC) which is set to help Fife manufacturers harness the potential of advanced data and digital technologies to drive innovation, improve productivity and strengthen competitiveness.

The **AGIC Fife D3M CoLAB** programme aims to support an initial cohort of 10 manufacturing businesses through a blend of one-to-one support and collaborative learning. Participants will explore practical ways to use data-driven design and advanced analytics to tackle operational challenges, enhance decision-making and identify opportunities for growth.

The fully funded pilot will also help businesses build in-house data capabilities, develop workforce skills and create innovation projects with real-world impact.

