

Estimate of the number of net new jobs created in Torbay during the year April 2014/2015

Business Register data from NOMIS on Torbay based jobs is currently only available up to 2013.

The latest Annual Population Survey data (from NOMIS) for the number of people in Torbay in employment 2011-15 shows an increase in employment of 500 jobs between financial years 2013/14 and financial years 2014/15 (see table below). This figure includes commuters. Torbay remains relatively self-contained in terms of people living and working in the Bay (just over 75% at the 2011 Census, which is also Torbay's jobs density figure at 2015). So this figure would translate as 375 new jobs in Torbay last year.

Financial Year	People in employment
April 2011 March 2012	55,700
Apr 2012 March 2013	56,800
Apr 2013 March 2014	55,600
Apr 2014 March 2015	56,100

(NOMIS)

The latest Oxford Economics Projections (May 2015), prepared for the South West LEP, indicate an increase of 600 jobs in Torbay between 2014-15. These are projections. The Oxford Economics Projections are discussed in the Council's Technical paper: Update on Objectively Assessed Need and Job Projections (PH/19) which states why the Council considers the PBA Housing Requirements Report to be a more comprehensive assessment.

The Inspector will be aware that the Council's Technical Paper (PH/19) also sets out current job creating initiatives or schemes. To reiterate, these include:

- The South Devon Link Road (Now South Devon Highway), which is assessed to create 3,100 additional jobs in Torbay within 3 years of opening; 2,580 of these are skilled jobs. As evidence of the likely impact of the road, an outline application for the opening up and development of the entire Gateway Future Growth Area (@550 dwellings and 9.4ha employment land) is expected in late 2015/early 2016).
- Increase in SME business start-ups by 25% between 2012-13 (it is likely that these are under-represented in Business Register data). The Outset Torbay programme has helped create over 354 new jobs since 2010. Workhubs at Brixham and Torquay harbours were opened in 2014 specifically to support home-workers.
- South West Business Centres have provided start up units and business advice which have created 344 jobs over the last 3 years.
- Increase in the High Tech Sector of 8-10% per year with a sector development plan seeking to create 300-500 jobs in the next 5 years, with support from Assisted Area Status, Torbay Growth Fund, Coastal Communities Fund etc .
- The new Energy Centre at South Devon College opened in 2013 with the creation of 200 new jobs. An application for further expansion of South Devon College is expected imminently.
- Electronics and Photonics Innovation Centre (EPIC), which is a Council led project, due to open in early 2017 which will create nearly 2,800 sq m of employment space and 220 jobs.

- Adoption of Town Centre Masterplans (as Supplementary Planning Documents) for Paignton and Torquay by the Council in June 2015. This is already generating significant investor interest. The Council has established a Programme Board, which includes private sector representation, and a Delivery Team, with a sizeable budget to market, promote and deliver town centre regeneration. The redevelopment of the former Palm Court in Abbey Sands Torquay created 70 jobs.
- Construction of a new Hilton Hotel, office and commercial space, in Torwood Street, Torquay, begins in September 2015. This will create between 300 - 410 FTEs, £14M of construction development, £40M of total economic activity and almost £3M additional hotel visitor spend.
- The Council and TDA are, over the next 2 years, bringing forward employment space at Claylands, Paignton for a defined end user, generating 350 jobs.
- South Devon College is bringing forward (September 2015) a Local Development Order for the whole of its site in Long Road, Paignton. This will allow it to draw in investment and deliver quickly. This includes the delivery of a new 5,000 sq metre Hi Tech Skills Centre, providing 250 new jobs.