

# [Press release: New government action to create stronger, more integrated Britain](#)

- £50 million to support new Integrated Communities Strategy
- strategy includes bold proposals to boost English language skills, increase opportunities for women and promote British values in education

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid today (14 March 2018) set out an ambitious long-term plan of action to tackle the root causes of poor integration and create a stronger, more united Britain.

The [Integrated Communities Strategy green paper](#), to which £50 million will be committed over the next 2 years, seeks views on the government's bold proposals to boost English language skills, increase opportunities for more women to enter the workplace, and promote British values and meaningful discussion between young people.

Britain is on the whole, a well-integrated society, with 85% of people reporting a feeling of belonging strongly to Britain.

But the evidence, including [Dame Louise Casey's independent review into opportunity and integration](#), overwhelmingly points to a significant number of communities being divided along race, faith or socio-economic lines.

This reduces opportunities for people to mix with others from different backgrounds, allows mistrust and misunderstanding to grow, and prevents those living in isolated communities from taking advantage of the opportunities that living in Britain offers.

The strategy sets out a range of actions the government plans to take to bring divided communities together, including:

## **Boosting English language skills**

We are proposing a new strategy to promote adoption of the English language across all communities in England, including a new community-based English language programme, a new network of conversation clubs, and support for local authorities to improve the provision of English language tuition for those who need it most.

## **Increasing economic opportunity, particularly for women**

Jobcentre Plus will trial new approaches to support people from some of the most isolated communities into work through personalised skills training to address their individual needs.

## **Ensure that every child receives an education that prepares them for life in modern Britain**

New proposals to ensure young people have the opportunity to mix and form lasting relationships with those from different backgrounds, promotion of British Values across the curriculum and increased take up of the national citizen service.

Communities Secretary Sajid Javid said:

Britain can rightly claim to be one of the most successful diverse societies in the world. But we cannot ignore the fact that in too many parts of our country, communities are divided, preventing people from taking full advantage of the opportunities that living in modern Britain offers.

Successive governments have refused to deal with the integration challenges we face head on, preferring to let people muddle along and live isolated and separated lives.

We will put an end to this through our new strategy which will create a country that works for everyone, whatever their background and wherever they come from. Integration challenges are not uniform throughout the country, with different areas and communities having varying needs.

The government will work with 5 'Integration Areas' to develop local integration plans: Blackburn with Darwen; Bradford; Peterborough; Walsall and Waltham Forest.

These 5 local authorities have already demonstrated a keen grasp of the challenges they face and shown a desire to try new things and learn from what works. Learning from these areas about what works – and, just as importantly, what doesn't work – will be shared more widely as the programme develops.

Education Secretary Damian Hinds said:

We want to make sure that all children learn the values that underpin our society – including fairness, tolerance and respect. These are values that help knit our communities together, which is why education is at the heart of this strategy.

It's also important that children are taught in a safe environment and that we can act quickly if children are at risk or being encouraged to undermine these values. Together, with Ofsted and communities across the country, we will build on the work already underway to achieve this.

We want to start a debate on the Integrated Communities Strategy, to find the

most effective ways to address integration challenges. The consultation will run for 12 weeks to 5 June 2018.

Further measures included as part of the Integrated Communities Strategy:

### **Building stronger leadership**

The strategy calls on leaders in national and local government, business and civil society to ensure all services have a strong focus on integration.

### **Supporting recent migrants to integrate into the community**

We will provide a package of practical information for recent migrants in our integration areas to better help them understand and navigate British life, values and culture. We will also improve communities' ability to adapt to migration and manage pressures on local services and amenities in order to promote more effective integration.

### **Respecting and promoting equal rights**

The strategy sets out new measures to empower marginalised women, including exploring reform of the law on marriage and religious weddings. We will support training of faith leaders to practice in the British context understanding British culture and shared values. We will also strengthen action to tackle hate crime and encourage greater reporting of incidents.

### **Building vibrant communities**

An Integration Innovation Fund will be introduced to allow organisations to bid to test out new approaches to bring people from different backgrounds together and we will make better use of shared community spaces such as parks and libraries.

## **Further information**

See the [Integrated Communities Strategy](#).

To deliver the vision set out in this strategy we recognise that we need to talk to individuals and communities to hear what they think the key issues are and how communities and local and national government can tackle them. The consultation period will run for 12 weeks.

85% of respondents felt that they belonged 'very' or 'fairly' strongly to Britain. Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, [Community Life Survey 2016-17](#).

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# [Company fined after employee injured by machinery](#)

An agricultural engineering company was fined for serious safety failings after a worker was injured at its premises near Blackburn, Lancashire.

Preston Magistrates Court heard how, on 25 November 2016, a 17-year-old trainee was working for Malcolm E Taylor Ltd at the company's site in Langho when he was pulled into machinery used to make cladding for agricultural buildings.

The employee's left arm became trapped between the metal sheeting he was holding and rollers as it was fed into the machine. The young worker suffered extensive damage to his left forearm, leaving him in chronic pain and with significant impairment to the use of his arm.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigation found that it was possible for employees to reach dangerous parts of the roll-forming machine when it was in operation as Malcolm E Taylor Ltd had failed to suitably guard

the machine.

Malcolm E Taylor Ltd of Mellor Brook, Blackburn pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 11(1) of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998. The company was fined £12,000 and ordered to pay costs of £2,967.82.

Following the case, HSE inspector Anthony Banks said:

“The dangers of unguarded machinery are well-known. If Malcolm E Taylor Ltd had ensured that suitable guarding was in place, then this incident would have been avoided.

Companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take enforcement action when the required standards are not met”.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

1. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain’s national regulator for workplace health and safety. It aims to reduce work-related death, injury and ill health. It does so through research, information and advice, promoting training; new or revised regulations and codes of practice, and working with local authority partners by inspection, investigation and enforcement. [hse.gov.uk](http://hse.gov.uk)
2. More about the legislation referred to in this case can be found at: [legislation.gov.uk/](http://legislation.gov.uk/)
3. HSE news releases are available at <http://press.hse.gov.uk>
4. More information about machinery guarding can be found at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/toolbox/machinery/safety.htm>
5. Regulation 11(1) of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 states: “Every employer shall ensure that measures are taken to (a) prevent access to any dangerous part of machinery or to any rotating stock-bar; or (b) to stop the movement of any dangerous part of machinery or rotating stock-bar before any part of a person enters a danger zone.”

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## **[Connection of viaduct completes under Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point project \(with photos\)](#)**

The linking up of the main viaduct running from Sha Tau Kok Road to Lin Ma Hang Road under the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point (BCP) project officially completed today (March 14), which means that Sha Tau Kok

Road is now fully connected to the new BCP via the trunk part of this new connecting road.

The Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai BCP is the first land-based BCP in Hong Kong with direct access facilities for both passengers and vehicles and will serve as a cross-border link to the east of Shenzhen, providing efficient cross-border access to and from the eastern part of Shenzhen, Huizhou, eastern parts of Guangdong and neighbouring provinces. The new BCP could also further strengthen Hong Kong's position in the development of the Pearl River Delta region and at the same time alleviate the heavy usage of the existing BCPs. In addition, the newly built connecting road could improve the road network in various areas of North District including Sha Tau Kok and Ta Kwu Ling.

Attending the linking-up ceremony of the viaduct, the Director of Civil Engineering and Development, Mr Lam Sai-hung, said that despite the massive scale of the BCP project, the entire works team demonstrated full co-operation and spared no effort in achieving satisfactory works progress under this BCP project. Mr Lam pointed out that upon completion of the main structure, other works such as road paving and installation of barriers and road facilities will be carried out in phases. The Government will strive to meet the target of completing the BCP by the end of this year.

The main viaduct, running from Sha Tau Kok Road to Lin Ma Hang Road, is 3.3 kilometres in length. It connects the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai BCP in the north and the Lung Shan Tunnel as well as the Fanling Highway Interchange in the south. Comprising four sections, the viaduct was assembled from 2 864 gigantic precast segments which ranged from about 2.5 metres to 2.9m in length and were 17m in width and 2.5m in height. Each precast segment weighed about 40 to 77 tonnes, equivalent to the weight of two to four double-decker buses. Most parts of the viaduct were constructed by using crawler cranes to lift the precast segments for assembly, which could in turn greatly reduce noise impact and the extent as well as duration of road closure.



# British Science Week: HSE launches its annual Science Review 2018

Marking British Science Week, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has today launched its [Annual Science Review](#) with a focus on its work in supporting a sustainable energy sector in the UK.

Made up of 850 engineers and science experts, including mechanical and chemical engineers, explosive specialists and microbiologists, HSE has been working hard this year to establish the safe introduction of low carbon technologies.

The [2018 HSE Annual Science Review](#), packed with case studies and achievements, showcases the work of the team including supporting the safe introduction of blended hydrogen into the National Gas grid, research to enable the introduction of innovative carbon capture and storage technology, as well as the safe implementation of new battery energy storage applications.

Chief scientific adviser and director of research, Professor Andrew Curran, said: “I am very pleased and proud to launch our latest Science Review. Good evidence underpins how we regulate and how we support other organisations and government departments both in the UK and overseas. It is particularly pleasing in the Year of Engineering to be able to highlight our work enabling a green and sustainable future for the energy sector in the UK.

“By anticipating future health and safety challenges today we can prevent incidents and harm to people tomorrow. Introducing our review during British Science Week also shows how the practical application of science and engineering to real world problems helps Great Britain work well.”

For more information please go to: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/>

## **Notes to Editors:**

1. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain’s national regulator for workplace health and safety. We prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise. [hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)
  2. The science review can be read in full at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/research/content/science-review-2018.pdf>
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