

Labour to work with coastal communities to revive jobs and industry

Labour today launches a major initiative to work with people and businesses in our seaside towns on a plan to revive jobs, industry and local economies.

Leader Jeremy Corbyn will join Shadow Minister for Coastal Communities Holly Lynch at the first of a series of visits across Britain's coastal communities.

They will meet civic and business leaders to discuss how best to support coastal industries and services post-Brexit. Other Shadow Cabinet members will hold similar events around the country in the coming months, each focusing on a key theme, such as healthcare, transport, jobs and industry.

Labour is today also launching an online consultation ahead of the Government's Fisheries Bill, to gather views and evidence from industry experts, consumers and environmental experts.

Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn, said:

"Seaside towns hold a special place in our country's history but they have been left behind by the Conservatives. Instead of being neglected and starved of investment, our coastal communities have enormous potential as centres for creative, digital and offshore industries.

"Labour will invest in all communities around the thousand of miles of our coastline and will work with them as we transform our economy so it serves the interests of the many, not the few."

Holly Lynch MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Coastal Communities, said:

"Well-managed fisheries and sustainable fishing practices mean more fish, more jobs, and a greater contribution to the UK economy in the long term. There is a unique opportunity as we leave the EU to transform the way we manage our fisheries to drive economic prosperity, tourism and environmental benefits to our beautiful and unique British coast.

"Labour believes the unique position of coastal communities should not be confined to the past, but should be part of an innovative, thriving and sustainable future."