



# MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES

## FOR THE NEXT MAYOR OF GREATER MANCHESTER

1.

**Invest in regional infrastructure**, in particular through support for East-West rail links like HS3, to create a business environment where manufacturers can grow and thrive to support communities and create good jobs.

2.

Support manufacturers in the region to **deliver the jobs of future** through provision of skills and quality training facilities equivalent to the NWTC to allow manufacturers to train their apprentices in the Greater Manchester area.

3.

Continue to work with Westminster to **help deliver the 'levelling up' agenda**, particularly through the development of digital infrastructure to help manufacturers invest in 4.0 technology and take advantage of the roll out of Made Smarter in the area.

The North West's manufacturing sector accounts for  
**£27 BILLION OF OUTPUT**



Providing

**342,000 JOBS**

**AVERAGE WAGES 30% HIGHER**

than the rest of the economy in the region



# MANUFACTURING IN THE NORTH WEST

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT **17.7%**

PHARMACEUTICALS **15.9%**

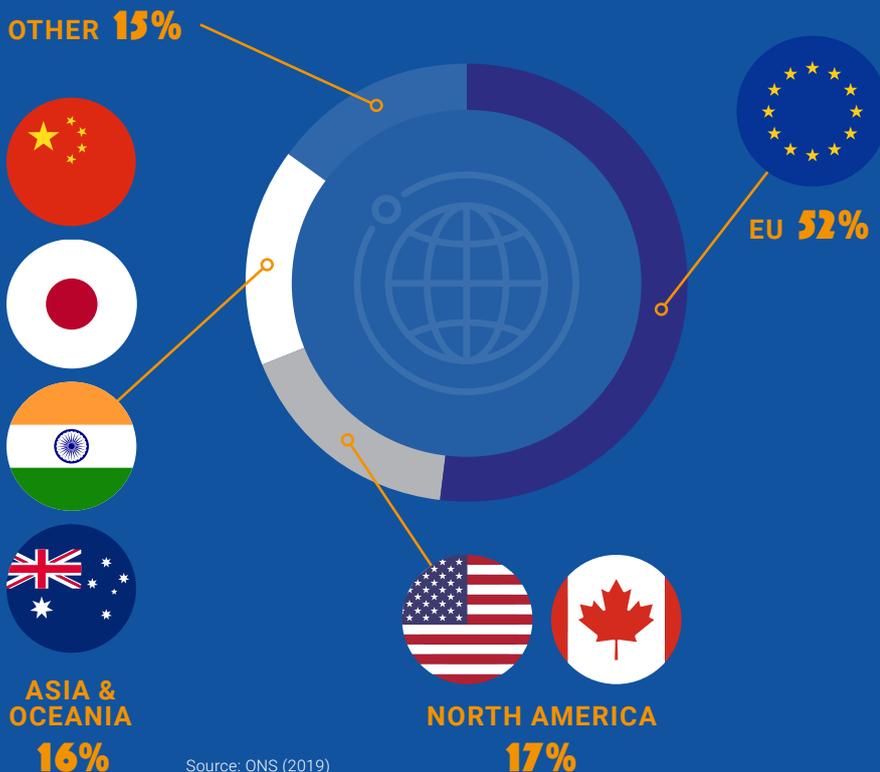
CHEMICALS **13.1%**

OTHER  
MANUFACTURING\*  
**53.2%**

\*The sum of subsectors not included in the top 3

Source: ONS (2019)

## WHERE NORTH WEST EXPORTS GO



Source: ONS (2019)

## MANUFACTURING ACCOUNTS FOR

# 15%

OF THE NORTH WEST'S  
**TOTAL OUTPUT**

THE NORTH WEST'S  
**OVERALL  
PRODUCTIVITY**

IS THE

# 4<sup>TH</sup> BEST

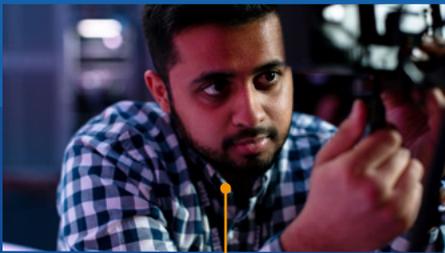
IN THE UK AT

# 90.8%

# THE ROLE OF NORTH WEST MANUFACTURERS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S LEVELLING UP AGENDA

To effectively level up across the North West, manufacturers want to see a coordinated, regional approach to drive the right changes through transport and digital infrastructure. This would enable manufacturers to expand to new, high demand subsectors whilst bringing inward investment, prosperity and well paid jobs to communities across the region.

## NORTH WEST MANUFACTURERS' PLANS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



**1. INVESTING IN PEOPLE**



**2. INVESTING IN OTHER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**



**3. INVESTING IN PLANT AND MACHINERY**

## WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN THE NORTH WEST SEE THE BIGGEST NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE



**1. AUTONOMOUS ROBOTICS, VEHICLES AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**



**2. TRADITIONAL SECTOR CONSOLIDATION**

**3. TRADING WITH NEW COUNTRIES**



# JUNE SMITH, MAKE UK REGION DIRECTOR - NORTH

"The North West has the largest manufacturing output of any UK region. We're proud of our sector and the role it has played in responding to the challenges of these past years. As we now look forward, it is more important than ever that the Mayor elected in May, renews efforts to strengthen local makers.

"Manchester's manufacturers will continue to drive growth, creating well paid, skilled jobs. Moving towards net-zero provides new opportunities in skills but we must work with others to reform training and apprenticeships if opportunities are to be fully realised.

"The Mayor must work to support infrastructure investment across the North West, to boost future inward investment and accelerate the delivery of those digital and green technologies. I look forward to working with the Mayor, the Business Group for Manchester and further developing our industrial partnerships."



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Make UK is backing manufacturing – helping our sector to engineer a digital, global and green future. From the first industrial revolution to the emergence of the fourth, the manufacturing sector has been the UK's economic engine and the world's workshop.

Over the last year we have had:

- 350 political engagements, including 160 with government
- 15 meetings with key EU member states and the European Parliament influencing UK-EU negotiations
- Almost eight and half thousand mentions in the media with 59 broadcast interviews.

The manufacturers we represent employ 1.2 million people who have created the new technologies of today and are designing the innovations of tomorrow. By investing in their people, they continue to compete on a global stage, providing the solutions to the world's biggest challenges.

Together, manufacturing is changing, adapting and transforming to meet the future needs of the UK economy. A forward-thinking, bold and versatile sector, manufacturers are engineering their own future.

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