

MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES

FOR THE NEXT MAYOR OF HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire and Humber manufacturing sector accounts for

£22 BILLION OF OUTPUT



Providing 287,000 JOBS



AVERAGE WAGES 17% HIGHER

than the rest of the economy in the region



1.

Promote collaboration between manufacturers and universities.

These partnerships and the knowledge they create can lead to the development of new cutting edge technologies and solutions that benefit both academia and industry, and are a key piece in the productivity puzzle.

2.

Upgrade transportation networks

including roads and public transit. The quality of infrastructure can be a large barrier to accessing labour and skills, the lifeblood of the manufacturing sector. As well as this manufacturers more than other make use of road and rail networks for logistical purposes.

3.

Support the ever growing industrial diversification

of the region through policies which allow the transformation of the manufacturing sector to take advantage of the vibrant new and emerging industries throughout the West Midlands, embracing Net Zero, digitalisation and upskilling employees.

MANUFACTURING IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND

CHEMICALS **17.5%**

FOOD & DRINK **17.4%**

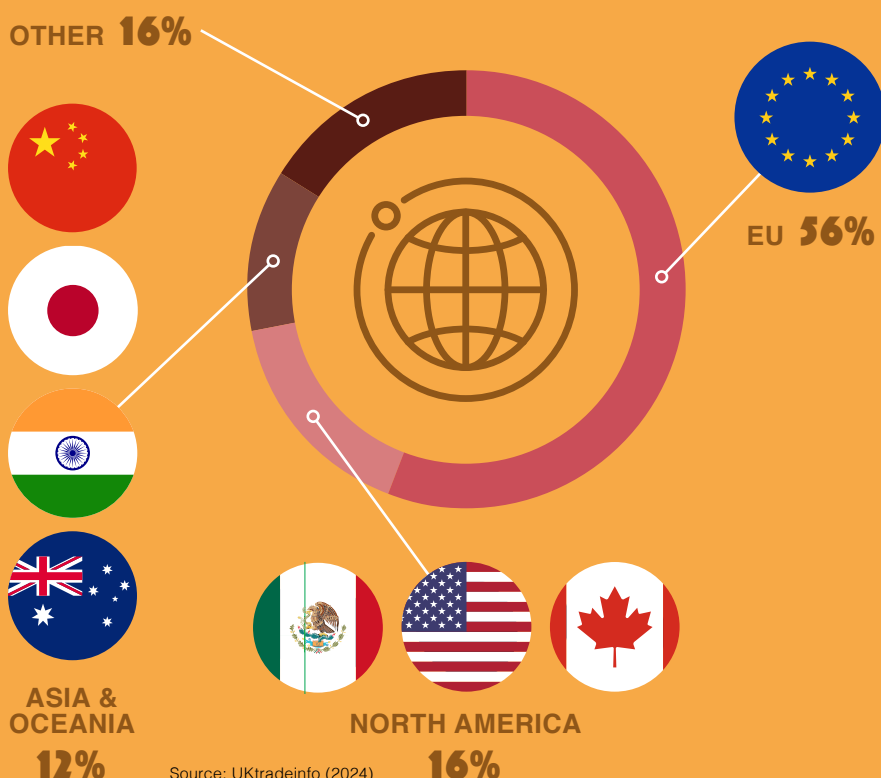
METAL PRODUCTS **14.1%**

OTHER
MANUFACTURING*
51.0%

*The sum of subsectors not included in the top 3

Source: ONS (2024)

DESTINATION OF EXPORTS IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND



MANUFACTURING
ACCOUNTS FOR

15%

OF THE YORKSHIRE AND
HUMBER'S
TOTAL OUTPUT

THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER'S

**OVERALL
PRODUCTIVITY**

IS THE
6TH BEST

IN THE UK AT

98.5%

WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE ARE PLANNING TO INVEST IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



1. Research and development



2. Existing workforce development and training



3. Expansion of production capacity

WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE SEE THE BIGGEST NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE



1. 5G and telecommunications infrastructure



2. Advanced materials (e.g. graphene, carbon fibre)

3. Internet of Things devices and systems



DAWN HUNTROD, MAKE UK REGION DIRECTOR – NORTH

Manufacturing has long been a cornerstone of the Hull and East Yorkshire economy, and it is essential that the next Mayor strengthens this foundation. By creating well-paid, skilled jobs, manufacturers in Hull and East Yorkshire can continue driving growth, particularly by seizing opportunities presented by the transition to net zero.

To support this, the next Mayor must enhance regional infrastructure and skills programs, and strengthen collaboration between businesses, educational institutions, and government agencies. This will be key to fostering innovation and equipping manufacturers with the skills needed to thrive in emerging industries across Hull and East Yorkshire.

I look forward to working with the next Mayor to build a strong partnership that ensures manufacturing remains central to the region's long-term vision and economic success.



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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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