

# MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES

## FOR YORKSHIRE & HUMBER

The Yorkshire and Humber manufacturing sector accounts for

£20 BILLION OF OUTPUT



Providing 316,000 JOBS



AVERAGE WAGES 21% 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 Yorkshire & Humber, embracing Net Zero, digitalisation and upskilling employees.

# MANUFACTURING IN THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

FOOD & DRINK **16.2%**

CHEMICALS **15.4%**

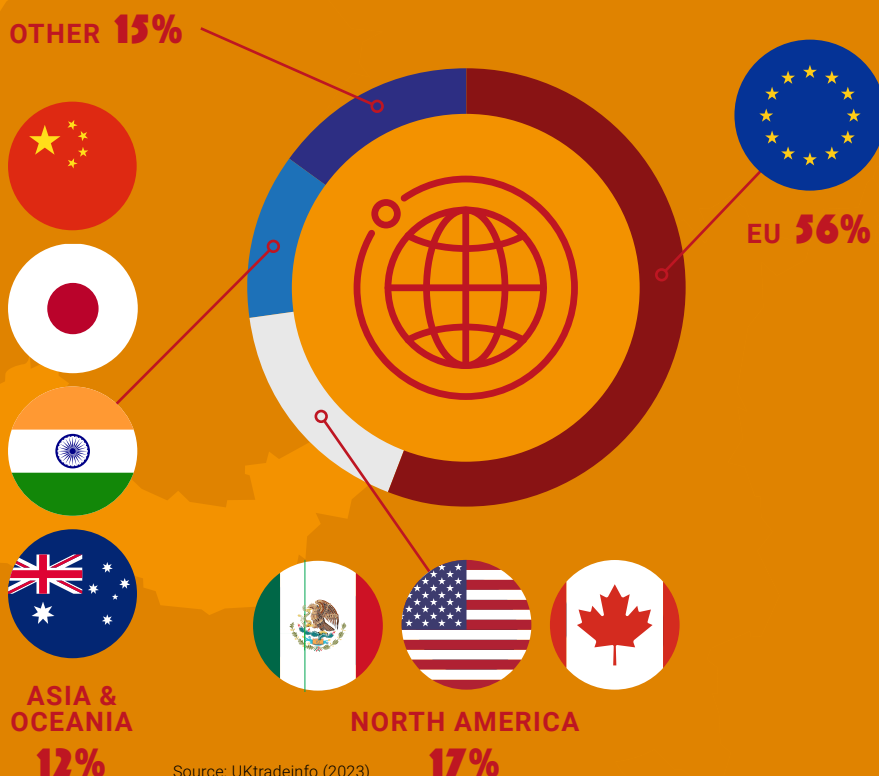
METAL PRODUCTS **13.9%**

OTHER  
MANUFACTURING\*  
**54.5%**

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

Source: ONS (2019)

## WHERE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER EXPORTS GO



MANUFACTURING  
ACCOUNTS FOR

**15%**

OF THE YORKSHIRE AND  
HUMBER'S  
**TOTAL OUTPUT**

THE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER'S

**OVERALL  
PRODUCTIVITY**

IS THE

**10<sup>TH</sup> BEST**

IN THE UK AT

**82.8%**

# WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN YORKSHIRE & HUMBER 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 YORKSHIRE & HUMBER 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



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Manufacturing has always had a crucial presence in the economy of Yorkshire & Humber, and it's vital to continue building on the region's strength. Manufacturers in Yorkshire & Humber can drive growth by creating well-paid, skilled jobs, and it's essential to seize future opportunities provided through the shift to net zero.

Building upon this, regional infrastructure and skill programmes must be improved. Greater collaboration between business, education, and government will be essential in encouraging innovation and providing manufacturers with the skills they need to take advantage of emerging industries throughout Yorkshire & Humber.



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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.

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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