

MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT MAYOR OF TEES VALLEY

1.

Invest in regional infrastructure through support both for physical and digital infrastructure projects to create a business environment where manufacturers can grow and thrive to support communities, create good jobs, and allow the region to unlock the full benefits of projects such as Teeside Freeport.

2.

Invest in digital and green technologies and take advantage of the region's status as a Centre for Offshore Renewable Engineering to support clean growth for the future and the transition towards a more sustainable economy.

3.

Continue to work with Westminster to help **deliver the 'levelling up' agenda** and support manufacturers in the region to deliver the jobs of the future, both recruiting and retaining the very best talent to boost productivity and deliver shared economic growth across the region.

The North East's manufacturing sector accounts for
£8 BILLION OF OUTPUT



Providing

116,000 JOBS

AVERAGE WAGES 24% HIGHER

than the rest of the economy in the region



MANUFACTURING IN THE NORTH EAST

CHEMICALS **13.6%**

MACHINERY EQUIPMENT **12.8%**

PHARMACEUTICALS **12.6%**

OTHER
MANUFACTURING*
60.9%



*The sum of subsectors not included in the top 3

Source: ONS (2019)

WHERE NORTH EAST EXPORTS GO

OTHER **16%**



ASIA &
OCEANIA
14%



EU **60%**



NORTH AMERICA
10%

Source: ONS (2019)

MANUFACTURING ACCOUNTS FOR

15%

OF THE NORTH EAST'S
TOTAL OUTPUT

THE NORTH EAST'S
**OVERALL
PRODUCTIVITY**

IS THE

7TH BEST

IN THE UK AT

85.7%

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

To effectively level up across the North East, 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 EAST MANUFACTURERS' PLANS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



1. RESTRUCTURING CURRENT OPERATIONS



2. INVESTING IN PLANT AND MACHINERY



3. INVESTING IN PEOPLE

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



1. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



2. TRADING WITH NEW COUNTRIES



3. CLEAN ENERGY

JUNE SMITH, MAKE UK REGION DIRECTOR - NORTH

"From the renowned steel sector, to more recently founded technology businesses, manufacturing sits at the heart of communities across the Tees Valley. We're proud of our sector and the role it has to play in our economy. As we now look beyond the challenges of recent years, it is more important than ever that the Mayor elected in May, renews efforts to strengthen our local makers.

"Manufacturers across the North East 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 region, to boost future inward investment and accelerate the delivery of those digital and green technologies. I look forward to working with the Mayor 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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