



# MANUFACTURING PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT MAYOR OF WEST YORKSHIRE

1.

**Invest in regional infrastructure** through support both for physical projects like HS3 and Northern Powerhouse Rail and support for digital infrastructure, to create a business environment where manufacturers can grow and thrive to support communities and create good jobs

2.

**Invest in green technologies** to support the drive towards resource-efficient businesses and industry and create 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 Yorkshire and Humber manufacturing sector accounts for

**£17 BILLION OF OUTPUT**



Providing

**299,000 JOBS**

**AVERAGE WAGES 21% HIGHER**

than the rest of the economy in the region



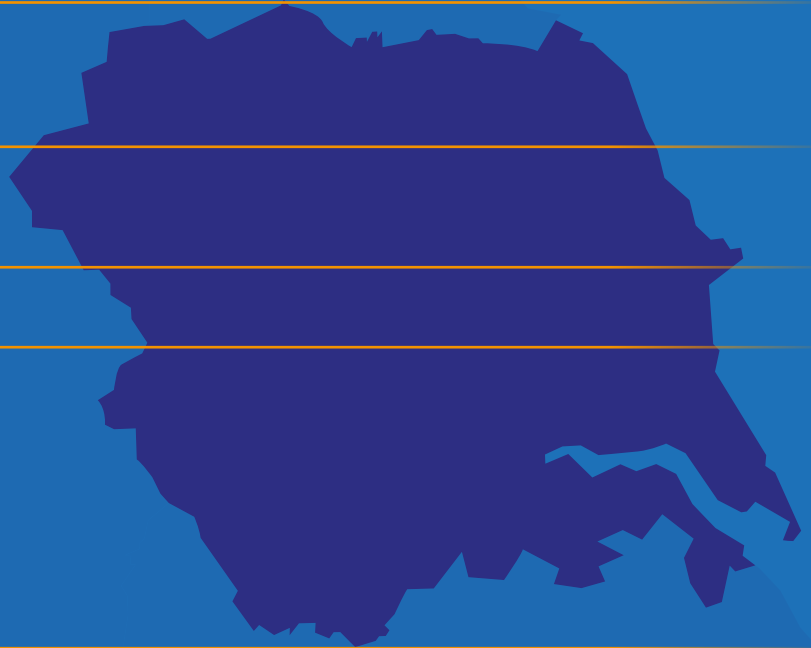
# MANUFACTURING IN YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER

FOOD & DRINK **20.1%**

METAL PRODUCTS **15.2%**

CHEMICALS **9.6%**

OTHER  
MANUFACTURING\*  
**55.1%**



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

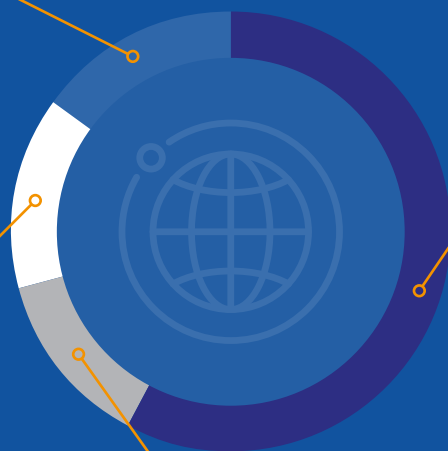
Source: ONS (2019)

## WHERE YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER'S EXPORTS GO

OTHER **15%**



ASIA & OCEANIA  
**14%**



EU **58%**



NORTH AMERICA  
**13%**

Source: ONS (2019)

## MANUFACTURING ACCOUNTS FOR

**11%**

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

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER'S  
**OVERALL  
PRODUCTIVITY**  
IS

**82.8%**

# THE ROLE OF YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER MANUFACTURERS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S LEVELLING UP AGENDA

To effectively level up across Yorkshire and Humber, 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.

## YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER MANUFACTURERS' PLANS OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS



**1. INVESTING IN PEOPLE**



**2. INVESTING IN PLANT AND MACHINERY**



**3. INVESTING IN OTHER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

## WHERE MANUFACTURERS IN YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER SEE THE BIGGEST NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES OVER THE NEXT DECADE



**1. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**



**2. CLEAN ENERGY**

**3. TRADITIONAL SECTOR CONSOLIDATION/EXPANSION**





# JUNE SMITH, MAKE UK REGION DIRECTOR - NORTH

"Modern manufacturing sits at the very heart of West Yorkshire's economy. 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 new Mayor elected in May, renews efforts to strengthen the region's makers.

"Manufacturers across West Yorkshire will continue to drive growth along the supply chain, creating well paid, skilled jobs. Moving towards net-zero provides new opportunities in skills but we must work 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 industrial partnerships here."



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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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