


Leicester & Leicestershire





Our modern Industrial Strategy sets out our long-term plan to boost productivity by backing business to create high quality, well-paid jobs throughout the United Kingdom with investment in skills, industries and infrastructure.

In Leicester and Leicestershire a partnership of business and civic leaders – alongside other local partners – is working with the government to build on existing strengths, help business to flourish, and grow skills and opportunities for workers across the area.

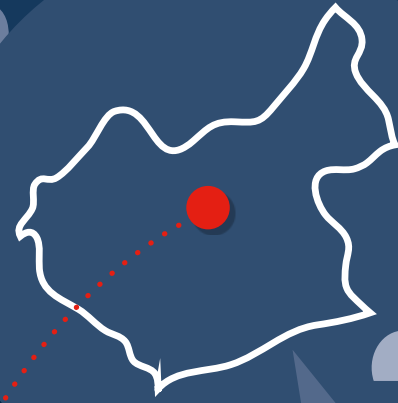
Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£433,000** for Loughborough University, in partnership with Tata Motors and Barrus, to develop engines running on natural gas which is highly efficient, low carbon emitting and delivers good fuel economy.

 **£3m** to deliver rail journey time improvement through Market Harborough by raising the line speed to 85mph. The investment will also fund new platforms, a car park and new road access at Market Harborough.

 **£10m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing essential infrastructure to access new and existing sites.

 **487,000** people in employment, an increase of **38,600** since 2010. **35,000** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **9,270** apprenticeships starts last year.



Population: 1,031,300
Businesses: 48,260

Case study: MIRA Technology Park

MIRA's Technology Park in Nuneaton is a national centre of automotive excellence. The Park's Technology Institute, funded by £1.35m of investment, will provide accredited training at all levels, using the input of transport sector technology experts and facilities in a world-class commercial engineering environment. The blend of academic and commercial training with an industry base and focus will provide a significant advantage to the skills development for the automotive sector.

For more examples go to bit.ly/IS-map

Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership is now working with the government to develop its Local Industrial Strategy.

We have committed more than £45bn to Industrial Strategy programmes supporting research, local infrastructure, training and business growth throughout the United Kingdom. This money is already starting to be spent on the ground.