


# Oxfordshire




**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 Oxfordshire 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.

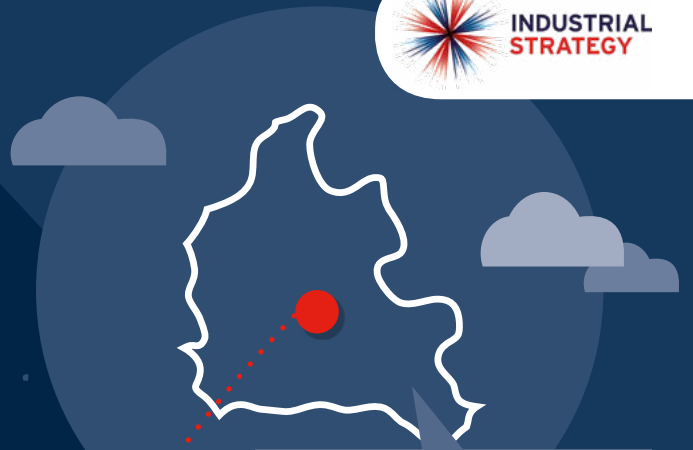
Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£11m** for the BioEscalator, a hub for new and developing life science innovations in Oxford that will host leading medical researchers alongside world-class clinical hospitals.

 **£3.75m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing the vital infrastructure to access new and existing sites.

 **£9.5m** for the expansion of the car park at Didcot Station.

 **360,300** people in employment, an increase of **29,800** since 2010. **8,000** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **2,930** apprenticeships starts last year.



**Population: 684,000**  
**Businesses: 30,725**

## Case study: Oxbotica

Founded as a spin-out from Oxford University's Department of Engineering Science Mobile Robotics Group in 2014, Oxbotica are a world-leader in the development of one of Oxfordshire's four transformative technologies, connected and autonomous vehicles. Oxbotica secured £14m of investment which will be used to develop the software behind autonomous systems in sectors including aerospace, automotive, construction, logistics and mining. Oxbotica's pilot programme 'DRIVEN' is already on the roads of North Oxford and in 2018, the company announced a collaboration with Addison Lee with the view to providing self-driving services to and from London by 2021.

For more examples go to [bit.ly/IS-map](https://bit.ly/IS-map)

Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership is a trailblazer in developing its Local Industrial Strategy as part of the family of strategies covering the Oxford-Cambridge Arc.

**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.**