

Why Space Matters

Critical for **UK** economy

17.7%

of UK GDP dependent on satellite services



£7.6 bn

of UK GDP would be lost if satellite navigation services went down for a 7 day period

Sources: Size & Health of the UK Space Industry 2022; Economic Impact to UK of disruption to GNSS, 2023

Investment Benefits

Economic benefits outweigh costs of UK investments in ESA by

9.8:1

Source: Evaluation of UK investments in the **European Space Agency**

UK Space Sector High productivity & high growth



Year-on-year sector growth outpaces wider economy by over 5%



1590

organisations



people employed

Source: Size & Health of the UK Space Industry 2022



£17.5 bn

income generated



the national average for labour productivity

Leadership in Space Science



300

Annual publications linked to UK Space Agency programmes



4th

in the world for % of publications in top 10% most cited



of UK-led publications include international collaboration

Top 3 collaborators

United States France Germany



Source: UK Space Agency Bibliometric Analysis, 2021; OECD Space Forum, 2023

Weather, Climate & Net-zero



60% of Essential Climate Variables cannot be measured without Earth Observation satellite capabilities



Weather forecasting & climate services provided by satellites contribute at least **£lbn per year** to the UK economy

> Source: Value of satellite-derived Earth Observation capabilities to the UK Government, 2018

Future Growth & Levelling Up



programmes are increasingly focused upon

UK Space Agency

catalysing inward private investment • within the UK

- National Space Innovation Programme
- Connectivity in Low Earth Orbit
- Unlocking Space for Business
- Unlocking Space for Investment
- Space Clusters Infrastructure Fund

UK Space Agency spending is increasingly outside of the Greater South East



Recent £15m UK Space Agency commitment catalysed £35m private investment to fund skills and technology centre in North East England

Public spending compared to other space nations

In 2022, HMG spent 0.025% of national GDP on Civil Space

2 times less than Germany, India and Belgium

This was: • 3 times less than Italy and Japan

4 times less than France and the USA

Source: The Space Economy in Figures, OECD, 2023