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Preston & South Ribble...

Perfectly positioned and well connected

With easy access to major motorways, rail, air and sea, and a new HS2 hub coming to Preston, there's never been a better time to invest here.

Transforming and growing

Billions of pounds of strategic investment is planned between the public and private sector, offering abundant development opportunities.

Innovative and thriving

The county is a world leader in advanced manufacturing, aerospace and energy, and is home to entrepreneurial, national and international businesses.

Talented and friendly

We're known for our helpful 'can do' attitude and no-nonsense approach to business. We're also home to excellent further and higher education institutions.

A great place to live

You'll find a range of excellent leisure and cultural attractions, amazing food and areas of outstanding natural beauty on our doorstep.



Key Sectors

Lancashire leads the way in advanced manufacturing and engineering. 'Making' is in our DNA.

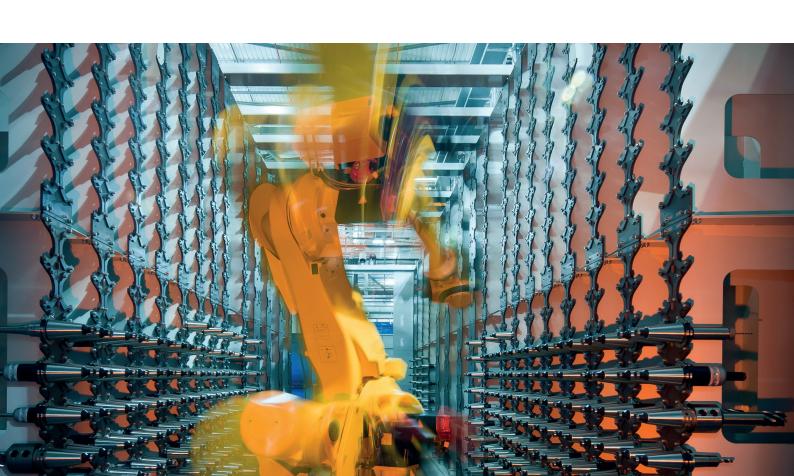
Business sectors thriving here include automotive, aerospace, energy, professional services, digital and healthcare.

Facts

 World-class companies are already here including BAE Systems, Leyland Trucks, Baxi, Dr Oetker and Amazon



- The county is number 1 in the UK for advanced manufacturing
- Part of Northern Powerhouse Advanced Manufacturing Corridor
- Lancashire is home to the world's 4th largest aerospace cluster, supported by 500 aerospace supply chain companies



Skills and Training

- A first-class education system supplying a fantastic talent pool
- The University of Central Lancashire is in the UK's top 10 largest universities and has a £200 million plan which includes an Engineering Innovation Centre
- New Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre at Samlesbury Aerospace Zone
- Multi million pound investments in construction and engineering facilities at Preston's College and Runshaw College



Well connected

- Direct trains between London and Preston currently just over 2 hours
- Easy access to 2 sea ports
- Linked by 4 major motorways
- Manchester and Liverpool airports both under an hour away
- Major improvements to Preston's bus station and railway station
- £1.5bn rail track upgrade will reduce commute times from Manchester to Preston to 30 minutes



Coming soon – hub for HS2



Preston will be a HS2 hub station. This will bring transformational benefits and major investment opportunities to the local economy.

Rail journey times are set to reduce even further and Preston is likely to be one of the few stops between the south and Scotland. With an expected three trains an hour from London, central Lancashire is even better placed for business travel.



Best place to live in UK

Lancashire boasts a diverse culture, top gastropubs and friendly, down to earth hospitality that welcomes over 67 million visitors a year.

South Ribble has twice been crowned the best place to live. There are so many reasons why more people are coming here to live and do business.

- Good quality, affordable housing
- Centrally located near to coast and countryside
- Prosperous economy
- Great transport links
- Award winning parks
- Top performing schools and colleges

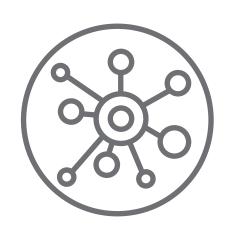


Thinking about relocating?

We'll support you each step of the way

We can help you with

- Identifying suitable sites and premises
- Access to finance
- Support relocating staff
- Soft landing/first office facilities
- Recruitment of skilled staff
- Introductions to local networks and suppliers
- Ongoing support and advice
- Apprenticeships



City Deal is a partnership between Central Government, South Ribble Borough Council, Preston City Council, Homes England and Lancashire County Council



