



BLACKPOOL AIRPORT ENTERPRISE ZONE

Clear financial benefits from day 1

Business Rates Relief, Enhanced Capital Allowances and more.

Co-locate with your customers

The easiest way to grow your business, increase your sales and reduce distribution costs. Enterprise Zones are establishing themselves as the driving force of local economies as they unlock key development sites, consolidate infrastructure, attract business and create jobs.

A straightforward planning process

Need a new building to meet your business needs?
Potentially simplified planning rules could save you time and money.

Business-ready infrastructure

Superfast broadband, easy access to transport links, and a local highly skilled labour pool.

What benefits does the Enterprise Zone offer?

Businesses that locate on the Enterprise Zone can access a number of benefits:

- Up to 100% business rate discount worth up to £275,000 per business over a 5-year period.
- Or 100% Enhanced Capital Allowances (tax relief) to businesses making large investments in plant and machinery up to €125 million.
- There is a Masterplan and design principle guide in place and work has commenced on simplified planning.
- Superfast broadband will be available on site.

What are the timescales to qualify?

Businesses that locate on Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone before March 2022 qualify for Business Rates Relief.

Where Enhanced Capital Allowances are available, businesses have until November 2023 to make their investment.

Attracting Inward Investment

Nationally, Enterprise Zones are helping to attract more investment into the country, bringing jobs and businesses, delivering long-term, sustainable growth based on cutting-edge technology and enterprise.

Businesses are clustering around centres of excellence in key sectors including here at Blackpool, part of the Lancashire Advanced Engineering and Energy Cluster (LAMEC).

Since 2016 when Enterprise Zone status was awarded to the site, 35 businesses have moved in and created 450 jobs.





BLACKPOOL AIRPORT

Blackpool Airport is now owned by Blackpool Council, which heralds a positive new dawn for the airport ensuring that it will continue to operate as an important hub that will benefit the whole region. Blackpool Airport is a key part of the local economy and as sole owner Blackpool Council will ensure that it can continue to be used as an aviation and employment hub for the Fylde coast for the long term.

The airport continues to play a key role in making the Enterprise Zone one of the most successful

in the country. Helicopter and other commercial airside activities continue whilst building on these to deliver the overall objective of creating up to 3,000 new jobs on the Enterprise Zone site.

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For a full list of occupiers within Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone please visit the website.

25 YEAR MASTERPLAN

The developing masterplan, on this 144 hectare site, represents indicative plot layouts and capacity. A new access road is proposed within the masterplan further improving access to the Enterprise Zone.

Masterplan Key:  Existing  Indicative future development





THE OPPORTUNITIES

Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone is a 144 hectare site incorporating the existing Category 3 airport (which can be extended to Category 6) and surrounding commercial areas just a stone's throw from the Irish Sea in Blackpool, Lancashire. One of the airfield's important uses is in helicopter transportation to key energy generation sites in the Irish Sea.

The site already hosts a range of commercial premises, allowing businesses to move on-site in a short time frame, but also includes a range of development plots and redevelopment opportunities across numerous ownerships, encouraging competitive pricing.

Target sectors include the energy industry, advanced engineering and manufacturing sector, food and drink manufacturing, and the digital and creative sectors. Companies operating outside these sectors are welcome to discuss options for investment.

A full range of options are available for prospective occupiers, these include;

- Land sales
- Design and build
- Units for rent

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Blackpool Airport

Potential opportunities and enquiries from private companies with aviation interests to invest in the Airport so that it can grow in the future are welcomed, whilst a full business plan exploring the potential future for the airport is being developed in accordance with the strategic masterplan for the Enterprise Zone and airport.

Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone offers flexible opportunities for a range of unit sizes (B1, B2, B8) in the energy industry, advanced engineering and manufacturing, food and drink manufacturing and the digital and creative sectors to meet the needs of business from small offices, research & development facilities to large industrial units.

Hi-Tech Manufacturing/Industrial/Distribution

Blackpool can provide a varied size range of existing and new build properties tailored to the requirements of companies in our target sectors.

Energy Research & Development

The Enterprise Zone will have access to the world class training and skills capabilities of the flagship development Lancashire Energy HQ.

The Lancashire Energy HQ will deliver the next generation of engineers and technicians providing opportunities for research & development together with other associated businesses to benefit from locating within the Enterprise Zone.

Headquarter and Administrative Offices

The Enterprise Zone can accommodate HQ offices together with administrative and sales offices, offering a world class environment within a cluster of globally-branded business enterprises.

All planning applications will be prioritised and will be dealt with consistently across the two planning authorities (Blackpool and Fylde). A land use Masterplan and Design Principles guide setting out planning principles for the Enterprise Zone, illustrating access arrangements, potential layouts and development areas will be produced. Simplified planning may also be introduced in future via Local Development Orders (LDO).

Developers and occupiers are strongly recommended to seek early pre-application consultation.



MASTERPLAN AERIAL VIEW & ENERGY SECTOR

The developing masterplan, being created in conjunction with a reformatted and revitalised airport, will create a number of new flexible development opportunities within the Enterprise Zone.

There is potential for the creation of a striking new “gateway” style scheme at the proposed new entrance on Squires Gate Lane, together with additional high-profile roadside sites. New amenities including a potential park and ride scheme and new 3G football pitches are incorporated to create a true business park environment. A second proposed new access point onto the A5261 Queensway will further enhance traffic flows through the Enterprise Zone. The end result will be a world class business destination.

Home to the flagship Lancashire Energy HQ

The Enterprise Zone’s proximity to the North West’s Energy Coast has meant it is home to the flagship development Lancashire Energy HQ, which opened in September 2017, a new £9.8m purpose-built facility, equipped with industry-standard resources and staffed by experts to drive excellence in energy training standards.

Developed by Blackpool and the Fylde College and funded by the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, the Energy HQ will deliver the next generation of skilled and trained engineers and technicians required for renewable and low-carbon energy generation as well as traditional oil and gas.

www.lancashireenergyhq.blackpool.ac.uk



Nuclear Energy Sector

The Lancashire Energy HQ includes the sector’s largest nuclear and renewables simulator and together with supply chain companies, including Westinghouse Springfields Nuclear Fuels, Lancashire is at the forefront of the Nuclear sector.

The Springfields nuclear fuels manufacturing facility, located between Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone and Preston, has the technology to manufacture fuel for all major designs of nuclear reactors worldwide. Most of the fuel requirements for the UK’s nuclear power stations are met by Springfields.



Emerging Energy Markets

The Enterprise Zone and Lancashire Energy HQ will be key locations for the development and logistical support of England’s emerging energy markets, with the future potential to attract National and International investment in both offshore and onshore oil and gas exploration, production and distribution.



CGI Aerial of the Masterplan



Blackpool North

Blackpool South

BLACKPOOL

M55
JUNCTION 4
& M6



Edinburgh
2hr 24m

Only 5 minutes from
the end of the M55
motorway, Blackpool
Airport Enterprise
Zone is within easy
reach of all major
northern cities

BLACKPOOL AIRPORT
ENTERPRISE ZONE
LANCASHIRE
PART OF THE LANCASHIRE ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING & ENERGY CLUSTER

WEST COAST MAINLINE



LOCATION



Lancashire - nationally and globally connected

The county's transport connectivity is first class, with the M6 forming the north-south spine of the road network while the M65, M55, M61 and M58 radiate out to East Lancashire, the Fylde, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and beyond.

Rail links are equally efficient, with the West Coast Main Line placing many areas of Lancashire are just over a two-hour train journey of London.

Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone

Situated only 5 minutes from the end of the M55 motorway, the area is already well-established as a hub for commercial activity, and has a history in aviation engineering.

Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone is within easy reach of all major northern cities, Manchester and Liverpool airports are easily accessible, whilst Blackpool Airport provides private flights, bespoke aviation solutions, as well as regional services and helicopter services to the oil & gas platforms in Liverpool & Morecambe Bay. In addition, the port of Fleetwood, Heysham Port and Liverpool SuperPort are also all easily accessible.

Blackpool has seen some £500 million of investment over the last few years resulting in an impressive renaissance. However this only represents the beginning with many more schemes now being actively developed with Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone leading the way; over its 25 year life span it will transform the Blackpool and the Fylde Coast's

economic base with over £300 million of private investment and the creation of 3,000 jobs supported by new infrastructure. All of this means that a revitalised Blackpool is not just an attractive place to work and visit, but also a great place to invest.

Connectivity to Manchester airport, the port of Heysham and Liverpool SuperPort are within an hours drive.

Connectivity to all the major northern cities, are available such as Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle via rail from Blackpool.



LANCASHIRE ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP



Four key development sites have combined into one dynamic, world-class and overarching investment destination - the Lancashire Advanced Manufacturing and Energy Cluster



The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has been successful in securing Enterprise Zone (EZ) status for four separate sites across Lancashire; the largest number of EZ sites awarded to a single LEP.

These sites are at Samlesbury and Warton which are adjacent to BAE Systems’ operations, Blackpool Airport and Hillhouse near Fleetwood.

The four EZ sites have a strong and complementary industrial focus, building on Lancashire’s national and international strengths in the aerospace, advanced engineering and manufacturing, energy and chemicals industries; and collectively will help to create over 10,000 highly productive high value jobs and an economic and investor offer of truly Northern Powerhouse significance.



Sector focus:
Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering

The UK’s newest Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing site immediately adjacent to a manufacturing centre for BAE Systems, one of the world’s most advanced, technology-led defence, aerospace and security solutions companies.

Sector focus:
Aviation, Energy & Advanced Manufacturing

Blackpool Airport offers bespoke aviation solutions and other commercial airside activities including helicopter and private flights, and the flagship Lancashire Energy HQ will act as a training base for the national energy sector.

Sector focus:
Energy, Chemicals & Polymers

Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone offers full COMAH status and provides facilities for the chemical sector on an existing, internationally recognised business park.

Sector focus:
Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering

The site offers opportunities for companies to locate alongside BAE Systems’ Military Air and Information Division, which has developed some of the most advanced engineering and manufacturing capability anywhere in the world.

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