



WARTON  
ENTERPRISE ZONE  
LANCASHIRE

# Warton Enterprise Zone



# Welcome to Warton

Warton Enterprise Zone is globally recognised for its extensive heritage at the forefront of innovative technology and advanced engineering and manufacturing, since Warton was established as an Air Depot in 1943.

Today, the Enterprise Zone is a thriving eco-system bringing together industry, entrepreneurs, leading academic and government institutions that will advance next generation technology and skills capability in the exploitation of future aviation and space markets.

Join existing tenants BAE Systems, the University of Central Lancashire's Altitude facility and be part of an ecosystem of innovators, creators and collaborators.



# Endless possibilities



Home to **endless possibilities** and capable of hosting multiple technology platforms due to its unique location, facilities, tenants and its collaborative environment.

Accelerating innovation in future air power through sustainable technologies and capabilities, Warton EZ offers the opportunity to share ideas, co-create solutions and collaborate.



The aviation and space sectors are of national importance to the UK Government, demonstrating significant growth opportunities across a number of market segments:

- Drone technology including Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) and Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS)
- Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing (eVTOL)
- Sustainable Conventional Take-off and Landing (CTOL)
- High-Altitude Pseudo Satellites (HAPS)
- Space Technology

## Facts & Stats

- Warton EZ has the potential for more than £100m GVA and up to 14,800 jobs in the wider economy by 2035
- UK drones market due to reach a potential growth of £1.5B in 2026
- UK Counter Un-crewed Aerial Vehicle (drone) market set to achieve growth of c.£221.9M in 2028
- Demand for global eVTOL pilots set to reach 60,000 in the next decade

# The opportunities

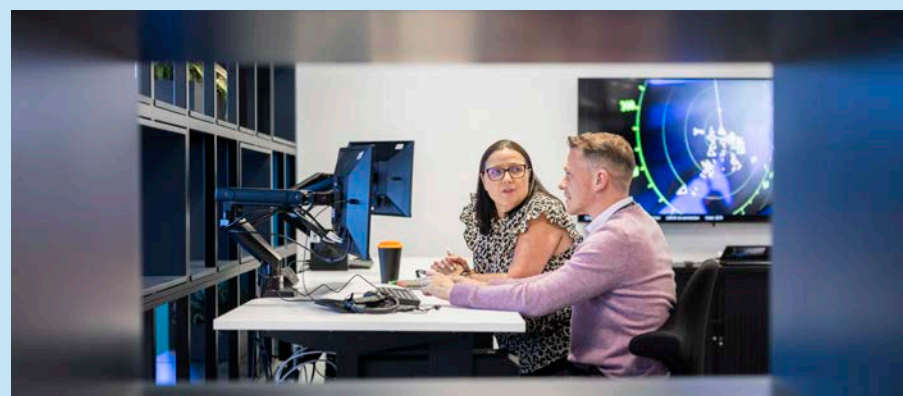
Globally recognised for its extensive heritage at the forefront of innovation since Warton was established as an Air Depot in 1943, Warton EZ continues to provide a home for the development of future aerospace technologies.

Join an ecosystem of British and international talent to accelerate game-changing solutions and capabilities, with a focus on sustainability. There are significant opportunities for innovators, creators and collaborators from the aviation and space sectors, looking for space to advance ideas.



Phase 1 Enterprise Zone Development Area

## Opportunities



- Offices, including Incubation
- Research and Development facilities
- Innovation labs
- Training suites
- Manufacturing and assembly areas
- Collaboration spaces
- Indoor flight testing Hangar

## Key Focus Areas



Future Aviation and Space Technology, including:

- Autonomy and un-crewed aerial vehicles
- Space
- Sustainable Air Transport
- Hybrid Air Vehicles and Electric Air Products
- Sensors and Training Solutions
- Robotics
- Computer and Data Science (Artificial Intelligence etc.)

## Access to a Skilled Workforce



- 1,000 technology and engineering graduates in Lancashire in 2024
- Highest ranked UK region for engineering-related GCSE's
- University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN) crowned University of the Year 2023 and one of the UK's best entrepreneurial universities
- Lancaster University ranked in Top 1% globally
- 11 x FE colleges, majority in the UK's Top 20%
- Lancashire & Cumbria Institute of Technology opened 2023

- Uses include Offices, industrial, training and education, and Research & Development
- Warton EZ benefits from a Local Development Order (LDO) to simplify and accelerate the planning process
- Development Land available 8.5 ha across 5 plots
- Building sizes from 385 sqm (4,145 sqft) to 2,740 sqm (29,495 sqft)
- Flexible development model

# Shaping tomorrow's skies



University of Lancashire  
**Altitude**

Altitude is the University of Lancashire's pioneering, interdisciplinary air and space innovation facility and boasts one of the UK's biggest indoor flight-testing zones.

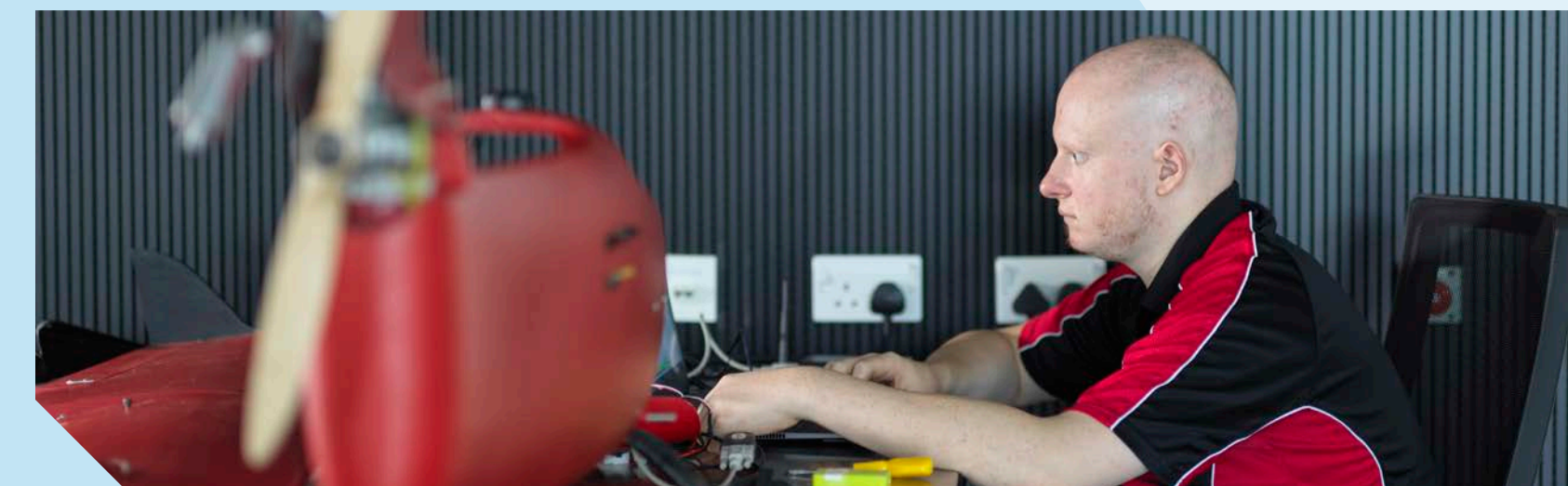
We provide industry partners with access to cutting edge expertise, resources, and technologies.

Our specialist team of pilots, robotics specialists, and hardware and software engineers can help accelerate product ideas and create lasting research collaborations to support growth in the longer term.

Our expert team has experience working with both SME's and aerospace primes on a range of commercial projects. We have worked with a range of multi-rotor, fixed wing and VTOL platforms.

How we can support your business:

- Support with prototyping, offsite indoor and outdoor flight testing, platform and payload development
- Help to secure funding to further your ideas
- Consultancy and research through the expertise of our academics and collaborative partnerships
- Access to specialist manufacturing and testing facilities with industry-leading technologies
- Tailored business support programmes
- Meeting and workshop space available in our Engineering Innovation Centre
- Upskilling your team with a range of Continued Professional Development courses and Degree Apprenticeships
- Drive your innovation through funded Knowledge Transfer Partnerships
- Rentable desk spaces to get you started on the Enterprise Zone



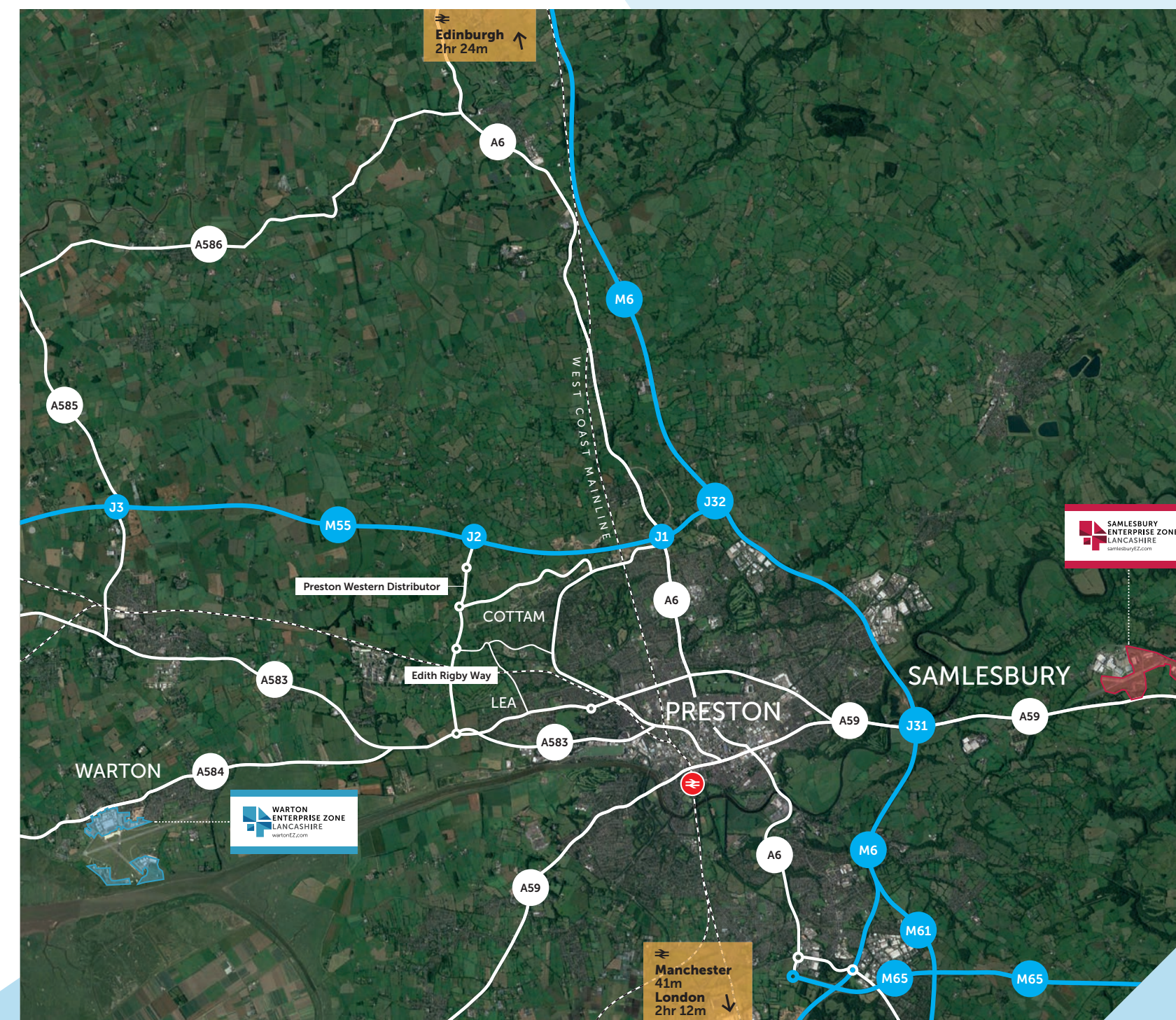
# A unique environment



Situated in the vibrant Fylde district of Lancashire in the North West of England, extending across 75 hectares, Warton Enterprise Zone enjoys a coastal backdrop with connectivity to key transport hubs including Manchester, Liverpool and Blackpool International Airports, as well as the international port, Liverpool2.

Local infrastructure and connectivity significantly enhanced in 2023 with a new £200m+ Preston Western Distributor leading onto Edith Rigby Way, enabling a 10 minute drive-time from the M55/M6 motorway networks.

A catchment area comprising over 10 million people within a 2-hour drive time, providing a substantial economic footprint.



## Warton's unique supportive environment

- Nestled in agricultural areas in close proximity to open water
- Diverse open air environments to replicate example use cases
- Quick route to sea with easy access to open countryside and low population density areas
- Potential hangar capacity with sufficient ceiling height for safe indoor testing
- Access to existing aviation testing facilities, industrial and academia expertise and orientation to a defence customer base

Through the development of emerging and disruptive technologies, and by attracting new investment, Warton EZ will stimulate the regional economy, providing important economic and social contributions through highly skilled jobs and developing STEM talent pipelines of future generations.



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