

THE CITY OF DONCASTER

Logistics & Distribution



THE CITY OF CONNECTIONS

The logistical capabilities Doncaster presents make it a vital component of the UK's supply chain network



Doncaster's multimodal connectivity was a major advantage when it came to delivering iPort. This is an outstanding location for logistics: at the heart of the UK with most of its population within a four-hour drive and excellent rail links alongside its proximity to major motorway s .

John Clements, Executive Director, Verdion

Doncaster's strategic location and excellent transport links makes it a significant location for logistics and distribution businesses.

The proximity to major motorways, railways, ports, and airports enables businesses to move goods and services regionally, nationally, and internationally.

The ability to reach over 94% of the UK's population in approx. 4 hours shows Doncaster is the place to be.

Doncaster has a sizeable workforce with a diverse skillset across logistics, warehousing, and supply chain management.

The city also benefits from a growing population, providing a steady supply of labour for logistics and distribution companies.

OUTSTANDING CONNECTIVITY

The City of Doncaster's multi-modal transport connectivity offers excellent access to major conurbations, coastal ports and other parts of the UK and beyond, linking east to west and north to south.

Doncaster has been pivotal for our northern distribution hubs, with two sites located at i-port. These benefit greatly from the on-site rail hub, which significantly aids in serving our carbon-conscious customers by offering zero road miles to the warehouse. Additionally, the recent development of Porter's Bridge has opened even more sustainable transportation options for our local employees, including walking, cycling, and bus routes."

James Narey, General Manager Woodland Group



Road

At the heart of the UK's motorway network with superb connections to the A1, M18 and M180, with links to the M1 and M62; over 6 million people live within a 45-minute drive of Doncaster.

Air

The City of Doncaster Council has signed a 125-year lease to take over the former Doncaster Sheffield Airport (DSA). It has been confirmed Munich Airport International will provide operational and management services to Doncaster Sheffield Airport, with flights set to resume in 2026.

Sea

Doncaster is located just 50 minutes to and from Humber Ports, the UK's largest port complex.

In addition, Doncaster has direct rail connections to all major UK ports with facilities designed to handle a wide variety of cargo.

Rail

- Fantastic connectivity to and from all major UK cities
- 104 UK rail stations directly served from Doncaster
- An average of 67 trains travel every day to and from London, with the journey taking as little as 87 minutes.

Rail passenger journey times to Doncaster	
York	20 mins
Sheffield	22 mins
Leeds	30 mins
Manchester	80 mins
Newcastle	83 mins
London Kings Cross	87 mins
Birmingham	88 mins
Edinburgh	178 mins

Drive times to Doncaster	
Sheffield	40 mins
Leeds	45 mins
York	1hr
Manchester	1hr 30 mins
Birmingham	1hr 45 mins
Newcastle	2hrs 30 mins
London	mins 3hrs
Edinburgh	30 mins
	4hrs 45 mins

HOME TO MANY LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

18,000+
employed
in Transport
& Storage

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City of Doncaster The place to invest, grow and thrive

GREAT ADVANTAGES

There are many reasons why businesses invest in Doncaster. Here are just some of the key features...



78.4% Employment Rate
Doncaster has a total labour force of 147,300



18,000 employees in Transport and Storage
170% more than the national average of GB



£608.30 median gross weekly wage
Favourable average gross weekly pay 12.2% below British average

Inland port providing custom clearance

The largest metropolitan borough in the country covering 220 square miles of opportunity
Access to 11.6 million people within a 30 mile radius



Fastest growing for transport, storage & logistics across Yorkshire and Humber region



A WIDE CHOICE OF BUSINESS PARKS?

Doncaster is home to several large logistics parks



iPort Doncaster

One of the largest multimodal logistics parks in the UK and has gained significant recognition as a key component of the UK's logistics and distribution network.

This site combines warehousing, distribution, and rail freight facilities, making it a central logistics hub for supply chain operations on a national and international scale.

West Moor Park

Junction 4, M18: A nationally competitive location for many global logistics and distribution businesses such as Next and Ikea operating from this key site in Doncasters' logistics network.

Redhouse Interchange

Junction 38, A1(M): a prominent logistics and distribution hub with a variety of 3PL businesses on site.

Unity Yorkshire

One of the largest regeneration and development projects in the UK. With plans to transform over 618 acres of land into a mixed-use development, combining residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational spaces.

Doncaster North - Milli+

Junction 6, M18: With plans for extensive logistics and industrial space, making it a prime site for companies involved in warehousing, distribution, and manufacturing. Fully consented first phase totalling 2.295m sq ft.



From bespoke mega-warehouses on an accelerated programme, to speculative units for immediate occupation, iPort offers logistics space built to suit your business.

Amazon, CEVA Logistics, Dusk, Euro Pool System, Fellowes, Lidl, Woodland Group and Maritime are already thriving on site.

Offering 24/7 Rail Freight services moving around 500 containers per day with average turnaround times of 20 minutes.

Sustainably designed and equipped for future rapid growth which would double the length of handling sidings to 800m, provide a second 800m reception siding, doubling train handling capacity and the size of the storage apron.



SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO

Doncaster is the newest city in the North of England offering first class amenities, surrounded by open free spaces and beautiful countryside to explore.

Doncaster has a lot to be proud of, from its racing calendar including the classic St Leger Festival, its rich railway heritage and wealth of Georgian and Regency architecture through to the UK's No.1 walk through Wildlife Park Adventure.



Road



Scan the QR code to explore our latest Visitor Guide and discover Doncaster, your way!
If you are planning a team building day, searching for the best restaurants and cafes locally or looking to book hotel accommodation then our guide has everything you need.



SUPPORT FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Our experienced Economic Development investment team can support your business whatever stage you're at. We offer free, confidential, high quality business support and information tailored to your individual business needs. The team are on hand to help find the right business solutions for you.

Below is a comprehensive overview (but not limited to) the services we provide:



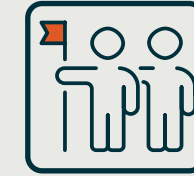
Land & Property Search



Business & Growth Strategy



Local Supply Chain Assistance



Innovations & Solutions



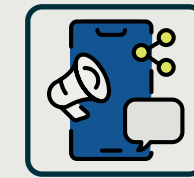
Frameworks & Accreditations



Access to Finance including Local & National Grant Funding



HR Recruitment & Skills



Sector Specific Forums & Events

Business Doncaster is the Economic Development arm of the City of Doncaster Council, dedicated to providing support and information to local businesses and those looking to invest, locate and grow in Doncaster.

Whether you are a new start up or an established business, we can help your business thrive, grow and achieve success.



For further information please scan the QR code to visit our sector web page here:



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