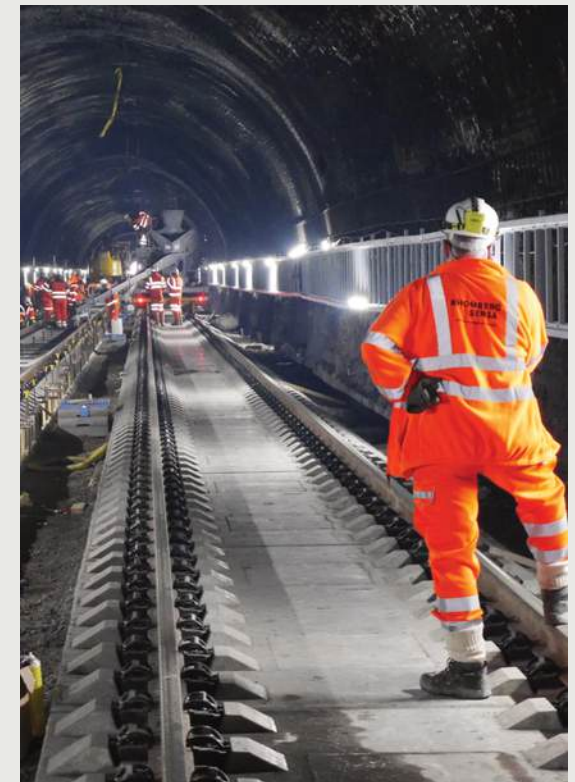


THE CITY OF DONCASTER

The Place for Rail



RAIL. IT'S IN OUR DNA

The City of Doncaster - Birthplace of Flying Scotsman and Mallard

over 150 years of engineering excellence in the Rail Sector



Welcome to the home of 'can-do, not can't do' and a place where world class can be delivered, where change happens and people matter.
Michael Hird, **Managing Director, Hird Rail**

The city that built the world famous Flying Scotsman and Mallard is today established as one of the most important rail hubs in the UK and at the centre of developing the next generation of rail skills and expertise.

Rail has been a major part of Doncaster's economy for over 150 years; companies based in Doncaster benefit from easy access to the rail industry with an unrivalled combination of location, established supply chain, skilled workforce and world-class training facilities.

With a long history of representation from rail freight operators, rolling stock suppliers, power supply and distribution, infrastructure maintenance and the operational railway, the sector continues to diversify in line with the emerging requirements for the industry.

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, the rail innovation centre of the UK provides a fantastic location for our business. Having well-connected transport links and access to a strong pool of talented people enables us to deliver an effective world-wide service.
Josh Jackson, **Managing Director, Dual Inventive Ltd**



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

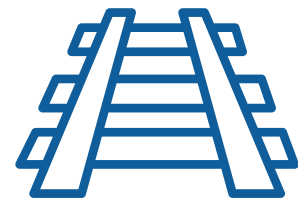
Drive times to Doncaster	
Sheffield	40 mins
York	1 hr
Leeds	1hr 5 mins
Birmingham	1hr 45 mins
Manchester	2hrs
Newcastle	2hrs 30 mins
London	3hrs
Edinburgh	4hrs 45 mins

HOME TO MANY LEADING RAIL COMPANIES

DB Cargo UK is proud to be located at the heart of the rail industry in the UK in Doncaster as one of the biggest employers in the area. The local infrastructure links and proximity to key players across our industry and supply chain is critical to us and gives us the flexibility and agility we need to be one of the UK's largest rail freight operators.
 Kathryn Oldale, **Head of Strategy, Policy and Communications, DB Cargo**

Over **25** major players and over **50** companies in the rail sector

Our operations at the Doncaster depot have created jobs for the local area, with 300 people currently employed there, and will result in Hitachi Rail spending over £700 million in the UK supply chain. Iconic UK fleets are maintained at the Doncaster Depot, including 65 trains for LNER
 Jim Brewin, **Chief Director UK and Ireland, Hitachi Rail**



Rail Operations

- DB Cargo
- Freightliner
- GB Railfreight
- iPort Rail
- Keltbray
- LNER
- Network Rail
- Ninehundred Communications Group
- Transpennine
- T&RS Engineering
- Varamis Rail



Training & Education

- Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre
- Doncaster College
- Doncaster UTC
- Freightliner
- Jellybean Consultancy
- Maya Rail
- Network Rail
- Platinum Rail Services
- Sheffield Hallam University
- University of Sheffield



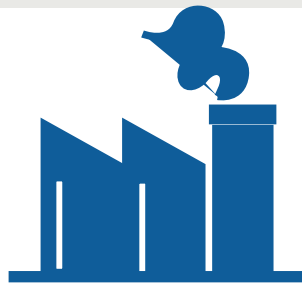
Power Supply & Distribution

- Network Rail
- SPL Powerlines
- Volker Rail



Infrastructure

- Amey
- Balfour Beatty
- Colas
- Dual Inventive
- Hird Rail
- Progress Rail
- Red Viking
- Rhomberg Sersa
- RSS Infrastructure
- Shwihag AG
- Skanska
- Trackwork
- Trackwork Moll
- TTS
- Volker Fitzpatrick



Traction, Rolling Stock & Advanced Manufacturing

- EM Diesel
- Hitachi Rail
- Unipart Rail
- T&RS Engineering
- Wabtec



GREAT ADVANTAGES

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



10 Universities within 1 hour drive time

Excellent educational facilities

Proportionately more people hold NVQs up to level 3 than the national average

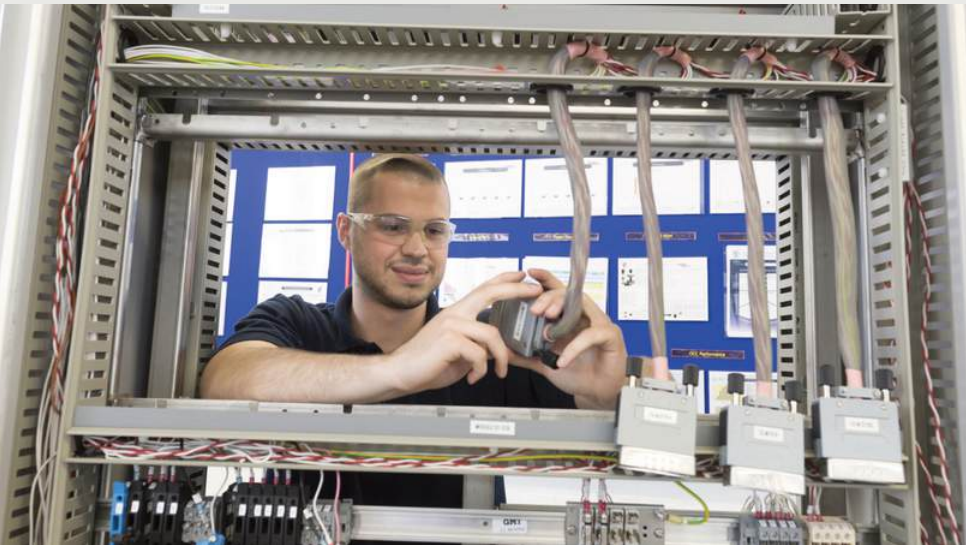


78.4% Employment Rate
Doncaster has a total labour force of 147,300

Record levels of inward investment in the last 3 years
£460 million and 4000 jobs created

Population:
Doncaster - 308,700
South Yorkshire - 1,374,200

Over 8,000 employed in the Rail Sector



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



Home to Network Rail's newest training facility, located at the former National College for High Speed Rail

£608.3 median gross weekly wage

12% below national average for businesses



The largest metropolitan borough in the country covering 220 square miles of opportunity

Access to 11.6 million people within a 30 mile radius



THE BIGGEST INTERMODAL RAIL FREIGHT FACILITY

TheiPortrail terminal is an international bonded intermodal development which offers secure modern rail freight handling facilities



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

Infrastructure is already in place for this 6 million sq ft logistics site operating 24/7 with great multimodal connectivity and strong demographics.

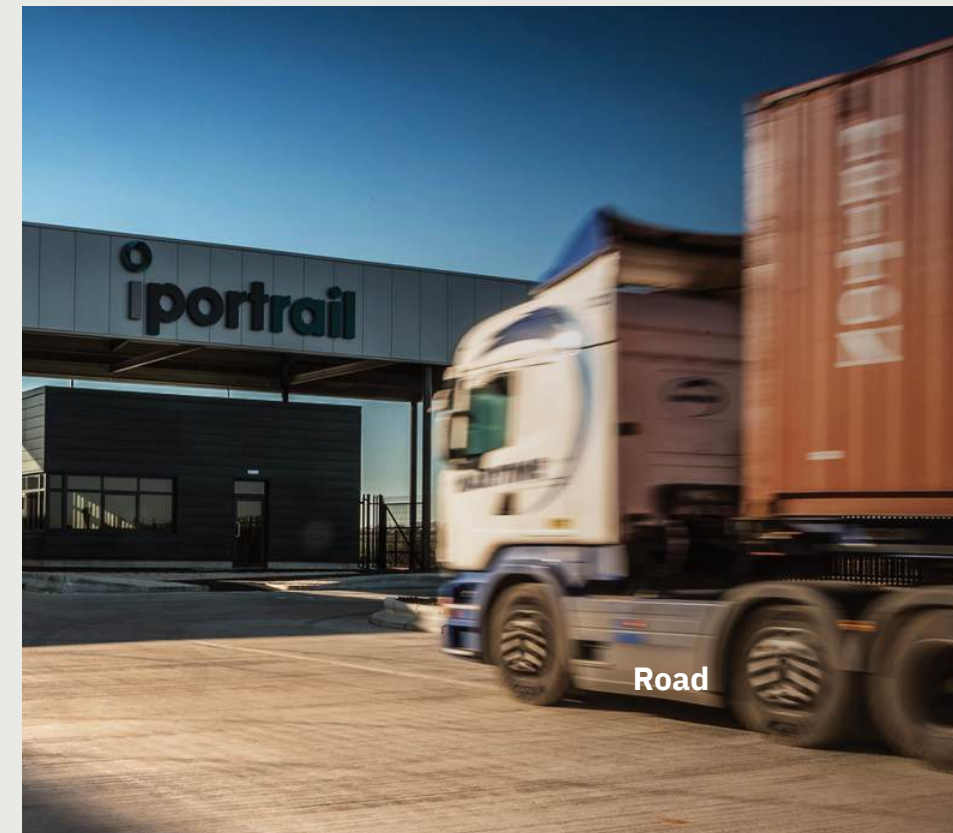


iPort

- Direct access to the UK National Rail network and direct services to Europe via the Channel Tunnel
- Daily, frequent rail services providing access to all major UK ports with capacity for up to eight trains per day
- Terminal provides flexible single or shared train loads
- 775m UK train length capacity
- Competitive terminal turnaround times
- Direct motorway access (Junction 3, M18)
- Container lifting and storage
- 30 acre site

Other top sites for Rail and Logistics

- Redhouse Interchange
- Unity Yorkshire
- GatewayEast
- First Point, M18 Balby Carr
- Doncaster North
- Doncaster Lakeside



A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Doncaster is the newest city in the North of England offering first class amenities, surrounded by open green 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.



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:



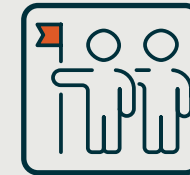
Land & Property Search



Business & Growth Strategy



Local Supply Chain Assistance



Innovations & Solutions



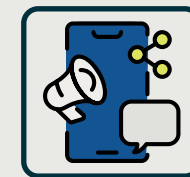
Frameworks & Accreditations



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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The place to invest, grow and thrive

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