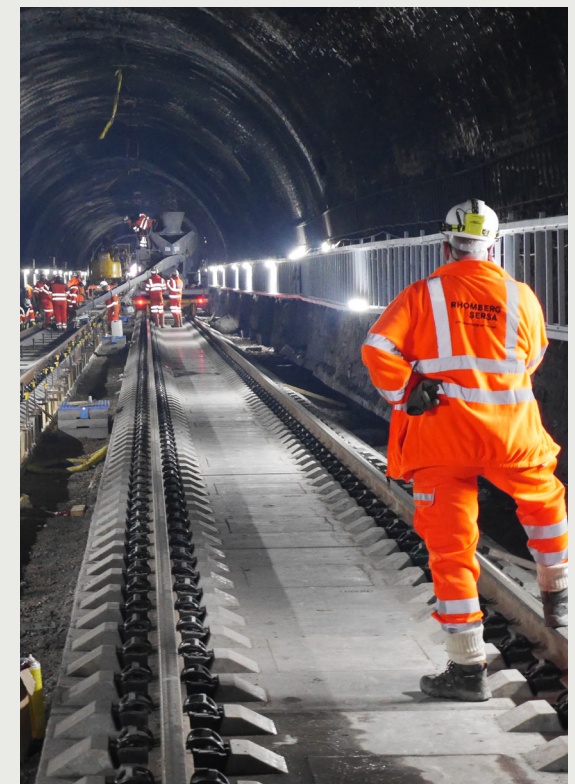


THE CITY OF DONCASTER

The Place for Rail



RAIL. IT'S IN OUR DNA

The City of Doncaster - Birth place of Flying Scotsman and Mallard



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



over 150 years of engineering excellence in the Rail Sector



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

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



Rail

- Fantastic connectivity to and from all major UK cities
- State of the art rail freight terminal at iPort
- 104 UK rail stations directly served from Doncaster

An average of 67 trains travel every day to and from London, the Azuma trains make the journey in just 87 minutes.

Doncaster is home to two rail freight terminals, Railport and iPort Rail. Both offer state-of-the-art intermodal rail services and these facilities provide direct rail connections to all major UK ports and are designed to handle a wide variety of cargo.

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

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 that will help to ensure the future of the airport site with an ambition to return planes to the skies from the city.

Seven airports including East Midlands Airport and Manchester Airport are within two hours' drive of Doncaster.



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
- Jellybean Consultancy
- Maya 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
- Wabtec



GREAT ADVANTAGES

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



10 Universities within 1 hour drive time

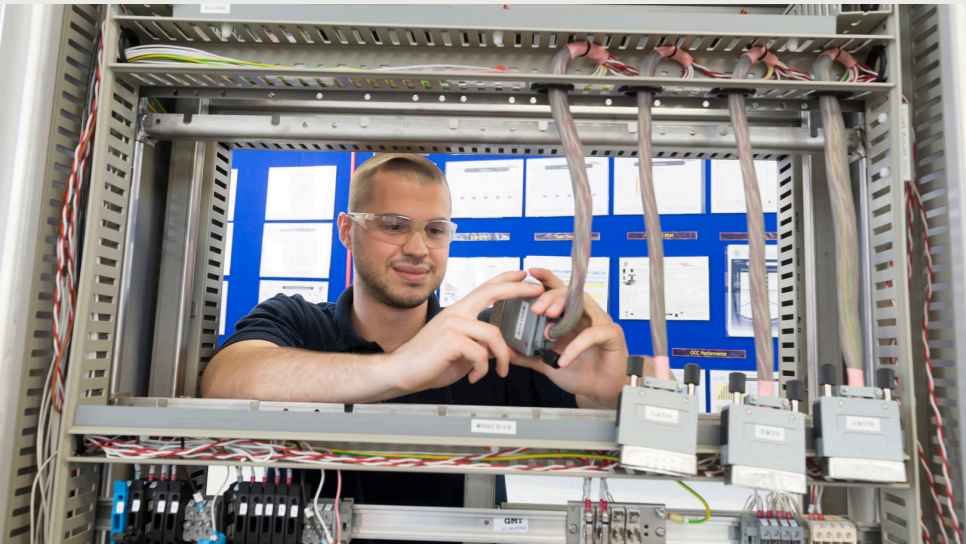
Excellent educational facilities

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



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



The UK Rail Research and Innovation Network (UKRRIN), has a Technology and Innovation Hub at Unipart Rail's Headquarters in Doncaster

The Hub supports the rail sector in translating academic research and innovation to solve strategic industry challenges and to enable and develop the next generation of products and services

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

Over 8,000 employed in the Rail Sector



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

Access to 11.6 million people within a 30 mile radius



£608.3 median gross weekly wage

12% below national average for businesses



THE BIGGEST INTERMODAL RAIL FREIGHT FACILITY

The iPort rail 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 and Maritime 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 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.



A
3 bed semi
from only
161k

Every type of accommodation is readily available from large detached houses and picturesque cottages, to modern estates and cosmopolitan apartments.

But that's not all, house prices in Doncaster represent excellent value for money and deliver a great return on investment when comparing like for like with other areas in the UK.

COUNT ON US

Expect excellent business support



Business Doncaster is the first point of contact for any business looking to locate in Doncaster and for businesses already here.

The breadth and depth of our bespoke business support offer, and the strength of the relationships between our partner organisations and businesses, is a real source of pride. It exemplifies the commitment of our businesses towards the aim of making Doncaster the best place to do business.

We have a passionate and knowledgeable investment team. Whether you are seeking assistance with property search or support with recruitment, help is at hand.

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