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Humber Enterprise Zone

**Easy access to M62 and M18**

**4 hour drive access to**

40m 75% of UK manufacturing

A63 corridors

**Goole**

The UK’s next port

**Grimsby**

The UK’s largest port by tonnage

**Hull**

Easy access to Humber Enterprise Zone

+1m Visitors

**Humberside Airport**

**Humberside**

Next to over 700ha EZ

City of Culture 2017

**Hull**

Hull is home to the largest offshore wind farm in Europe.

**Immingham & Grimsby**

The UK’s busiest port for offshore wind.

**Able Marine Energy Park & Logistics Park**

The largest developable landbank including 540ha EZ

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Centre of excellence for offshore wind.

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100+ regular shipping lines including:

- Rotterdam
- Cuxhaven
- Gothemburg
- Brevik

**Humberside Airport**

3rd busiest UK freight airport serving North Sea offshore wind farms and global offshore wind operators.

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Investment in offshore wind.

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Enterprise Zones are great places to do business for both new and expanding firms, benefiting from government backing and incentives for investment. Established in 2012, they are at the heart of the government’s long term economic plan, supporting businesses to grow.

We are committed to delivering a first class service to investors and making it easy to do business in the Humber. In addition to the Enterprise Zone incentives we offer a range of financial support through grant and loan schemes designed to support companies at various stages of development. Please contact the Humber LEP if you would like any additional information about Humber Enterprise Zone incentives.

Business Rate Discount (BRD)

- Up to 100% business rate discount worth up to £275,000 per business over a 5 year period.
- Businesses that locate on sites from the first round of Enterprise Zones must have done so before 31st March 2018 to be able to receive business rate relief.
- For businesses that locate on sites from the second round of Enterprise Zones, they will need to have located onto the zone before 31st March 2021 to qualify.

Enhanced Capital Allowances (ECA)

- Enhanced Capital Allowances (tax relief) are available to businesses making large investments in plant and machinery. Capital allowances let taxpayers write off the costs of capital assets, such as plant and machinery, against taxable income.
- Enhanced Capital Allowances on Enterprise Zones can give companies a significant cash flow benefit. Normally companies write off such investments every year at a rate of 8% or 18%. ECA’s allow the full 100% cost of the investment to be written off in the first year. There is a cap of €125m of allowance per investment project.
- On sites where enhanced capital allowances are available, businesses have until 31st March 2020 to make their investment.

Planning and Infrastructure

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- Single Conversation Group, a national pilot, brings together statutory agencies, local planning authorities and the Humber LEPS to ensure a smoother process for developing around the Humber Estuary.

Assisted Areas

- Businesses located on an Enterprise Zone site within Assisted Areas can be offered additional financial support from Government under European Commission state aid rules.

Financial Incentives

- The Humber LEPS Business Loan Fund supports businesses with the introduction of Enterprise Zones to the Humber. The fund is subject to the availability of Government funding.
- Growing the Humber is a flexible grants programme supporting a diverse range of businesses in the Humber. The Programme offers support for:
  - Employment and Skills Development
  - Site Assembly
  - Innovation Investment
  - Business Support & Advice
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As UK City of Culture 2017, Hull is playing a key role in the regeneration of the city. Over one million extra visitors are expected to visit the city in 2017, delivering a £60m economic boost and putting Hull in the national and international spotlight. The city is collaborating with G20 leaders to complement the development of the emerging tourism sector and to encourage new businesses to the city.

The western area of the City benefits from easy access to the A63 and the national motorway network. The Enterprise Zone sites in the west of the city are designed to attract new inward investment, as well as to assist new inward investment.

The River Hull corridor is now enjoying a renaissance in fortunes, following a £40m investment in the River Hull defences, Spencer Group’s £200m investment in a Waste to Energy plant and RB’s decision to invest £100m in a global healthcare facility. The Enterprise Zone sites within this area are ideally suited to energy intensive manufacturing operations.

Development sites at Greenport Hull and in the East of the City include port sites with deepwater access suitable for OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers, as well as smaller sites nearby offering suitable accommodation for supply chain companies.

The Hull Enterprise Zones

Humber Enterprise Zones

Hull

Alexandra Dock

Land ownership: Associated British Ports.

Incentives: Enhanced Capital Allowances, within an Assisted Area.

Planning status: Planning consent is granted for B1, B2 and B8 uses.

Offer: The site is the location for Siemens offshore wind operations, which includes a blade manufacturing plant and a turbine assembly facility.

Location: Alexandra Dock is located on the estate of the Port of Hull and offers quayside access. Immediately to the north of the site is Hedon Road, the main arterial route for docks traffic to the motorway network.

Current businesses: The site is home to Siemens turbine assembly facility and blade manufacturing factory.

Area: 58ha

QE Dock North

Land ownership: Associated British Ports.

Incentives: Business Rate Discount, within an Assisted Area.

Planning status: The site is subject to a Local Development Order, effectively providing outline planning consent for appropriate developments.

Offer: QE Dock provides a large cleared site on high profile location within the Port of Hull. The site is ideally suited for port related uses.

Location: The site offers immediate access to the Port of Hull and excellent links to the national motorway network.

Current businesses: Current businesses within the Port complex include: Siemens, ABP, P & O and AAK.

Area: 29.6ha
Kingston Parklands - Phase 1

Lead ownership/Agent: PPH Chartered Surveyors.

Incentives: Business Rate Discount, within an Assisted Area.

Planning status: The site has an outline planning consent for B1, B2 and B8 uses.

Offer: Kingston Parklands is a cleared site immediately opposite Alexandra Dock.

Location: The site is located immediately to the north of Hedon Road (the main arterial route from the port to the motorway network) and is opposite Alexandra Dock, the location of Siemens offshore wind operations.

Current businesses: Current businesses in the immediate proximity include: Willerby Holiday Homes, Kingspan, Fenners, ABP.

Area: 4ha

Rix Road/Stoneferry Road

Lead ownership/Agent: Gariness Jones.

Incentives: Business Rate Discount, within an Assisted Area.

Planning status: The site is allocated for employment uses within the emerging local plan.

Offer: Various plots are available ranging in sizes from 0.15 hectares to 4.85 hectares. The majority of the site benefits from concrete hard standing and multiple routes for access. Some parts of the site are made up of compacted hardcore. The site is enclosed and secure. There is the option to create wetlands, if required, to create a nature reserve.

Location: The site is located approximately two miles from the City Centre and the A63 on Rix Road/Stoneferry Road, one of the main arterial routes into the City.

Current businesses: Current businesses in the immediate proximity include: Sewells, Cranswick Foods, Spencer Group and RB.

Area: 4.85ha

Excellent transport links along the M62 and A63 corridors connect the East Riding Enterprise Zone sites with key market areas across the UK. The Humber is a key distribution centre for Leeds, Sheffield, and Manchester, via the M63 and Q60, the UK’s most inland port. This has attracted investments from Treni, Guardian Industries, Drax Power, E-Buyer and Wren Kitchens.

The proposed intermodal terminal at Goole will enable transhipments from the port across the Humber to other modes of transport, connecting the port to rail and road networks across the UK. This facility will allow companies to transport goods and services using these different modes of transport and vice versa, providing an integrated transport facility for businesses. This facility will be linked to the new multi-modal rail, road and rail access development at Green Point Hub, which will enable transhipments from the east of the City of Hull, via the A63 and Humber Cruise. The site provides a substantial number of units, from small workshops to larger industrial units, that will link the site to the rest of the port estate including BP, Nippon Gohsei and Vivergo Fuels chemical plants.
**Goole 36 – Goole**

**Area:** 40ha

**Land ownership:** Homes and Communities Agency

**Incentives:** Business Rate Discount, within an Assisted Area.

**Planning status:** Outline Planning Agreement. Permission in place - Mixed B1, B2 and B8 employment uses permitted. This site is in the Hull Local Development Order where there is an economic development permission for development that is associated with renewable and low-carbon industries.

**Offer:** This site provides offices of substantial development size. Permission in place - Mixed B1, B2 and B8 employment uses permitted. This site is located close to the A1033, providing quick and easy access to the A63 and M62 motorway. Part of the site has already been developed as part of Green Port Hull.

**Location:** Adjacent to junction 36 of the M62 motorway at the heart of the national motorway network.

**Site:** An ideal location for tier one suppliers looking for major direct frontage to the deep water channel of the Humber Estuary and there is potential to add a further 180ha of adjacent land from approximately 0.5 hectares up to the largest size of 1m sq.ft. The site has a history of advanced engineering and is located close to the port of Goole and the Humber Estuary and is perfect to receive an established and leading terminal for major ocean bound vessels to the existing rail link.

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**Humber Enterprise Zones**

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**Melton Park & West Business Park – Melton**

**Area:** 35ha

**Land ownership:** Homes and Communities Agency

**Incentives:** Business Rate Discount, within an Assisted Area.

**Planning status:** Within an Assisted Area.

**Offer:** This site is located close to the port of Paull and is ideally positioned for the national rail network, being a short distance from the M62, A63, A15 and A180 motorways. It is adjacent to the recently completed Humber Bridge, which provides direct connections to Yorkshire, the Midlands and the north of England and further to Kings Cross giving easy access to London and Leeds.

**Location:** The site lies adjacent to the A15 and A18 parks and has direct access to the M62/A63 motorway network.

**Site:** This site is part of a larger site earmarked for development as part of Green Port Hull.

**Current Businesses:** Already home to companies such as Vivergo Fuels, Ineos and Vivergo Fuels. Media, Norman Walker, and Claughtons Office Supplies.

**Melton is within 16 miles of Humberside Airport and is easily accessed from the M62, A18, A15 and A164 motorways. It is adjacent to the recently completed Humber Bridge, which provides direct connections to Yorkshire, the Midlands and the north of England and further to Kings Cross giving easy access to London and Leeds.

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At Able Logistic Park (ALP), the high profile of the development is driving potential demand for nearby land of Able Logistics Park in North Lincolnshire, a 497.5ha site which is currently greenfield. The land will be sequentially developed to support the growing renewables sector. The major benefit of the park is its close proximity to the deep water port on the River Humber, allowing “just in time” delivery and unrivalled workflow efficiencies.

The growth of the offshore wind sector is driving changes in use and expansion of port facilities at North Lincolnshire ports, with the largest being Able Marine Energy Park (AMEP). Once completed, AMEP will provide a purpose-built, environmentally friendly port facility to suit the needs of the offshore marine renewables sector, particularly offshore wind.

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Able Logistic Park

Area: 290ha

Lead ownership: Able UK

Incentives: Enhance Capital Allowances (covers part of site), Business Rate Discount (covers part of site), within an Assisted Area.

Planning status: Land is allocated for B1 Business/ Light Industrial, B2 General Industry, B8 Storage and Distribution, Estuary related

Offer: Currently a greenfield site, the land will be progressively developed through various planned phases to develop the site masterplan enabling the site to be occupied at the earliest opportunity to support the renewables sector. Initially the road and utility infrastructure will allow access into the site and the development of the business park and extensive warehousing (approx. 1,700,000m²) alongside external storage and transport depots.

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Current businesses: Able UK

Able Marine Energy Park

Area: 250.9ha

Lead ownership: Able UK

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Planning status: Land is allocated for B1 Business/ Light Industrial, B2 General Industry, B8 Storage and Distribution, Estuary related

Offer: Currently a greenfield site, the AMEP site will provide the UK with a unique super-site capable of attracting an offshore cluster of international companies to produce wind turbines, components and foundations together with a purpose-built base for their deployment. The state-of-the-art development will provide 1,279 metres of quayside facilities purpose built for the manufacture, assembly and deployment of offshore renewable technologies.

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North Lincolnshire
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The Port of Immingham’s proximity to the state-of-the-art £150m Humber International Terminal for dry bulk cargoes, four specialist liquid bulk terminals and two in-dock container terminals, drives strong demand for adjacent land from the chemical processing and logistics and distribution sectors.

North East Lincolnshire’s EZ sites are supported by a £30m programme of infrastructure investment, the South Humber Industrial Investment Programme (SHIIP). A new strategic route between the ports is being developed, modern industrial units are being built for sale or rent and strategic ecological mitigation sites are being developed, which is one less thing for investors to worry about.

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The site is located close to other high profile companies such as Novartis, Cristal Global, BASF, RWE, BOC and Cristal Global. There are numerous high profile companies located in the vicinity including, Centrica, AIS Training, which is based at the CATCH facility, RWE, BOC and Cristal Global.

Immingham East Gate

Located: One mile from the entrance to the Port of Immingham (east gate) and adjacent to the A180, part of the strategic highway network connecting the ports with the A180, M180 and M1.

Planning status: Outline planning consent granted in September 2016 for 74,320 sq.m. for B1, B2 and B8 employment development.

Offer: Permission is in place for in excess of 92,900 sq.m. of mixed B1, B2 and B8 employment development.

Permission is in place for an outline scheme of 21ha of brownfield development with the potential for up to 90,000 sq.m. of gross floor area.

Incentives: Business Rates, Business Rate Discounts, Enhanced Rateable Value, Zero Rateable Value and/or Core Rateable Value. For more information, please contact the North East Lincolnshire Council.

Land ownership: Freehold.

Current businesses: There are currently no high profile companies based in this area including Logistics, BWE, RDC and Costal Global.
**Energy and Renewables**

The Humber is the UK’s Energy Gateway - a vital contributor to the UK’s energy mix, with a high concentration of UK, EU and global companies and their associated supply chains. With 77% of the UK’s offshore wind for size of market and deployment, the Humber is leading the way within the UK as a world leader in renewable energy supply chain capabilities. Siemens and Associated British Ports are investing £1.33bn in Goole Docks to establish the company’s UK national base for offshore wind and renewables. Able UK is running G102/800-172MW in its ports facility with a £160m investment. The construction of all elements of the O&O cluster will cost £160m. The Port of Immingham will complete the cluster. The Port of Grimsby is readily available to efficiently manoeuvre offshore wind projects. Heavy lift and transport equipment facilitate the construction and operations of all elements of sea. Complementary port infrastructure offers the ability to build the construction and operations of all elements of offshore wind projects. Heavy lift and transport equipment can handle wind turbine blade production and manufacturing. Scania and Associated British Ports are investing £1.5bn in Goole Docks to establish the company’s UK national base for offshore wind and renewables. Able UK is running G102/800-172MW in its ports facility with a £160m investment. The construction of all elements of the O&O cluster will cost £160m. The Port of Immingham will complete the cluster. The Port of Grimsby is readily available to efficiently manoeuvre offshore wind projects. Heavy lift and transport equipment facilitate the construction and operations of all elements of sea. Complementary port infrastructure offers the ability to build the construction and operations of all elements of offshore wind projects. Heavy lift and transport equipment can handle wind turbine blade production and manufacturing.

The Humber Ports are the locating in the UK by tonnes and the fourth located in the UK by passengers. A 4-hour drive from the Humber gives access to the UK’s manufacturing and logistics and service centre. The Port of Immingham is the largest port in the country with deep water riverside berths suitable for offshore wind installation. The Port of Immingham is the largest port in the country with deep water riverside berths suitable for offshore wind installation. The Port of Immingham is the largest port in the country with deep water riverside berths suitable for offshore wind installation.

**Ports and Logistics**

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The Visitor Economy

The Humber offers an appealing blend of visitor attractions, including the rich cultural and heritage offer of Hull; stunning heritage coastline and seaside resorts such as Bridlington in East Yorkshire and Cleethorpes in North East Lincolnshire; and attractive villages and market towns across the region.

The visitor economy in the Humber is set to grow as a result of Hull: UK City of Culture 2017, which will see a surge in visitor numbers to the area (not just the city) and a large rise in visitor spending. 1m extra visitors will be attracted to Hull in 2017. The area offers a diverse range of experiences and attractions at good value for money and has considerable scope to develop in green tourism.

Humber Growth Sectors

Chemicals

The Humber is home to a £6bn chemicals cluster, specialising in the process industry, refining and pharmaceuticals. The cluster is supported by specialist infrastructure at the Humber Ports.

The area’s chemicals clusters are renowned expertise in process technology, engineering services, engineering contractors, package constructors, process commissioning, project management, and engineering and project management. The sector also has a rich history in the packaging industry and national companies with expertise in flexible packaging, rigid packaging, and the food industry.

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Engineering and Manufacturing

25,000 people are employed in advanced engineering in the Humber with many of the international companies operating in the sector using cutting-edge techniques and processes. The presence of advanced engineering companies has created an abundance of skills in the sector.

The area is home to the largest concentration of caravan and mobile home manufacturers in the country, building on the region’s historic strengths in shipbuilding. The Humber also has a rich history in the packaging industry, with specialist expertise in flexible packaging, rigid packaging, and the food industry.

Digital

The Humber is home to large businesses employing hundreds of people that have grown organically through revenue growth, utilising the region’s strengths.

Our companies include Ebuyer, KCom, Press Association, SGS Packaging, Summit, APD Communications, Phoenix Software and Sonoco Trident. The region also supports a vibrant start up community, with a 57% increase in new digital companies from 2010–2013.

Investments in future-proofed connectivity across the Humber include over £25m investment in super-fast broadband in East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire under the Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) programme and tens of millions of pounds invested by communications provider KCom in its fibre to the premises broadband service to create a best-in-class digital network.

The University of Hull’s Computer Science Department is rated 5th in the UK in terms of its impact on the UK economy, recognising the University’s strengths in delivering projects and research with direct applications for business.

Food

The Humber’s relationship with sea and agriculture is an inextricable one, given its location and history. The area’s relationship with agriculture is long-standing, with a history of strong agricultural and manufacturing sectors.

The food processing and manufacturing sector employs 12,500 people in the region and contributes £738m GVA to the Humber economy. Key employers in the sector include AAK UK, Aunt Bessie’s, Iceland Seachill, Country Style, Cranswick plc, Golden Wonder, Greencore, Lincoln & York, Pipers Crisps, TSC Foods, Saxon Quality Foods Scunthorpe, William Jackson Food Group and Young’s Seafood.

Visitor Economy

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Enquiries

The Humber LEP is your first point of contact to help you set up or expand your business in the Humber.

We work with central and local government, including our four local authorities East Riding of Yorkshire, Hull, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire, as well as partners such as UKTI and the Chamber of Commerce to support businesses to locate or expand here.

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