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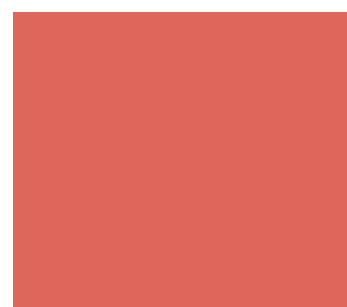
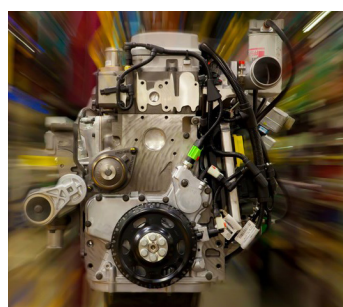
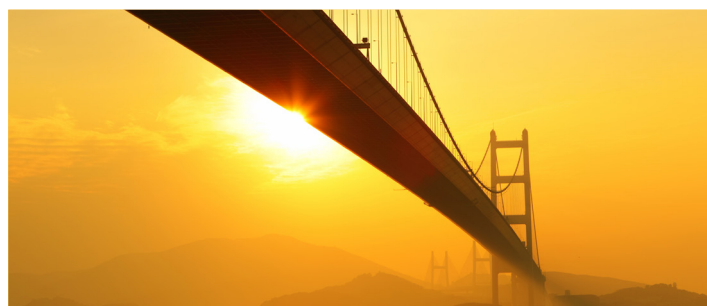
Engineering, Design and Advanced Manufacturing

From our pioneering role in the birth of the railways, Darlington still leads the way in engineering, design and advanced manufacturing. With world class expertise in low emission engines, bridge building, offshore, subsea, and track products for the rail industry, **Darlington businesses are at the forefront of innovation and a driving force in the UK's engineering, design and advanced manufacturing sector.**

With manufacturing accounting for almost a fifth of Darlington's economic output, there are a significant number of supply chain companies based in Darlington fuelled by the presence of a wide variety of global engineering, design and manufacturing companies such as Cleveland Bridge, Cummins Engines, Whessoe, Progress Rail (a division of Caterpillar) and Amec Foster Wheeler to name but a very few.

And the attraction for engineering, design and advanced manufacturing businesses is very clear – a wide skills base, excellent transport infrastructure and an established existing cluster underpinned by a strong supply chain.

As the ideal location to re-shore manufacturing back to, Darlington offers a perfectly engineered solution for your business needs.



Labour Pool

With a working age population of 65,600, and a further 1.6 million within an hour's drive time, businesses choosing to locate in Darlington benefit from access to a large pool of labour making it the ideal location for recruiting staff for engineering, design and advanced manufacturing operations. As well as the availability of managers, technical staff and qualified engineers, Darlington is where you will find the people who can match your advanced manufacturing requirements.

Next generation talent: Within Darlington you have access to some of the brightest young people with technological aptitude – Darlington College, with its focus upon engineering, construction and IT, offers Level 2 and 3 courses across a range of engineering disciplines, and, through a franchise with Teesside University, Higher Education qualifications are on offer in mechanical, manufacturing, electrical and mechatronics engineering.

Additionally, Darlington is within an hour's drive of 6 top class universities boasting a reputation for engineering excellence, with over 9,000 students taking engineering each year.

State of the art training facilities: [C-State](#), is the first subsea training centre in the UK with a £5 million remotely operated underwater vehicle



capability. Created to address the growing skills gap in the subsea engineering and service sectors the facility offers a range of subsea courses from apprenticeships to further and higher education, as well as industry recognised and accredited training. Based on Darlington Campus, the facility gives trainees unique hands on access to a 200hp hydraulic ROV in a safe, controlled and cost effective environment; combined with classroom based training for all courses.

[South Durham University Technical College](#), due to open in 2016 - this £10m facility will specialise in advanced manufacturing and engineering and will make a significant contribution to the vibrancy of the engineering sector in the North East. Located just outside of Darlington in Newton Aycliffe, the South Durham UTC will provide high quality education with an emphasis on project-based learning. Partners include Hitachi Rail Europe, Thorn Lighting, 3M and Shepherd Construction.

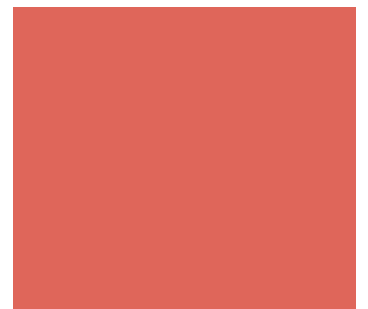
Wage Costs: Darlington is a cost effective location with wage rates more competitive than the national average and the North East and Tees Valley as a whole, which means that your company could save as much as 8% on its wage bill. In addition Darlington has low labour turnover rates and high productivity ensuring companies locating in the area have a secure and highly productive workforce.

Education & Skills: With over 90% of the working age population holding a qualification, and more than a quarter educated to degree level, businesses can attract well qualified staff. The local provision for further and higher education ensures that businesses can access a diverse range of skills as well as training support and the recruitment of apprentices in engineering, design and advanced manufacturing disciplines.

Transport Infrastructure

Darlington delivers outstanding road and motorway links, giving you easy access to the rest of the UK. International connections are well served via Durham Tees Valley Airport, which lies six miles from the centre of Darlington and in close proximity to key engineering and advanced manufacturing sites. Darlington has excellent direct connections to national rail services on the East Coast Main Line, and easy access to Teesport, one of the most significant sea ports in the UK, which lies 17 miles to the east of Darlington. Handling over 40 million tonnes of cargo in 2014, Teesport is the only container port in the North of the UK that has direct access to an intermodal facility within its operations.

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Outstanding Sites & Premises

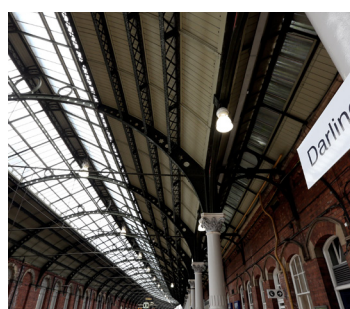
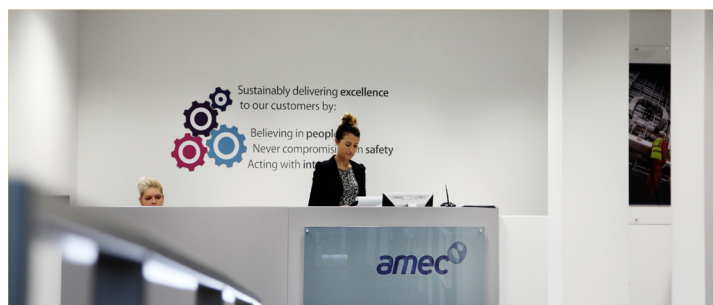
Darlington offers Engineering, Design and Advanced Manufacturing companies a full range of property and development opportunities, from small combined office and workshop spaces through to large custom designed factories with industrial rents lower than the national average and easy access to the A1(M) and A66.



North Western Growth Zone (NWGZ) – Five minutes from the A1(M) and comprising 635 acres of prime employment land to the west of Darlington, the NWGZ takes in the employment sites of Faverdale Industrial Estate, Faverdale East Business Park, Faverdale 58 and Faverdale Reserve. Providing fast and direct access to the strategic road network the NWGZ is a key manufacturing hub in Darlington:-

Faverdale East Business Park – is a 190,000sq ft high quality development featuring industrial and distribution space adjacent to Subsea Innovation and the Argos Direct regional distribution and Aldi distribution centres. Close to Junction 58 of the A1(M), as well as all local amenities, a further 5 acres of prime development land is being opened up to provide a high quality manufacturing hub in this sought after location.

Faverdale Industrial Estate – representing one of the most important employment locations within Darlington, Faverdale Industrial Estate is one of the most established industrial estates within the town. Comprising a mix of uses and ages, Faverdale Industrial Estate has the capability to provide opportunities right across the size range for the industrial/manufacturing sector.

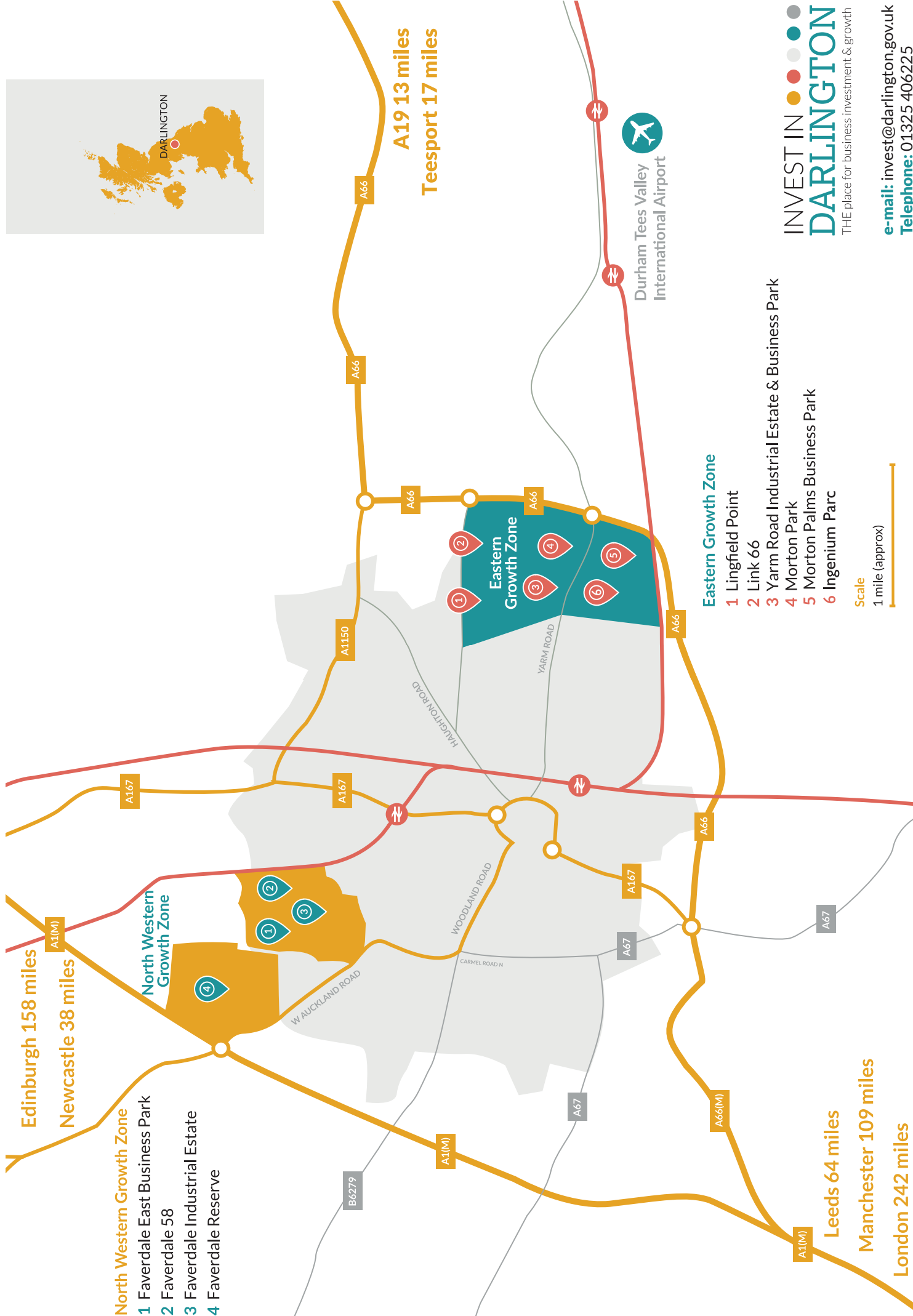
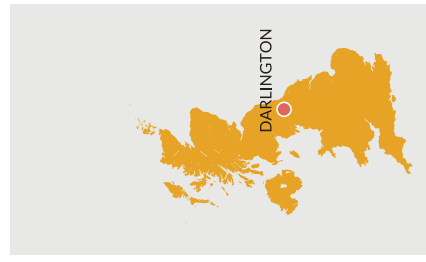


Eastern Growth Zone (EGZ) – covers 583 acres of employment land and provides businesses with the perfect location for growth. Taking in the employment sites of Yarm Road Industrial Estate and Business Park, Morton Palms Business Park, Ingenium Park, Lingfield Point and Link 66, the EGZ offers a high quality commercial and industrial property solution for a wide range of potential occupiers wanting to benefit from excellent transport connectivity at a cost competitive business location.

Yarm Road Industrial Estate and Business Park – is a popular location for a diverse range of businesses from global leaders serving multinational markets, such as Cummins Engines and Cleveland Bridge Engineering through to new business start-ups across a wide range of sectors. Approximately 2 miles from Darlington Town Centre and close to the A66 Trunk Road the location is ideal for companies serving Teesside and Darlington or those needing excellent transport connectivity.

Ingenium Parc – a 98 acre greenfield development site which has good frontage and sits adjacent to the established commercial areas of Yarm Road Industrial Estate and Business Park and Morton Palms Business Park. With good access to the A66 the site is bounded by a railway line to the south, affording the potential to create a rail link. With excellent transport links the site is ideally placed to support the manufacturing and engineering sector within this cost competitive business location.

Morton Palms Business Park – one of Darlington's premier business locations providing modern office accommodation adjacent to the A66, a principal highway linking east and west, the A1(M) and the A19. Darlington railway station is approximately 2 miles away providing regular services to London Kings Cross and major commercial centres. Within a managed landscaped environment with dedicated parking the Business Park is home to some of Darlington's most significant employers, such as Whessoe Engineering.



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