INVEST IN HARROGATE
Harrogate is one of the most prosperous places in the North of England and has some of the most dynamic businesses of anywhere in the UK - making it not only a great place to live but also to work and do business.
HARROGATE

Harrogate was voted the happiest place to live in the UK three years in a row by a Rightmove survey 2013-2015.

One of the highest levels of quality of life in the UK.

Host to major world sporting events:
- 2014 Tour De France
- 2017 Tour De Yorkshire
- 2019 UCI World Road Race Championships

Home to world class conference venues including:
- Harrogate Convention Centre
- Great Yorkshire Showground
- Pavilions of Harrogate

World leading businesses:

6 out of 10 schools are outstanding / 4 good.

Economically active people 83.6%.

Highest business start up rate in Leeds City Region.

High levels of enterprise & employment.

Gateway to the Yorkshire Dales.
Businesses in Harrogate District have a culture of innovation and invention.

One third of medicines on the market today were developed by a world leading Contract Research Organisation based in Harrogate.

Harrogate district has a history of research and development expertise.

Only technology platform built specifically for the food industry which maps food from point of origin to consumer.

The ‘squound’ bottle for the global air passenger market was invented in Harrogate.

Harrogate district has a history of research and development expertise.

Sports Personality of the Year, The Voice, London 2012 Olympic Games; the sets for these events and many more were created by a business based in Harrogate district.

Crimplene

Switched Reluctance motors

A revolutionary national digital health platform

Discovering the adverse effects of smoking

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Harrogate sits within two Local Enterprise Partnership areas in the centre of the UK:

Leeds City Region, £66 billion GVA, UK’s second largest economy
York, North Yorkshire & East Riding (£24 billion GVA)

Location:
- Geographic centre of the UK, equidistant to East and West ports.
- A data centre in the Harrogate district switches 3.5 billion card-initiated transactions per year, processing in excess of up to £430 million daily.
- Harrogate district is a logistics hub, home to Europe’s largest cold storage facility.

Geography:
- There are nine universities within an hour’s drive of Harrogate.
- Population 160,000
- 92,000 working age
- 93%

Labour Market:
- There are almost 3 million people of working age
- Including 2.1 million in employment
- There are nine universities within an hour’s drive of Harrogate.

Digital:
- 30 networking groups and forums across the district.
- 93% of businesses now served with superfast broadband.

Transport:
- Edinburgh 3hrs
- Leeds Bradford airport 20mins
- York & Leeds 35mins
- Teeside thr
- Manchester Airport 3hrs
- Amsterdam & Dublin 4hrs
- Paris & Brussels 6hrs

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Harrogate District is a thriving place supporting prominent high value sectors, an excellent education system and high levels of entrepreneurial activity.

43% of the population is educated to degree level or above.

Home to one of the UK’s largest and most successful multi-channel retailers.

Harrogate is home to a fortune 130 global technology business, leading the market in Internet of Things, data analytics and cloud computing.

Harrogate district has strengths in a number of prominent high value sectors, including:

- Creative & Digital
- Logistics
- Financial & Professional Services
- Scientific Research & Development

Harrogate district has a self-employment rate of 24%.

£3.8 billion economy (GVA)

Home to 9,200 businesses

Harrogate district has a 31% National average

£3.8 billion
Harrogate District is a key part of the Leeds City Region, a thriving region that:

- Hosts the largest higher education cluster outside of London, with nine universities producing 39,500 graduates each year, with 47% in STEM subjects.
- Has 7 million people within an hour’s drive.
- Is the largest contributor to UK GDP in the Northern Powerhouse.
- Has the fastest growing young population with more under 25 year olds than any other LEP area outside the South East.
- Has 119,000 businesses.
- Has £66.5bn economy.
- Has operating costs 28% lower than the South East of England.

The wider region

Harrogate District is a key part of the Leeds City Region, a thriving region that:
Investor Support

Harrogate Borough Council offers a wide range of support to investors, helping you to:

- Find premises
- Find talent
- Find funding
- Find the information needed to support your investment

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