



**HERTFORDSHIRE  
FUTURES**

# Driving Regional Growth

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# Hertfordshire Economic Statistics

**1.21m**  
population



**£49.7bn**

Gross Value  
Added to UK  
economy



**Epicentre**  
of UK's  
Film & TV  
production



**41.6%**  
educated to  
degree level  
or above



**Europe's  
No. 1**  
cluster for  
Cell and Gene  
Therapies



Visitor economy  
adds  
**£2.4bn**  
locally and  
supports over  
42,000 jobs

**80.1%**  
employed  
(higher than  
UK average)



**67,770**  
active  
enterprises



Hertfordshire  
part of UK's  
newest **space  
cluster**,  
Space East





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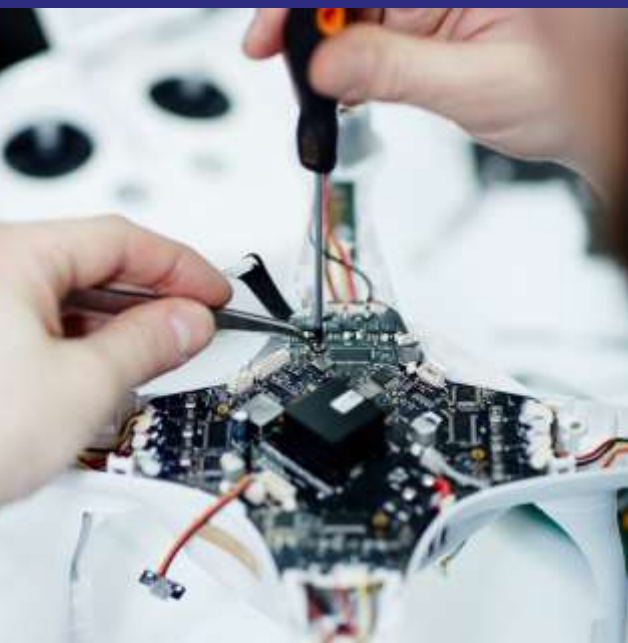
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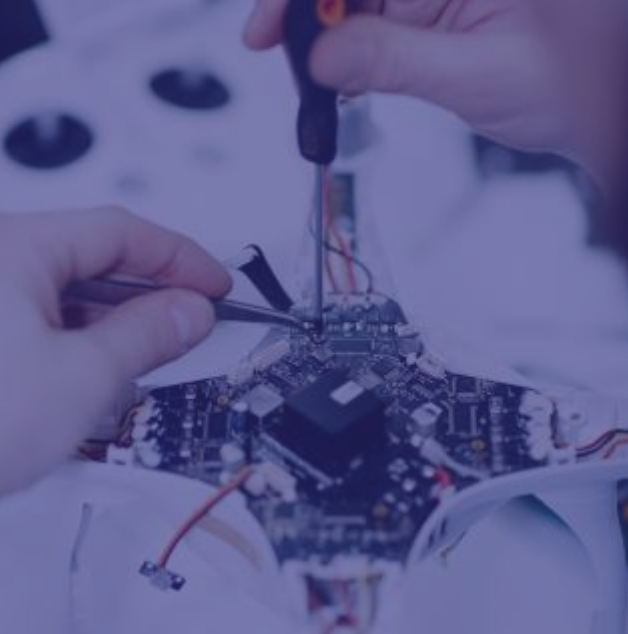


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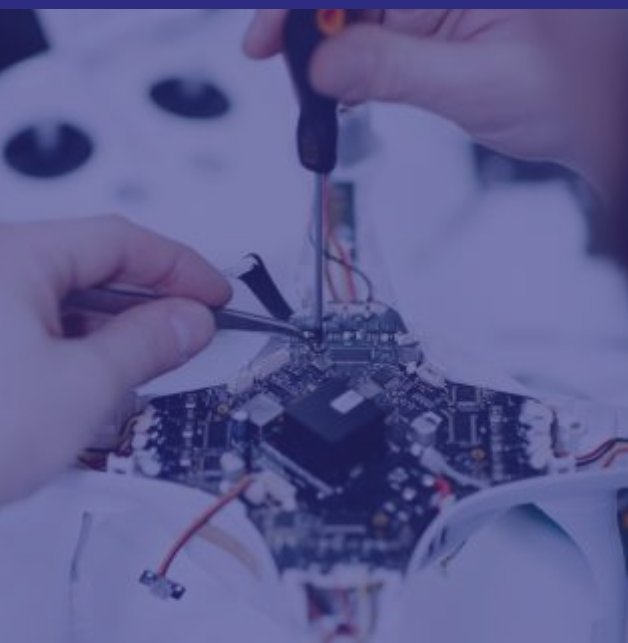


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# Key employers

CONSTRUCTION/  
BUILT ENVIRONMENT



LIFE SCIENCES



FILM & TV



ADVANCED MANUFACTURING/  
DEFENCE



CLEAN ENERGY/  
AGRI-TECH



DIGITAL



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



AND MANY  
MORE

# What sets us apart?

- Historical significance
- Outstanding natural beauty
- Quality of life
- Pioneering past, present and future!



# Making waves today

HERTFORDSHIRE IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF ADVANCED THERAPEUTICS R&D



GOOGLE INVESTING £790M ON ITS FIRST UK DATA CENTRE IN WALTHAM CROSS



# Our vision and purpose

To position Hertfordshire as a **powerhouse economy** in the UK, where **businesses flourish**, **talent thrives**, and **communities prosper**.



# Delivering growth – a new Economic Strategy

## Innovation



Leveraging scientific excellence and enterprise to foster excellence

## Creativity



Embracing new approaches and digital economy to drive global advantage

## People and Communities



Ensuring both older and young generations thrive and live well

## Openness and Connectivity



Strengthening relationships with regions to support wider economic growth

# An ambitious new outlook...



One that **addresses socio-economic trends** like the changing nature of work, and ensures the county is able to withstand economic shocks.



One that **doesn't exist in isolation** but considers the emerging Local Growth Plan re. transport, the built and natural environment, health and well-being.



One that **plans for good growth** with the skills agenda led by Hertfordshire Futures, and others in tandem with stakeholders across health, policing, adult care etc.

# Our key areas of focus

## Skills and Employment

Providing skills leadership to grow our talent pipeline and support people to progress into work.



# Our key areas of focus

## Business Support and Enterprise

Equipping businesses and individuals with the tools they need to reach their full potential.

HERTFORDSHIRE  
GROWTH HUB



# Our key areas of focus

## Sector Growth and Investment

Working with businesses in identified clusters and supporting them to grow and expand.



# Made in Hertfordshire





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