

DELIVERING FOR ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BUSINESS



FOREWORD

WELCOME TO ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY - DELIVERING FOR BUSINESS!

Antrim and Newtownabbey has become an 'investment magnet', attracting an influx of major global companies who've each chosen the Borough as the perfect location to establish or expand their business.

An enviable reputation as a leading planning authority across Northern Ireland, consistently exceeding statutory targets, is only part of the picture.

A prime location, impressive partnerships built around creating a highly-skilled workforce and the support of an award-winning Economic Development team make the Borough a sought after location for ambitious companies.

- **The right place:** Excellent road and rail connections are matched by the close proximity to the International Airport and major ports.

A £100m investment announcement by airport owners VINCI Airports and work underway on a new airport hotel makes this connectivity an increasingly valuable local asset.

- **The right partnerships:** Excellent Council relationships and projects with leading centres of education including Queen's University, Ulster University and further education colleges help provide a highly educated and skilled workforce.
- **The right operating costs:** Advanced digital infrastructure, state-of-the-art business facilities and competitive operating costs (on average 30% less than the rest of the UK) means Antrim and Newtownabbey is ready to 'Deliver for Business'.

The Council's continued success of attracting major investment to the Borough includes the **£150million investment** in advanced manufacturing by the Ardagh Group and the **£16million investment** from world-wide Industrial Technology Company Sensata. Both companies have chosen Global Point, Newtownabbey as the location for their new businesses.

The hub for manufacturing excellence will also be home to a **£100m 'Factory of the Future' led by Queen's University** as part of the Belfast Region City Deal. The Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Centre will be the first of its kind in Northern Ireland, offering advanced manufacturing and engineering businesses access to the very latest technology, equipment and expertise.

These strategic investments will attract other companies to the Borough while reinforcing Global Point's position as a centre of advanced manufacturing excellence.

Nutts Corner is also fast becoming a hub for distribution with recent multi-million pound investments by Heron Brothers and Sysco Ireland.

If you are ready to begin your journey and are looking for the right location for business success simply contact us to discover our latest opportunities and partnerships.

Antrim and Newtownabbey is 'Delivering for Business'.

Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey, Councillor Mark Cooper BEM



ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY

DELIVERING FOR BUSINESS



OUR BOROUGH

Antrim and Newtownabbey offers exceptional property options for every type of business across all industry sectors. An abundance of high-quality office, retail and industrial spaces as well as busy town centres areas have been bolstered even further through new state-of-the-art office space projects in Antrim and Glengormley as well as the arrival of Dobbies flagship garden centre at The Junction, Antrim.

Alongside excellent digital infrastructure, major investments in award-winning parks and leisure facilities make the Borough an attractive place to live, work and do business. It's no surprise, therefore, that Antrim and Newtownabbey boasts almost 4,500 VAT registered businesses and has more than 80% of the working age population in employment.

Some of the world's leading companies realise the economic benefits of trading in a region with fast, easy access to an international airport. Yet another reason why Antrim and Newtownabbey was the perfect site for the innovative Global Point advanced manufacturing business park.

A range of strategic sites are available across a Borough very much renowned as a place packed full of opportunity for ambitious companies.

It's been a highly successful period for Northern Ireland's 'investment magnet' Borough. To find out more about why so many companies chose Antrim and Newtownabbey, just ask!

OUR LEADING-EDGE COMPANIES INCLUDE:



OUR TRACK RECORD

ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL HAS SURPASSED ITS AMBITIOUS TARGET OF £1BN INVESTMENT AND THE CREATION OF 3,600 HIGH-QUALITY JOBS BY 2025, WITH 4,100 JOBS AND £1.05BN OF INVESTMENT IN THE PIPELINE TO DATE.

NO.1
PLANNING AUTHORITY
IN NORTHERN IRELAND

4,500
VAT REGISTERED
BUSINESSES

146K
RESIDENTS

£20.3M
IN DIRECT INVESTMENT
FUNDING PROVIDED
& SECURED

CURRENTLY SUPPORTING **75**
INVESTMENT PROJECTS
THROUGHOUT THE
REGION

6 OF WHICH
ARE PROJECTS AT
£80M+
IN VALUE

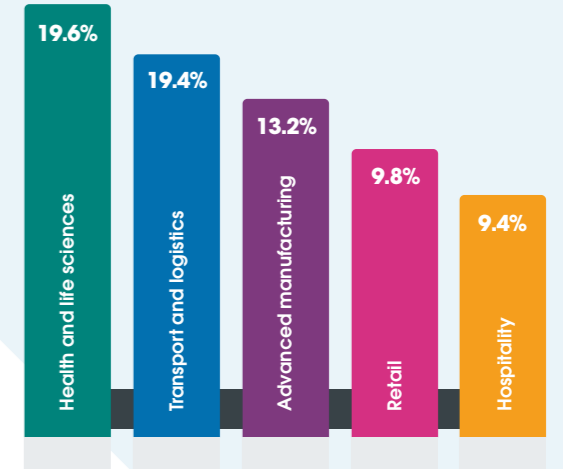
SECURING
£5.1M
OF LEVELLING UP
FUND INVESTMENT

“ AS A GLOBAL COMPANY, WE ARE KEEN TO BE CLOSE TO GOOD TRANSPORT LINKS. GLOBAL POINT OFFERS THE IDEAL LOCATION TO WELCOME COLLEAGUES, CUSTOMERS, SUPPLIERS AND VISITORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. ”

Eric Sorret
Automotive Vice President Sensata Technologies



OUR BUSINESS PORTFOLIO



Antrim and Newtownabbey boasts a high quality portfolio of manufacturing projects already confirmed for Global Point Business Park, Newtownabbey. This exceptional site is fast becoming a highly desirable location for manufacturing companies both big and small, including:

- **Ardagh Group** - £150m investment in a new 40,000 sq m Northern Ireland base;
- **Sensata Technology** - A state-of-the-art £16.5m Sensata Technology facility;
- **Steel Mac** - £4m investment from Steel Mac;
- **Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre** - £100m Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre, led by Queen's University.

The Council has also supported investments across a range of sectors throughout the Borough:

- A new manufacturing facility for mining equipment firm Tribe Tech in Mallusk;

- Relocation of world-leading fitness equipment manufacturer BLK BOX from Belfast to a new £1m facility at Newtownabbey;
- Continued expansion of the JANS Composites site in Antrim;
- A new £10m Dobbies flagship store at the Junction Retail and Leisure Park, Antrim;
- Continued redevelopment and expansion of the Kingfisher Country Estate and Rabbit Hotel, both in Templepatrick, as well as the arrival of a new Premier Inn at the international airport.



“ ANY MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION CAN BE VERY COMPLEX BUT AT THE JANS GROUP WE HAVE BEEN VERY THANKFUL FOR THE SPEEDINESS OF THIS APPLICATION, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL BY ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL. ”

Ronan Hamill
Chief Executive Officer of JANS Group

READY FOR YOUR BUSINESS

ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY HAS ALMOST 100 HECTARES OF DEVELOPABLE LAND AVAILABLE ACROSS THE BOROUGH



BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

70 hectares of land adjacent to Northern Ireland's largest airport is now available for development. Belfast International Airport is the 10th largest in the UK with up to six million passengers served. The airport is a major base for EasyJet, Jet2, Ryanair and TUI. Lands available for development are sited in a prime location next to the existing cargo village park and are currently underdeveloped. A variety of plot size options can be adapted to suit occupier requirements. These lands are suitable for a wide variety of uses such as manufacturing and distribution, aviation-related activities, offices and contact centres as well as leisure or hotel use.



GLOBAL POINT, NEWTOWNABBEY

Approximately 17 acres of developable land remains available and zoned for employment/ industrial use. Global Point Business Park, owned by Invest NI, is a fully serviced site which is available to lease to Invest NI client companies. Additional investment will also connect the nearby railway halt to Global Point. Although the park focusses on advanced manufacturing, sites are suitable for a variety of uses and can be divided into smaller plots.



NUTTS CORNER COMMERCIAL PARK

Nutts Corner Commercial Park is fast becoming a hub for distribution with recent major investments by Sysco Ireland and Heron Brothers. These companies will join leading supermarket chain Lidl who have based its regional distribution centre at Nutts Corner.

12 hectares of land, located at Nutts Corner roundabout, offers ease of access to the M1 motorway at Junction 9, Moira roundabout. The site is located approximately 12 miles from Belfast city centre and provides ease of access to both of Northern Ireland's airports as well as Belfast and Larne ports. Suitable uses include logistics and manufacturing. The site features planning permission for a distribution park and is suitable for design and build opportunities.



**ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING
INNOVATION
CENTRE**

GLOBAL POINT

There is a high-quality portfolio of planned proposals within the advanced manufacturing sector in the pipeline for Global Point, owned by Invest NI. This exceptional site is fast becoming a highly desirable location for advanced manufacturing companies of all sizes. Planned proposals to date include:

- £150m manufacturing plant for Ardagh Metal Packaging
- £100m Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Centre
- £16.5m state-of-the-art facility for Sensata
- £4m new manufacturing facility for Steelmac Distribution Ltd
- CDE Global's new manufacturing facility

These planned proposals are in addition to RLC Groups £35m manufacturing facility which was launched at Global Point in 2017. Approximately 17 acres of usable land is currently available for potential developments, with an additional 10 acres of developable land due for release in the future.

RLC Group inaugurated their state-of-the-art manufacturing facility at Global Point in 2017, marking the site's first occupancy. The £35 million investment in the 119,953ft² facility generated up to 85 jobs and solidified Northern Ireland as a strategic hub for aerospace manufacturing, supplying components to industry leaders like Martin Baker and Rolls-Royce. This investment underscores the region's prominence in offering advanced engineering solutions to the international aerospace sector.



Steel Mac Distribution (SMD) Ltd specialise in manufacturing cold rolled rebar in coil and are the sole supplier of CARES approved cold rolled rebar in coil on the island of Ireland. Their £4 million investment in a 35,000 ft² manufacturing site at Global Point will create 15 permanent jobs and 40 construction jobs, expressing a commitment to advanced manufacturing. The location offers access to a skilled workforce and synergies for business expansion and export opportunities, positioning SMD to attract an international customer base.



Sensata Technologies, a global industrial technology company, is investing £16.5 million in a new research, testing, and office space at Global Point. The facility, designed to accommodate 450-500 employees, will support 150 jobs during the two-year construction phase and meet BREEAM sustainability standards. The move aims to leverage Global Point's excellent transport links to welcome colleagues, customers, suppliers, and visitors from around the world.



ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND INNOVATION CENTRE (AMIC)

AMIC is a £100m, 110,000 ft² project led by Queen's University Belfast, in collaboration with industry partners, Ulster University, and Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council as part of the Belfast Region City Deal. Launching in 2026, the Factory of the Future will enhance Northern Ireland's manufacturing and address future technology and skills challenges. It aims to support the UK government's science and technology ambitions, developing global research and innovation partnerships. By 2050, AMIC is expected to contribute 1,500 permanent jobs, £73m annual GDP, £1BN economic NPV, and an 18% productivity increase over ten years. Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough proudly hosts Northern Ireland's first Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre at Global Point. AMIC is key to an exciting future for manufacturing in this region, by driving industrial transformation, paving the way for future technologies and competing globally with a more sustainable focus.



CDE Global, founded in Cookstown Northern Ireland, focuses on promoting a global circular economy and community impact. They divert millions of tons of material from landfills, and protect natural sand reserves. The Global Point site is located just 3 miles from their existing base that demonstrates their commitment to invest and do business in Antrim and Newtownabbey. CDE currently have sites in Australia, Brazil, India and USA.



Ardagh Metal Packaging (AMP), a subsidiary of Ardagh Group, is a global leader in sustainable metal beverage cans. Their new £150m plant at Global Point, approved in August 2022, will serve customers in Europe and the UK, including major brands like Diageo and Coca Cola. The state-of-the-art facility is set to create around 160 direct jobs and 30 more indirectly through associated suppliers, with construction starting in mid 2024.



Total Investment: £305m

Total Jobs Created: 2,000

Total Floor Space: 810,000 ft²

OUR SUPPORT

Wrap-around business support programmes available through Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council include:

- **Direct Investment Fund** - *Dedicated support from the Council's Economic Development and Planning specialists with financial assistance by way of other grant assistance or improvements to infrastructure.*
- **Skills Academies** - *Bespoke training for companies across a wide range of disciplines such as data analytics, software development and tested, cyber security, animation and games development.*
- **Business support and growth programmes** - *Free tailored and specialist business support to companies, including social enterprises across the Borough.*
- **Employability training** - *To help potential employees return to, or start out in, a target sector.*
- **Flexible office space** - *Thanks to new, Council-supported office space developments at Antrim High Street and at the site of the former police station in Glengormley.*
- **Advanced technology access** - *Support to leverage the latest technology across a number of sectors.*
- **Invest NI support programmes** - *Including mentoring, financing and export markets, see investni.com/support-for-business*
- **Links to academic institutions** - *Such as Queen's University, Ulster University and industry-focussed regional colleges.*

To find out more, simply contact the award-winning Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Economic Development team



“**TO ASSIST BUSINESSES AND INVESTORS WITH THE MULTITUDE OF CHANGES THEY FACE, ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL PROVIDES A COMPLETE AND TAILOR-MADE PACKAGE OF SUPPORT.**”

Alderman Mark Cosgrove,
Chair of Antrim and Newtownabbey Prosperity Group



DOBBIES CASE STUDY

Antrim and Newtownabbey is committed to nurturing a prosperous business environment that attracts and supports companies of all sizes. By offering a range of resources and services, we help businesses like Dobbies establish themselves successfully in our community. This case study displays how the Borough played a crucial role in Dobbies' successful launch of their largest UK.

Dobbies Garden Centres, the UK's leading garden retail chain, recognised the potential of the market and chose Antrim as the location for their largest UK store. To ensure a smooth launch and successful recruitment, Dobbies approached Council for support.



THE TEAM AT THE COUNCIL PROVIDED INVALUABLE SUPPORT DURING OUR LAUNCH OF OUR BIGGEST EVER STORE IN ANTRIM. THEY WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO HELP US RECRUIT A FANTASTIC TEAM AND CHAMPIONED OUR BRAND IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THIS HELPED US LAUNCH ANTRIM, RECEIVING GREAT FEEDBACK FROM OUR CUSTOMERS AND COMMERCIAL SUCCESS. THE COUNCIL FELT LIKE PART OF OUR TEAM AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.

Paul Green
Dobbies Head of People Experience

DOBBIES NEEDED:

Support for interviewing and staff on-boarding.

WE DELIVERED:

We enabled group recruitment days to be held locally, providing interview skills support for prospective staff.

DOBBIES NEEDED:

In-house staff upskilling for this flagship store.

WE DELIVERED:

We facilitated this upskilling with the provision of training suites, workspace and wider dedicated support.

DOBBIES NEEDED:

In order to realise their vision of their largest UK store at The Junction in Antrim, Dobbies had a major challenge regarding skills and recruitment, with more than 120 full and part-time staff required.

WE DELIVERED:

The Council engaged directly with Dobbies recruitment team to develop a bespoke training academy through our Labour Market Partnership.

Two employment academies were facilitated by the Council consisting of training in customer service, employability, first aid and personal development and equips participants with the skills and confidence to successfully secure a new role.

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WORKING
SPACE**

**IN THE HEART OF
ANTRIM TOWN CENTRE**



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RANGE OF WORKSPACE OPTIONS AVAILABLE
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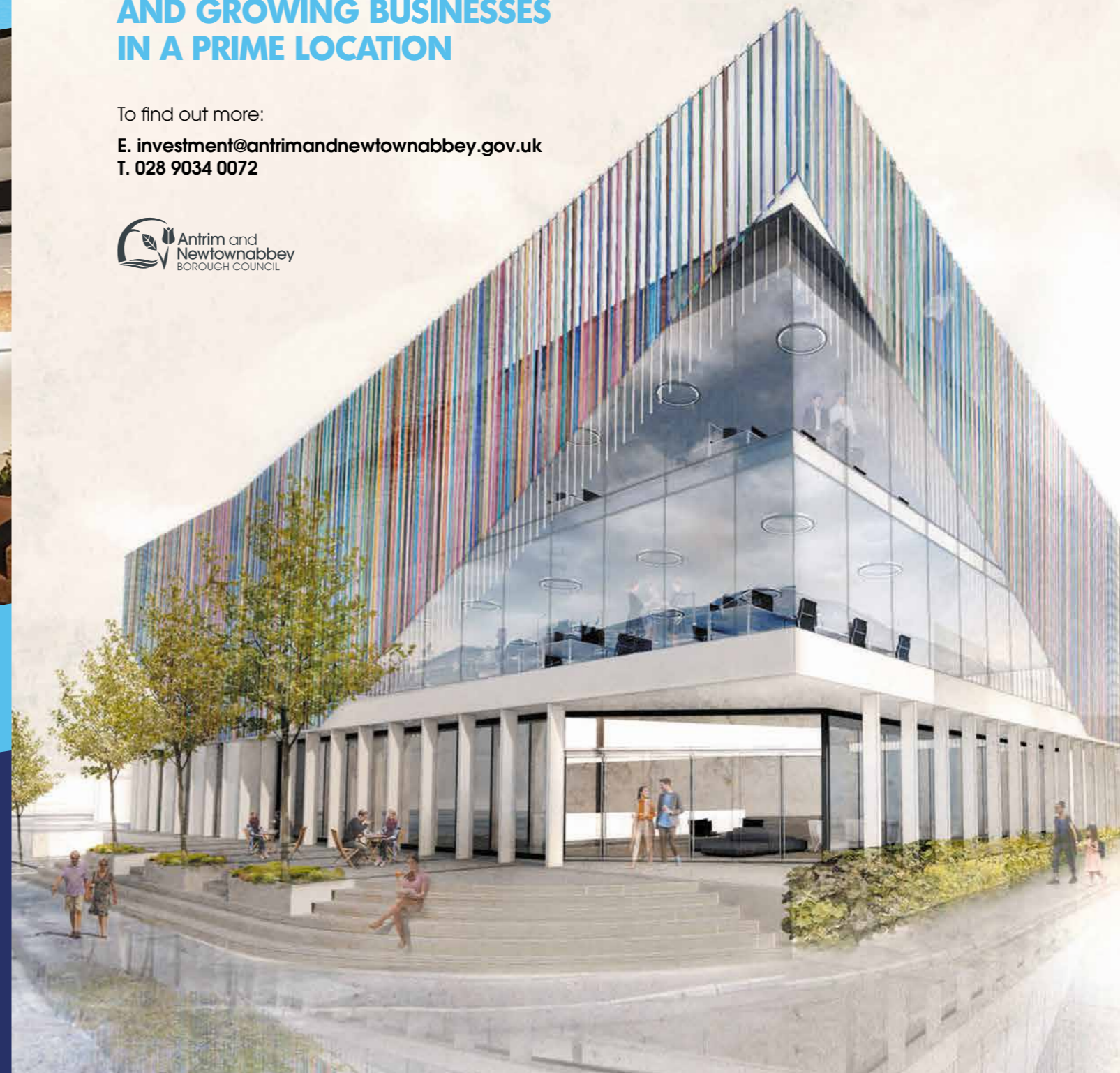
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“ ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL IS VERY PROACTIVE. MOST IMPORTANTLY THEY DO WHAT THEY SAY THEY ARE GOING TO DO. THE MOVE FROM BELFAST TO NEWTOWNABBEY HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL FOR THE COMPANY AND THE TALENT POOL IN THE AREA IS HUGELY ATTRACTIVE TO US. IT IS A PERFECT LOCATION JUST 20 MINUTES FROM BOTH AIRPORTS AND MAJOR PORTS.

”

Greg Bradley
CEO BLK BOX

LGO Awards
2023

Small team of the year winners

INVESTMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



RICHARD BAKER GM
Chief Executive



MAJELLA MCALISTER
Deputy Chief Executive
and Director of Economic
Development and
Planning



STEVEN NORRIS
Deputy Director of
Regeneration and
Infrastructure



MICHAEL MCKENNA
Deputy Director
of Investment and
Business Development