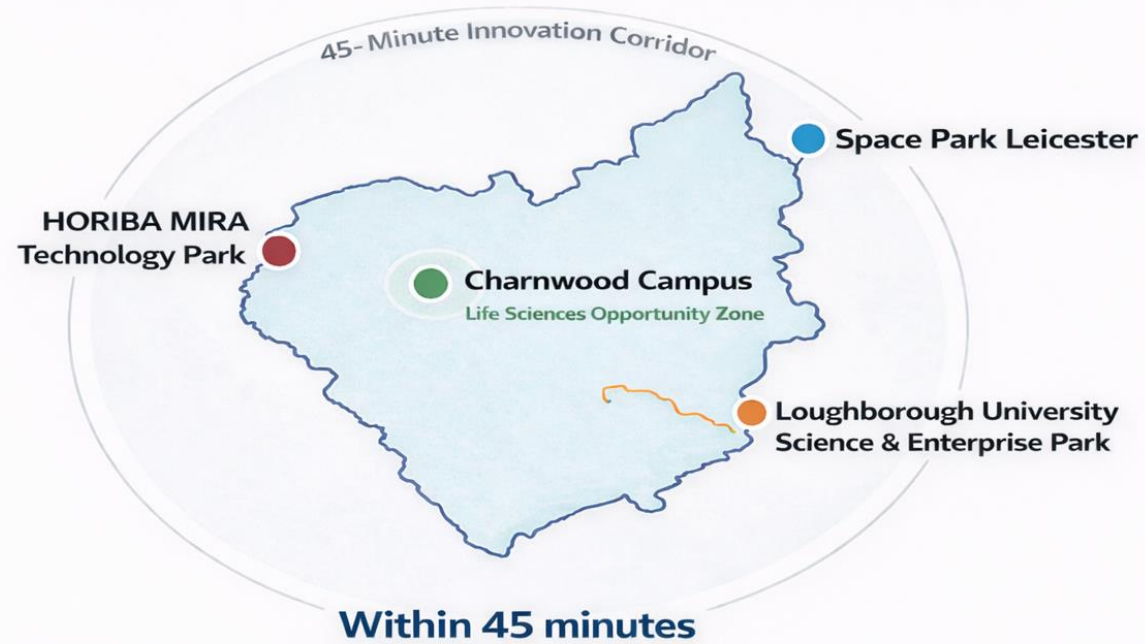


# Enterprise Zones

## Leicester & Leicestershire

A Globally Competitive Supercluster of Knowledge and Technology

Four globally significant innovation assets within one connected geography



Space | Mobility | Life Sciences | Digital Innovation

# The Devolution Investment Gap – Per Capita (£per resident)

Region	Skills £/head	Transport £/head	Infrastructure £/head
Leicester & Leicestershire	£11	£70	£0
East Midlands Combined Authority	£44	£93	£10
Greater Manchester	£52	£43	£6
West Midlands	£70	£67	£5

**Investment Disparities Facing Leicester and Leicestershire - Significantly lower investment in Skills and Infrastructure**

# Investment Comparison 2025-26

Region	Skills	Transport	Infrastructure
Leicester & Leicestershire	£12.78m	£79.99m	N/A
Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland (LLR combined)	£19.03m	£86.59m	N/A
East Midlands (EMCCA area)	£99.69m	£209.87m	£23.50m
West Midlands (Devolved Mayoral Region)	£203.82m	£195.82m	£15.73m
Greater Manchester (Devolved Mayoral Region)	£156.80m	£129.41m	£19.08m

1. Leicester & Leicestershire receive *significantly lower investment* in skills and transport than every devolved region listed.
2. East Midlands Combined County Authority receives nearly:
  - 8× more skills funding than Leicester & Leicestershire
  - 2.5× more transport funding
3. West Midlands and Greater Manchester are receiving *transformational levels of investment*, while LLR receives no infrastructure allocation at all.

## Per-capita investment (£ per resident)

Region	Population (mid-2024)	Skills £/head	Transport £/head	Infrastructure £/head
Leicester & Leicestershire	1,133,921	£11.3	£70.6	£0.0
Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland (LLR)	1,175,364	£16.2	£73.7	£0.0
East Midlands (EMCCA area)	2,260,614	£44.1	£92.8	£10.4
West Midlands (Mayoral CA)	2,916,100	£69.9	£67.1	£5.4
Greater Manchester (Mayoral CA)	3,009,664	£52.1	£43.0	£6.3

Leicester & Leicestershire are bottom on skills per head - **£11.3/head (L&L) vs £44.1/head (EMCCA), £52.1/head (GMCA), £69.9/head (WMCA).**

Every resident here gets 3–6× less skills investment than residents in devolved areas.”

Transport per head is competitive with WMCA and GMCA, but still below EMCCA - **L&L = £70.6/head; LLR = £73.7/head EMCCA leads at £92.8/head; WMCA is £67.1/head; GMCA £43.0/head.**

We’re not at rock-bottom on transport, but we’re behind our closest comparator (EMCCA), which weakens connectivity relative to our neighbours.

Infrastructure is the starkest gap - **£0 for L&L/LLR vs £10.4/head (EMCCA), £6.3/head (GMCA), £5.4/head (WMCA).**

No infrastructure line means we’re not in the queue for the regeneration and strategic upgrades that drive productivity.