



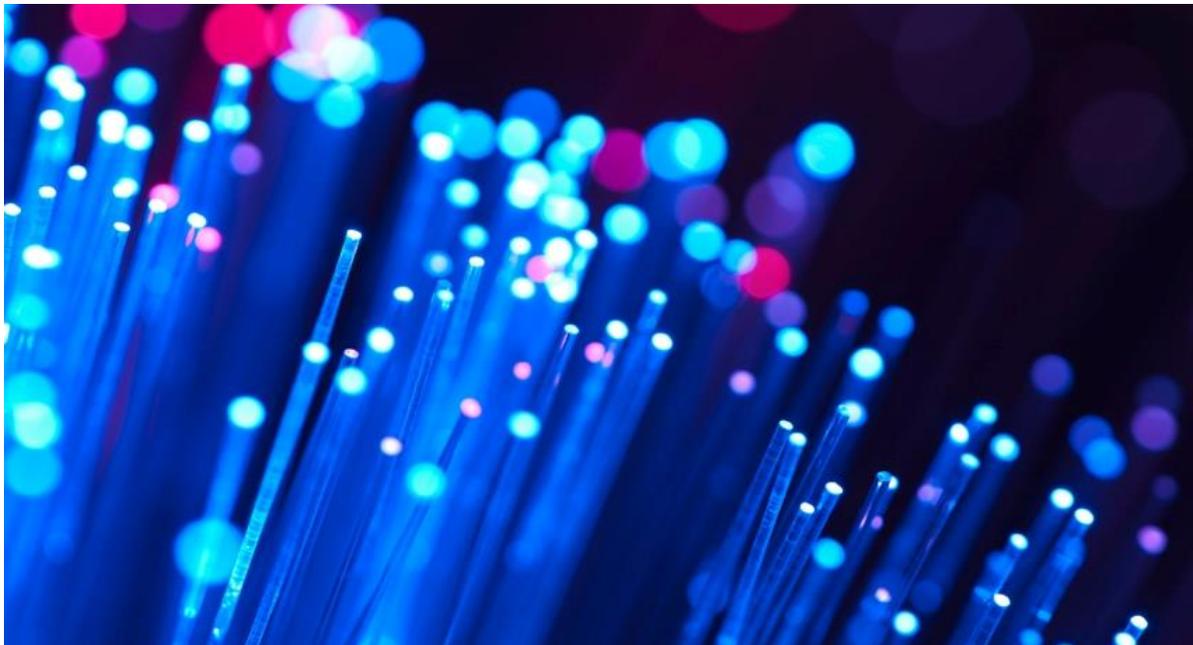
**Swindon & Wiltshire**  
LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

## **Swindon and Wiltshire Economic Assessment**

### **Appendix 2: Economic asset audit**

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# I. Economic Asset Audit

## I.1 Purpose

- I.1 This chapter provides a succinct and itemised summary of assets, across Swindon and Wiltshire, which make a key economic contribution and signify a comparative advantage. The audit is not intended to be exhaustive, but to focus on those which will support economic growth.
- I.2 The audit should be viewed alongside evidence presented in other Local Economic Assessment (LEA) chapters, particularly in the context of enterprise and innovation analysis (Business and Enterprise chapter) and skills and labour market characteristics (People and Communities chapter).
- I.3 A review of transport, digital and energy infrastructure is covered in the Sustainable Economic Growth chapter.

## I.2 Education

Name	Asset Description
University of Wales Trinity St David	The University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) was formed in 2010 through the merger of the University of Wales Lampeter and Trinity University College Carmarthen. In 2013, Swansea Metropolitan University also became part of UWTSD. The UWTSD Group also includes Coleg Sir Gâr and Coleg Ceredigion as part of a dual sector group structure comprising further education colleges and the university. They offer a vocational approach from entry level to post-doctoral research.
Oxford Brookes University – Swindon Campus	Located on the Delta Business Park, to the west of Swindon town centre, this campus opened in 2016 and is part of the Oxford Brookes Department of Psychology, Health and Professional Development. The campus offers courses in Adult Nursing and Operating Department Practice, as well as Continuing Professional Development opportunities.
Dyson Institute of Technology	A higher education establishment offering a focused four-year degree in Engineering alongside working for Dyson. The institute partners with Warwick Manufacturing Group, University of Warwick to provide the course.
University Technical College Swindon	An employer-focussed, high-tech College for 14-19-year olds. The college offers a unique learning experience created through partnerships between industry and education.
South Wiltshire University Technical College (UTC)	South Wiltshire UTC, the first University Technical College in the region, is based in Salisbury. It delivers an innovative, high-quality education that combines technical, practical and academic learning. Academic and vocational training focuses specifically in the advanced science, technology, engineering and maths disciplines.
Wiltshire College	A further education college offering courses at all levels, from Foundation Studies through to Degrees.

Swindon College	Swindon College is a further education college just outside the town centre. The college has Higher National Certificates/Diplomas (HNC/Ds) and Foundation Degrees, through to Bachelor of Arts courses and a postgraduate programme.
New College Swindon	A further education college catering for students across Swindon and Wiltshire. They offer over 150 courses, including the visual Microsoft Academy to support the digital needs of individuals, employers and communities within the local area. The Academy offers a number of courses and apprenticeships, from cyber security to cloud infrastructure technician training.
Secondary Schools	An ecosystem of over 40 private, grammar and state secondary schools offering high quality education across Wiltshire.

### I.3 Technology Parks/Business Parks

Name	Asset Description
Porton Science Park	A new state-of-the-art science park in South Wiltshire, based near leading scientific institutions, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) and the Health Protection Agency (HPA) at the Porton Down site, near Salisbury. It will comprise 355,000 sqft (approximately 3.3 ha) of research and development accommodation and will provide facilities for science and research-based industries. Construction due for completion in 2018.
Wiltshire College 3D Enterprise Centre	A technology-focused hub at Wiltshire College's Chippenham Campus offering 3D design and prototyping facilities for small businesses.
White Horse Business Park	The 65-acre White Horse Business Park is located just south of Trowbridge. It is home to many substantial companies such as DTR VMS Limited, The National Trust, and Danone / Nutricia Limited.
Castledown Business Park	A 33-acre business park located in Wiltshire allocated for office, industrial and warehouse uses. The first phase of 21 units have been sold to Wiltshire council who have leased them to small businesses. The park offers business support services in partnership with Tidworth Development Trust and GWE Business West.
Windmill Hill Business Park	A large business park located outside Swindon in landscaped surroundings. Amenities on site include a nursery and office space available to hire up to 22,000 sqft.
Shrivenham 100 Business Park	Shrivenham Hundred Business Park is an out-of-town business park home to a range of businesses, from small manufacturers to high end technology companies.
Solstice Park	A large business park located close to the M3 near Salisbury. It is home to a number of large companies including Home Bargains and Robert Wiseman Dairies.

## I.4 Workspaces, Accelerators and Incubators

Name	Asset Description
Tetricus Incubator Unit	Located on Porton Science Park near Salisbury, the incubator offers a range of specialist and targeted business services for science businesses. Tetricus manages 22,500 sqft of refurbished and part-refurbished laboratory and office space, 90% of which are incubator units.
The Enterprise Network Centres	Four enterprise centres at Ludgershall, Royal Wootton Bassett, Salisbury and Trowbridge. They offer start-up office space, networking space, business support advice and access to business grants. The Enterprise Network has also invested in six satellite centres across Wiltshire to support start-ups and growing micro business.
Defence and Security Accelerator	Located at the Dstl, this accelerator focuses on innovations which can provide advantage to defence and national security to protect the UK from its adversaries. It funds the development of suppliers' innovative ideas and provides support through to potential application. The Accelerator will also fund innovations for defence and security which support economic growth and prosperity in the UK.
Swindon and Wiltshire Health and Life Science Innovation Hub	Wessex Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) has partnered with West of England AHSN and Wiltshire Council to bring an Innovation Accelerator Programme for small and medium-sized enterprises in the Health and Life Sciences sector. The programme aims to support businesses through research, development and innovation activities. The programme has received £500,000 of ERDF funding.
Desk Co-Work Swindon	Swindon's first co-work space with flexible renting options for start-ups and freelancers. The company started in Swindon with an aim to bring local entrepreneurs together. They have now opened another co-working space in Newbury.

## I.5 Business Support and Networks

Name	Asset Description
Swindon and Wiltshire Growth Hub	The Growth Hub acts as a gateway to access direct support for new or existing businesses. It offers enterprises with a single gateway through which to access support, whether starting, running or growing a business. It also provides the business community with a connected network in which to share ideas and information.
The Swindon and Wiltshire SME Growth Project (ESIF)	The Growth Project (Enterprise Network) provides 12 hours of intensive business support to businesses to help successfully grow and develop. Business growth advisors offer services including reviewing business plans, collating robust financial plans, help with applying for a start-up loan, and accessing tailored business advice.
Inspire (Wessex Chamber of Commerce)	Offers a range of business services from discounted or free products to networking opportunities. Tailored advice is available for small growing businesses, new start-ups, and established growing businesses.
Federation of Small Business	The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) offers their members a wide range of vital business services including advice, financial expertise, support and a powerful voice in government. Their mission is to help smaller businesses achieve their ambitions. The FSB has four branches across Swindon and Wiltshire – Kennet, North and West Wiltshire, Salisbury and Swindon.
Country Land & Business Association	The CLA is the membership organisation for owners of land, property and businesses in rural England and Wales. They work to ensure the best interests of the land has a positive effect on wildlife and the natural environment, and their diverse and successful businesses are the heart of rural communities.

## I.6 Innovation

Name	Asset Description
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl)	As an executive agency of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), Dstl supplies specialist services to the MoD and wider government, including specialist science and technology services. The laboratory is also responsible for championing and developing science and technology skills across MoD. The headquarters of the entire agency are located at Porton Down, Salisbury.
UK Space Agency	The UK Space Agency is located in Swindon and is responsible for all strategic decisions on the UK civil space programme. They ensure that the UK retains and grows a strategic capability in space-based systems, technologies, science and applications. It is an executive agency, sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.
Digital Corsham	Home to the largest digital capacity in the UK, the Corsham Institute's 'Digital Corsham' initiative is part of their Digital Communities Programme. The programme actively brings together companies, schools, Parish and Town Councils and community organisations in the Corsham area to increase digital activity, and support education, health, civic-engagement and enterprise. Data centres, cloud services, and MoD communications (in the form of The Global Operations and Security Control Centre) are also located in Corsham.
Research Councils UK	Swindon is the base for Research Councils UK (RCUK), which includes the headquarters for seven out of eight national research councils. RCUK's mission is to optimise the ways that Research Councils work together to deliver their goals, to enhance the overall performance and impact of UK research, training and knowledge transfer and to be recognised by academia, business and government for excellence in research sponsorship.
Swindon Hydrogen Hub	Swindon and Wiltshire are committed to supporting low carbon industries and is the only place outside London to have installed two hydrogen refuelling stations, including the UK's first public access station. Swindon is home to a number of leading global automotive manufacturers who have come together with other stakeholders to drive investment in hydrogen and fuel cell technology through the Hydrogen Hub. Since 2014 Honda Manufacturing UK have operated a solar-powered hydrogen production facility at its Swindon base.

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Building Research Park	Located at the Science Museum Group at Wroughton, the park is part of the University of Bath's BRE Centre for Innovative Construction Material. It offers a number of facilities for research into innovative building materials and constructive systems. The HIVE is the first building project in the park and is funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Council.
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