





#### Did you know?

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

# WHY HARROGATE?

Our economy is diverse, with a strong financial and professional services sector, world-class manufacturing, a flourishing life sciences sector, a fast growing digital/tech and creative community and a vibrant entrepreneurial culture.

Located in the centre of the UK, with excellent transport links North and South, offering an outstanding quality of life and unrivalled access to the stunning Yorkshire countryside, Harrogate district is a popular location for business growth.

Businesses here have a culture of innovation and invention; and the Harrogate district has a history of research and development expertise.

#### **Facts and figures**

- Super fast broadband covers 95% of the district
- Total population 161,000 with 81,000 economically active
- 41% of the population is educated to NVQ level 4 or above
- £3.87bn GVA which is 30% of North Yorkshire GVA
- Almost 3 million people of working age are within 1 hours drive
- Nine universities in the wider region



# **OPPORTUNITIES**

Looking for start-up premises, or considering a business relocation?

Seeking a development site, an industrial unit or high quality office accommodation?

The Invest Harrogate team, working in partnership with Harrogate district's property agents, workplace providers and developers, are ready to help UK and international investors and businesses in their decision to move into or grown within the area.









# HOW WE CAN HELP

### We can use our local knowledge to help with:

- Advice on specific locations within the Harrogate district
- Property searches of public and private sector sites
- Identifying the right commercial opportunity
- Understanding the labour market and workforce skills

- Information on relevant funding sources / opportunities
- Planning familiarisation visits
- Introductions to the business networks that can help inform your decisions
- Tailored information on skills, industry strengths, the local economy and living in the Harrogate district

The Invest Harrogate team will work with you in confidence to provide a point of contact with relevant departments within the council such as planning, licensing and environmental health.



