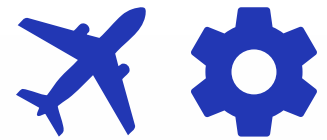


# Teesside Takes Flight



## The Impact of Aviation in the Tees Valley and the North East

### AVIATION'S IMPACT IN NUMBERS



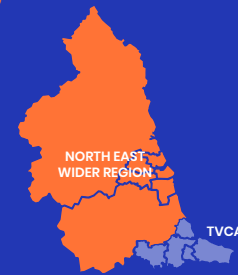
**2,402 jobs**

The Tees Valley Combined Authority area has 2,402 jobs directly generated by aviation.



**516 jobs**

Of these, Stockton North constituency has the largest share with 516 jobs.



**17,000 jobs**

The wider North East region boasts 17,000 jobs directly generated by aviation.



**£48.4 million**

Teesside Airport contributes £48.4 million in GVA to the North East.



**200,000**

More than 200,000 thousand passengers travel through Teesside International Airport every year.

### INTRODUCTION TO AVIATION IN THE TEES VALLEY

Aviation is a fast-growing sector in the UK. It supports key industries like advanced manufacturing, tech, life sciences, and tourism – many of which the Government's Industrial Strategy identifies as growth-driving sectors.

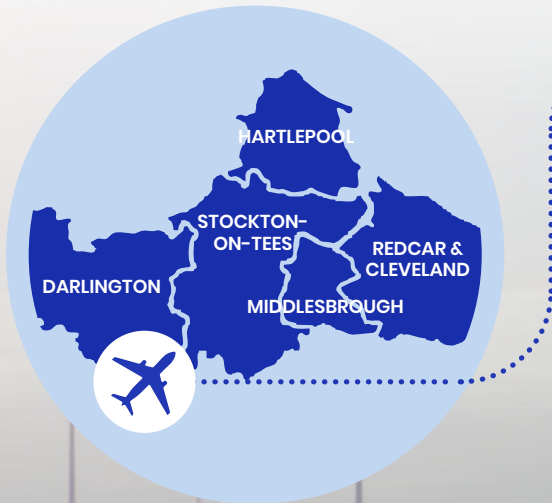
Teesside International Airport is a vital asset for the Tees Valley – connecting businesses, supporting freight and logistics, and opening the door for tourism and investment. The airport is strongly backed by the Tees Valley Combined Authority and plays a central role in the region's regeneration and economic growth plans.

Direct flights to Amsterdam Schiphol make business

and leisure travel fast and convenient, with onward connections to more than 160 destinations worldwide. This global reach helps attract inward investment and foreign direct investment. Key sectors in the Tees Valley such as advanced manufacturing and chemical processing rely on this connectivity to emerging markets in the Middle East, Far East, Africa and South America.

Advanced manufacturing is at the heart of the Tees Valley economy, driven by strengths in chemicals, offshore, automotive, aerospace, and energy. These sectors thrive thanks to the region's top-tier infrastructure, with advanced manufacturing accounting for 7.4% of all jobs in the area.

“**Teesside International Airport is a significant asset for the Tees Valley and its wider catchment area. It retains critical connections for local business and opportunities for visitors and tourists both inward and outward.**”



## TEESSIDE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

### SUSTAINABLE AVIATION IN THE TEES VALLEY

The aviation industry has a clear and credible plan for decarbonising the sector. This includes more efficient planes, flying more efficient routes, ramping up the use of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and using new zero-emission technologies such as hydrogen. Research from Sustainable Aviation shows a homegrown SAF industry could boost the UK economy by £1.8 billion by the end of the decade and create 10,300 green jobs. The industry could grow to employ more than 60,000 people and support over £10 billion in GVA in the next 25 years.

The Tees Valley is leading the charge on SAF. The region's biotech and low-carbon energy sectors are driving innovation, with five local companies securing £40 million from the Department for Transport's Advanced Fuels Fund.

Alfanar Energy, Abundian Biomass-to-Liquids, Arcadia e-Fuels, Nova Pangaea Technologies, and Willis Sustainable Fuels are using the funding to develop cutting-edge SAF production plants – putting the Tees Valley at the forefront of the UK's green aviation future.

### A HUB FOR BUSINESS AND HYDROGEN

#### Teesside International Airport Business Park

The Teesside International Airport Business Park is a prime location for industry – offering airside access and tax benefits as part of the Teesside Freeport Customs Zone. The Business Park is already home to major players in logistics, aerospace, defence, and aircraft maintenance.

Standouts include:

- FedEx, the global transport and logistics company, moved its freight operations to Teesside airport in 2024.
- Willis Aviation Services, an aircraft maintenance company, is developing a £25 million Aviation Village and Jet Centre.
- Draken, an aerospace and defence company, supports military training for the RAF at the airport.

#### Hydrogen

The Tees Valley is a UK leader in hydrogen innovation and already produces around half of the country's hydrogen. Private investment is pouring in to build hydrogen facilities that will play a key role in decarbonising aviation.

These include bp's development of large-scale blue and green hydrogen production facilities: H2Teesside and HyGreen Teesside. Other major projects include H2NorthEast, developed by energy infrastructure firm Kellas Midstream, and Tees Green Hydrogen by EDF. Work is also ongoing to create a pioneering hydrogen refuelling station at Teesside International Airport.

### HOW AVIATION SUPPORTS THE TEES VALLEY ECONOMIC AMBITIONS

The Tees Valley Combined Authority owns 75% of the airport, tying its growth and economic impact directly to the region. The Combined Authority is committed to expanding commercial and freight services and placing the airport at the heart of the region's economic future.

The Airport Business Park sits within the Customs Zone of the UK's largest Freeport – the Teesside Freeport. This offers major tax breaks and incentives, making it a magnet for inward investment and a key driver of regional development.

