

Luton Business Clusters – Aerospace and Automotive

Aerospace and Aviation

The aviation sector in Luton comprises of three distinct types of activities - London Luton Airport and related ground-based infrastructure, airlines and aerospace manufacturing businesses.

Luton has a great track record when it comes to attracting high-quality airlines (transporting people and freight), ground-based infrastructure businesses and multinational aerospace manufacturing firms and their supply chain.

The current expansion of London Luton Airport combined with the new Enterprise Zone will see this sector really take off in Luton over the next few years.

Key aerospace and aviation businesses in Luton

- easyJet (UK) plc
- Monarch Aircraft Engineering Ltd
- GKN Aerospace Transparency Systems (Luton) Ltd
- TUI Travel plc
- Moog
- Finmeccanica
- Signature Flight Support
- Harrods Aviation
- Gulfstream Aerospace Ltd
- CATS Aviation Training

Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering and Automotive

Luton is synonymous with vehicle manufacturing and high-precision engineering.

Boasting a large concentration of engineering businesses, and the benefits of economical business costs, Luton offers immediate access to key clusters such as the pharmaceutical and bioscience sector, the Midlands automotive sector and 'Motorsport Valley',

whose world-leading engineering, research and development companies stretch from Luton to Coventry.

In 1905 Vauxhall opened the country's first large-scale car factory in Luton. Today the Vauxhall plant is the last remaining light commercial vehicle manufacturer in the UK.

The town is home to world-leading British and international engineering companies serving the automotive, aviation, defence and pharmaceutical industries.

Of late, Luton has been successful in attracting high-performance technology companies specialising in the design and manufacture of innovative technologies applied to engines, including automotive, aerospace, marine and world leading research centres. All this means that Luton offers access to a wide range of engineering-related skills and supply chain businesses in the borough and surrounding areas.

Local educational establishments also feature a range of engineering and management courses relevant to the sector, further boosting access to skills.

Key engineering businesses in Luton

- Hayward Tyler
- SKF
- MacDonald Humfrey (Automation) Ltd
- BWI Group
- TTI Group Ltd
- TRUMPF Ltd
- Elster Water Metering Ltd
- Bruderer UK Ltd
- General Motors Ltd

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