

Exciting High-Tech Projects to Create Thousands of Jobs in Derby

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The UK Government has announced a significant investment of £18.85 million to support the development of high-tech manufacturing projects in Derby. This funding will create up to 4,500 jobs and boost the city's economic recovery.

One of the major projects is the establishment of a revolutionary high-tech food manufacturing and distribution campus on the former Celanese site near Spondon. Developed and operated by [SmartParc](#), the campus will bring together food producers to reduce food waste, lower carbon emissions, and increase UK food security.

The campus will feature a shared energy plant, advanced technology for improved production and efficiency, and a central distribution facility. It will also incorporate innovative approaches like vertical farming and planned partnerships with local communities to promote sustainable food production and create jobs.

In addition to the food manufacturing campus, the government has also agreed to support the launch of an advanced manufacturing research center at Infinity Park. This center will collaborate with businesses in the region to boost employment through innovation and provide access to cutting-edge expertise.

SmartParc chief executive Jackie Wild said she was delighted to be able to develop the project in Derby. "SmartParc is part of a £300m investment to put Derby city and the UK at the heart of the future of sustainable food manufacturing globally. The planned SmartParc campus will combine world-class food production facilities with shared utilities, amenities and services to provide a highly sustainable, low-cost production base for food manufacturers and new ways to reach end customers while reducing food miles

and food waste. It will also act as a community hub, with a new food innovation centre and skills facility and planned partnerships with local charities, schools and universities to reconnect people with the food they eat. We are delighted to receive Government backing for our ambition and look forward to working with Derby City Council, local universities, businesses and communities to share our vision and deliver up to 4,500 new jobs in the area over the coming years.”

The combined investment of £18.85 million is a significant boost for Derby’s economic recovery and demonstrates the government’s commitment to supporting high-tech manufacturing and innovation in the UK.