



## Alconbury Weald hosts a manufacturing summit

In September, Alconbury Weald Campus welcomed industry leaders, entrepreneurs and stakeholders to Huntingdonshire District Council's first Invest in Huntingdonshire Manufacturing Summit, co-sponsored by Alconbury Weald's master developer, Urban&Civic.

The Summit provided a platform for attendees to gain insights into the latest trends, opportunities and challenges in manufacturing. It also facilitated valuable networking and collaboration opportunities, further strengthening the manufacturing ecosystem in Huntingdonshire.

Businesses were also invited to ask questions of a selected panel, which included senior directors from two of Huntingdonshire's success stories, Encocam (based at Alconbury Weald Campus) and Paragraf, alongside the new CEO of the Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce.

Using a mix of strong traditional craft and skilled engineering, the advanced manufacturing sector in Huntingdonshire supports 13,000 jobs, 7% above the national average. Local manufacturing businesses have received more than £7million in innovation grants and have generated over 40 successful patents since 2019. The Enterprise Campus at Alconbury Weald hosts a ever growing number of inventive manufacturing businesses.



Executive Councillor for Jobs, Economy and Housing, Cllr Sam Wakeford said:

*"Manufacturing is a core, foundation sector contributing to approximately 25% of the Huntingdonshire economy. HDC have prioritised and delivered support and funding over the last two years to this vibrant and diverse sector. This is just the first in a series of exciting activities happening during September."*

