



A region rich in opportunity

Welcome to the latest edition of our Freeport Focus newsletter.

This past quarter included an important milestone for Humber Freeport – the publication of our new Investment Prospectus.

We chose UKREiIF in Leeds as the perfect platform on which to launch the prospectus, in front of an audience of decision-makers, investors and developers.

The launch event, kindly hosted by Connected Places Catapult, was standing room only, and provided an opportunity to discuss the Humber's diverse and compelling investment proposition, its role as an industrial powerhouse, and the strength of its wonderful people.

In all parts of the Humber, we are united by a common desire – to drive growth, job creation and prosperity for our local communities.

Our new prospectus sets out a multi-billion-pound investment opportunity which, if maximised, will unlock all of the above, and so much more.

Thank you to everyone who came to support our event at UKREiIF, and for your continued support of Humber Freeport and what we are aiming to achieve.

If we get this right, the benefits will be transformational for the Humber and its people.

Finbarr Dowling

Chair, Humber Freeport



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Unveiling our new Investment Prospectus



A £3bn opportunity for the Humber.

That's what we outline in our new Investment Prospectus, as we set out the developments which will create thousands of high-value jobs, stimulate growth and empower our local communities.

The prospectus underlines how the Humber offers investors scale, capability and proven delivery, with development-ready sites and a distinct investment proposition.

We launched our Investment Prospectus at UKREiIF in Leeds, where our Chair Finbarr Dowling was joined on stage by the region's two elected Mayors, Luke Campbell MBE and Dame Andrea Jenkyns, and Ibrahim Mohamed, a Strategic Advisor for the Department for Business and Trade.

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UKREiIF: joining our partners to spotlight Humber's rich potential



The power of partnership shone through as the Humber took centre stage in front of 16,000 investors, developers and decision-makers at UKREiIF 2026.

Our Freeport team stood alongside representatives from the Humber's two Combined Authorities, its four local authorities, and a powerful collaboration of private sector partners from industry.

For the Humber, it was a reminder that our region is an industrial powerhouse, keeping Britain fuelled and trading, with significant growth potential for UK plc.

A big thank you to those who kindly hosted us at the conference – to Invest Hull and East Yorkshire, the Greater Lincolnshire CCA, and Connected Places Catapult.

If you missed any of the action at UKREiIF, you can catch up with our series of daily blogs from the event.

[Day One](#)

[Day Two](#)

[Day Three](#)

'It should be a no-brainer for businesses to choose the Humber'



We were delighted to announce Rian Patel as our Freeport Future Ambassador.

Rian is the CEO and Founder of VEDA, a technology consultancy and software development company which works with SMEs to support them with digital transformation and AI adoption.

Having grown up in Hull, Rian is a passionate ambassador for our region, urging the Humber and its people to "shout louder, take more risks, and take a leap into what you are passionate about."

[Hear from Rian here](#)



HBD reports strong interest in FREEPORT 36



Major investors are looking at Goole's FREEPORT 36 development as a location of choice, a director at property developer HBD told an East Yorkshire event.

David Nuttall, a Director at HBD, said interest in the 300-acre industrial and logistics development was high, reflecting Goole's compelling proposition as a place to invest and do business.

FREEPORT 36 will deliver 5.5m sq ft of prime commercial space within the Humber Freeport Goole tax site, and is designed to provide high-quality, sustainable industrial and manufacturing facilities adjacent to the M62 motorway.

Mr Nuttall said HBD remained focused on delivering a development "of national scale and prominence", and said enquiries for FREEPORT 36 were outpacing other sites across the company's portfolio.

[Find out more here](#)

Skills focus during delegate visit to Humber



We recently welcomed UK Industrial Strategy Zone communications teams to the Humber, to showcase the important contribution we're making to the region's development and skills agendas.

During a two-day visit, delegates from Government departments and other UK freeports toured a pair of industry-leading facilities which have benefitted from Humber Freeport's £25m seed capital fund.

First, the comms group visited Hull-based UK manufacturer Ideal Heating, which recently completed construction of its £20m UK Technology Centre (UKTC), a pioneering research and development facility which will accelerate the advancement of low carbon heating solutions like heat pumps.

On day two, delegates headed to industry training provider CATCH in Stallingborough, near Grimsby. More than £5m of seed funding has supported an expansion which will create a hub for industry collaboration, conferences, education partnerships and skills development.

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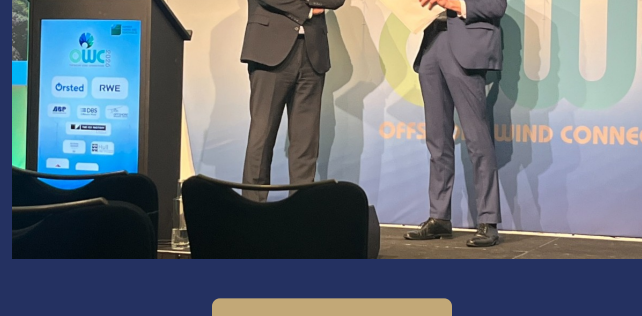
Celebrating the people at the heart of our offshore wind sector



Our Chair Finbarr Dowling highlighted the "skills, talent and passion" of the people behind the remarkable growth of the Humber's offshore wind energy sector.

Mr Dowling spoke at Offshore Wind Connections 2026 in Hull, alongside partners from Associated British Ports, the University of Hull and Grimsby Ice Factory.

He praised the Humber's collaborative business environment, and its high-quality education and skills providers, citing the ongoing impact of organisations including CATCH, Ron Dearing UTC and Hull College.



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Joining Humber at Global Offshore Wind



Our Head of Investment, Richard Beason, was in Manchester recently for Global Offshore Wind 2026.

The Humber was represented by a host of leading energy companies which together have driven the growth and success of our region's wind power sector.

We were delighted to support organisations including Associated British Ports, Ørsted, Siemens Energy, RWE and Equinor, as well as Connected Places Catapult.

The conference brought together the entire offshore wind supply chain, with a focus this year on energy security and the future of the industry.

Freeport proposition highlighted in Local Growth Plan



The Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority has published its Local Growth Plan, setting out key growth-driving investment opportunities on the north bank of the Humber.

Those opportunities include our freeport tax sites at Hull East and Goole, including developments at the Humber International Enterprise Park, Yorkshire Energy Park and Saltend Chemicals Park.

The Local Growth Plan focuses on four 'Big Plays' to drive up economic prosperity:

- Powering our industrial future
- Baking local business
- Building skills and good work
- Connecting and enabling growth

[Read the full plan here](#)

CATCH opens expanded training centre



Industry skills and training provider CATCH has officially opened its expanded centre, with support from Humber Freeport's seed capital fund.

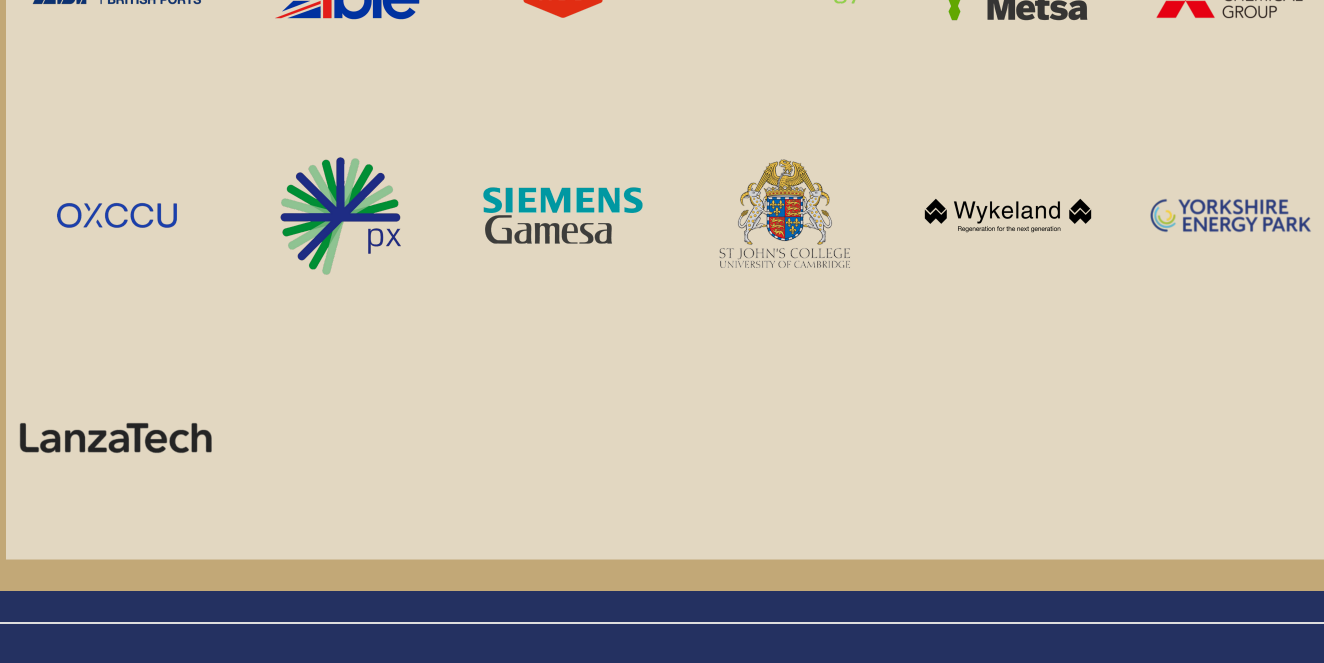
The new facility will provide industry collaboration space at CATCH's home in Stallingborough, near Grimsby, further strengthening its role as a hub for skills development and knowledge sharing across the Humber region.

Backed by £5m of seed capital funding from Humber Freeport, the centre was formally opened by our CEO, Simon Green, and provides a hub for industry collaboration, conferences, education partnerships and skills development.

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