



## About the Thames Valley and Slough Chamber Council

The Thames Valley is one of the UK's most successful economic regions; the real power-house of the UK economy; a proven destination for inward investment and a significant origin of export orientated trading companies. The Slough Chamber represents a diverse range of businesses but predominantly business services with a high percentage from the Legal & Financial sector. Slough Trading Estate is Europe's largest trading estate in single ownership and is home to many of the world's most successful companies including Mars, Ferrari and UCB.

## Purpose

This 'statement' summarises the key local policy priorities of the Slough Chamber Council and is endorsed by the region's only accredited Chamber, the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce.

## Aim and Objective

The aim of this statement is to provide a clear summary of the core policy priorities the Slough Chamber is focused behind and unified in supporting. The objective is to help ensure politicians, public policy makers and other key stakeholders are clear about what the business community in the area feel are important and decision makers should concentrate on delivering and influencing. It is also an invitation to those partners to engage with business and the local Chamber Council to help shape, frame and deliver solutions that will secure the economic prosperity of the local area and wider Thames Valley region

## Local Policy Priorities

Our membership has identified several local policy priorities:

- To engage business to make sure Government is listening to and is working towards ensuring the delivery of a 'business friendly' (rather than a 'hard' or 'soft') BREXIT
- To lobby for improvement in our regional infrastructure, specifically:
  - To secure the funding for and the delivery of the Western Rail Link to Heathrow (WRLtH)
  - To ensure the timely implementation of London Heathrow's Third Runway
  - To expedite the delivery of the M4 smart motorway programme between junctions 3-12 against the current timetable
- To encourage world class design, architecture and planning to firmly take root in Slough town centre and its supporting infrastructure so that it remains a most attractive investment destination for UK and foreign-owned companies
- To maintain support to existing exporters, helping new businesses to grow their trade activity
- To encourage stronger business focused relationships with all levels of education

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