Campaigns & Lobbying in Review

The Chamber's key highlights



In the run up to the last general election, on behalf of our members, the Chamber was active in lobbying the main Parties across a broad range of policy areas.

We Have:

- Worked alongside the British Chambers of Commerce to develop
 a series that developed realistic recommendations for the <u>future</u>
 of the <u>UK economy</u>, and fresh and compelling proposals for
 government. This included shaping the paper, <u>Global Britain</u> –
 <u>Accelerating Growth: Driving Trade and Inward Investment</u>.
- Helped inform and shape early research outlining a <u>new</u> partnership and long-term plan for government business relations to power our economy and society.
- Presented a 'Manifesto for investment, health and growth in the <u>Thames Valley'</u>, highlighting the key asks of a future government, designed to ensure we advance the Thames Valley's global reputation as a world leader in health and life sciences.
- Outlined the case for the <u>Western Rail Link to London Heathrow</u> (<u>WRLtH</u>), to the then Shadow, and now, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and supporting the <u>WRLtH APPG Chair</u> in presenting the case for the scheme's timely delivery.
- Regularly communicated key priorities to all political parties, emphasising: a focus on creating the conditions for growth (including regulation and legislation); ensuring that <u>local skills</u> meet local needs; creating the best possible conditions for FDI; advancing the growth-driving sectors present and improving exporter confidence to boost trade.

Since the Election, our lobbying and engagement of government continues.

This includes submitting consultation responses:

- <u>Environmental Audit Committee</u> on airport expansion and climate and nature targets.
- Planning and Infrastructure Bill.
- Invest 2035 the UK's modern industrial strategy, hosting a business roundtable and presenting a life sciences specific document to inform the white paper.
- <u>Comprehensive Spending Review</u>, including comments on the need for a review of the VPAC; Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate; Power and infrastructure and bringing forward plans for a new hospital for Berkshire.
- An open letter regarding <u>Project Churchward</u> including a <u>response</u> from the Minister of State for Rail.



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