

Sites & Premises in the Plymouth Travel to work area - Ten intriguing facts and/or statistics:

A report has recently been published by *SG Consulting* entitled:

'Review of the supply & demand of industrial sites & premises in the Plymouth travel-to-work-area. Issues for consideration & debate'.

It contains the following facts and/or statistics: -

Did you know that...

1. While Plymouth was losing 2,200 manufacturing jobs over the four years between 2007 and 2011, 28 local authority areas in the country managed to increase theirs – including Cornwall by 1,600.
2. By 2018, approx up to a fifth of all commercial properties are forecasted to have to be removed from the market because they will be either too energy inefficient or uneconomic to refurbish or both.
3. The Boston Consulting Group forecasts that the relocation of manufacturing from China, will repatriate \$100 billion in goods production to U.S. shores and directly and indirectly create 2 million to 3 million jobs. (In Shenzhen, China labour costs have surged by 20% a year for the past four years).
4. Almost three-quarters of local authorities in the country have allocated employment sites that have not seen any development for over a decade.
5. In a special survey for this report, 70% of local manufacturers said that they believe the supply of premises in the Plymouth TTWA is either *'inadequate'* or *'inappropriately located and priced'*.
6. One in six local manufacturing firms isn't sure whether they will still be here in the Plymouth area in five year's time or re-located somewhere else.
7. One in five firms surveyed for this report operate from premises that are over fifty years old.
8. The Heart of the SW LEP ranks 32nd out of 39 LEPs for foreign direct investment success with just 124 jobs created in 2011.
9. Once HS2 is operational, rail travellers to London from Glasgow will take just thirty minutes longer to arrive in the capital (414 miles) than those from Plymouth (237 miles). They'll be averaging 40mph faster than those coming up from the Westcountry.
10. Prior to demolition, the Toshiba site in Ernesettle is/was costing its owner £300,000 pa in business rates alone while it was lying idle.



These facts and more are contained in this new report. To access an Executive Summary of the report please click [here](#)

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