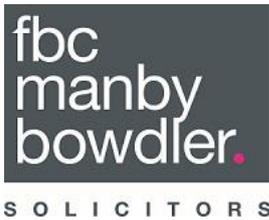




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## [Black Country Chamber Officially Launches Manufacturing Campaign](#)

On 20th October, we officially launched our manufacturing campaign, Making The Future, which is being delivered in partnership with [FBC Manby Bowdler LLP](#).

Five key areas have been identified for the campaign that we would like to see action on, which includes:

Clarity over Brexit

Intensifying strategic collaboration

Raising awareness of power issues throughout the region

The development on an equipped and modern workforce

Increased access to funding and support for innovation and automation

Please click [here](#) for more information on our Making The Future Campaign and discover how you can get involved!

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## [Honda Government Affairs Managers Warns of No-Deal Brexit](#)

Patrick Keating, Government Affairs Manager at Honda, recently warned the Business Select Committee that "outside the Customs Union, there is no such thing as a frictionless border". He also expressed his concern over the logistics of how the movement of 2m daily products will be managed if the UK leaves the EU with no deal. Keating expressed fears that a no-deal scenario could put an "end to EU recognition of UK regulatory approval".



Please click [here](#) to read the full article.



### [ONS Statistics Highlight Manufacturing Production Increase](#)

UK industrial production is increasing more than expected and the trade deficit is narrowing, official figures showcased this month. In particular, production for the third quarter was estimated to have increased by 1.1% quarter-on-quarter, up from 1.0% as September's production was revised up from the 0.3% expansion pencilled in by the ONS in its preliminary estimate of GDP.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

### [Black Country Plays A Blinder In Westminster](#)

Black Country Chamber of Commerce members recently attended the Black Country Expo held at Portcullis House in Westminster. The event, which was attended by Boris Johnson and a host of local MP's, was an enormous success and proved to be a fantastic opportunity for Black Country businesses to showcase the excellent, extraordinary and bespoke products they make.



Please click [here](#) to read more about the Black Country Expo.

### [Have Your Say](#)

#### [Quarterly Economic Survey](#) [Q4 2017](#)

Our Quarterly Economic Survey is an economic indicator that charts manufacturing performance and confidence throughout the local region. Furthermore, the results of the survey help to influence decisions undertaken by the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee on matters such as the recent rise in interest rates, for example.

Please click [here](#) to take part in the QES.