

Realising Regional Growth: What next for West Yorkshire?

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West Yorkshire's renaissance

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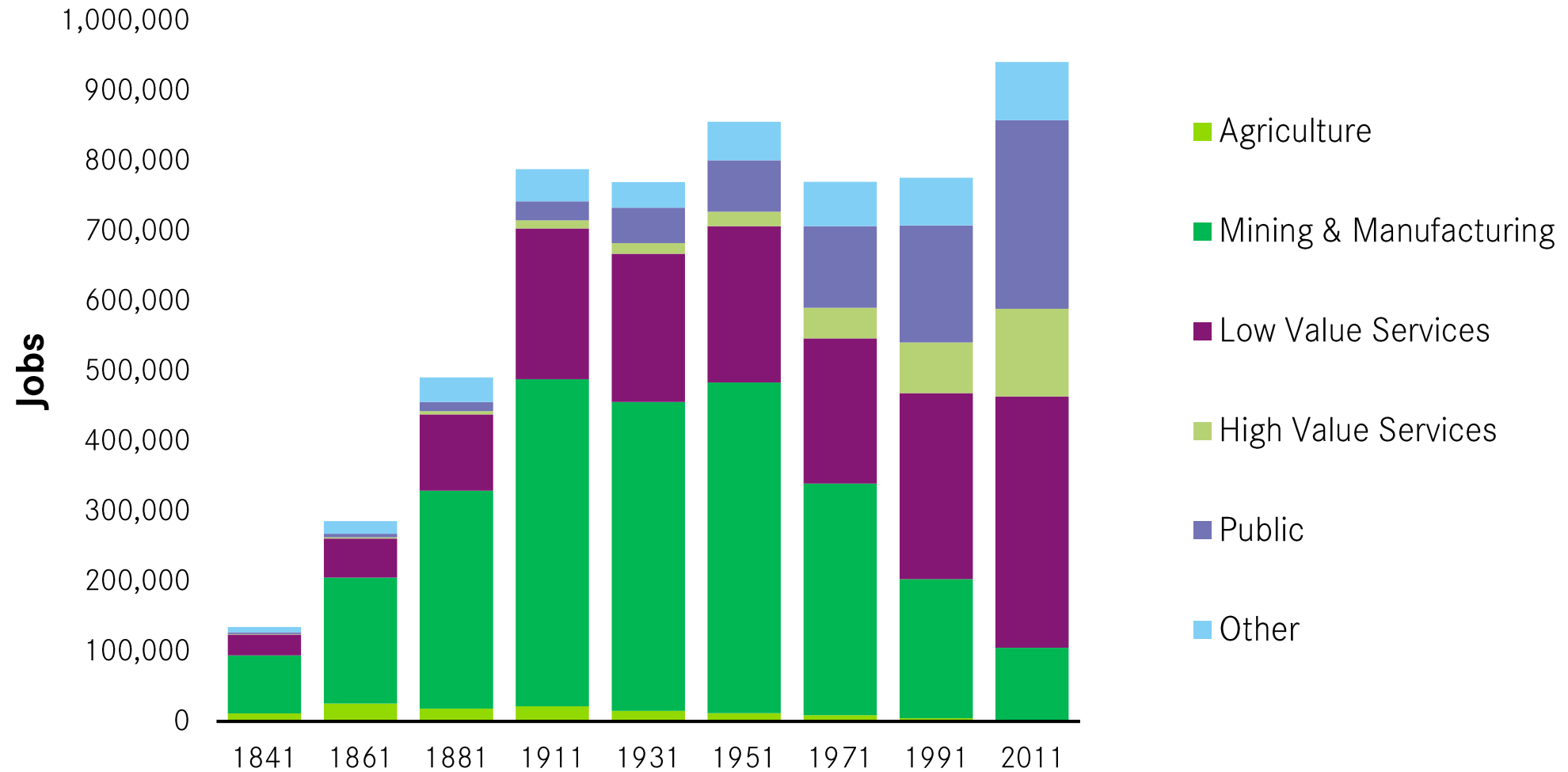
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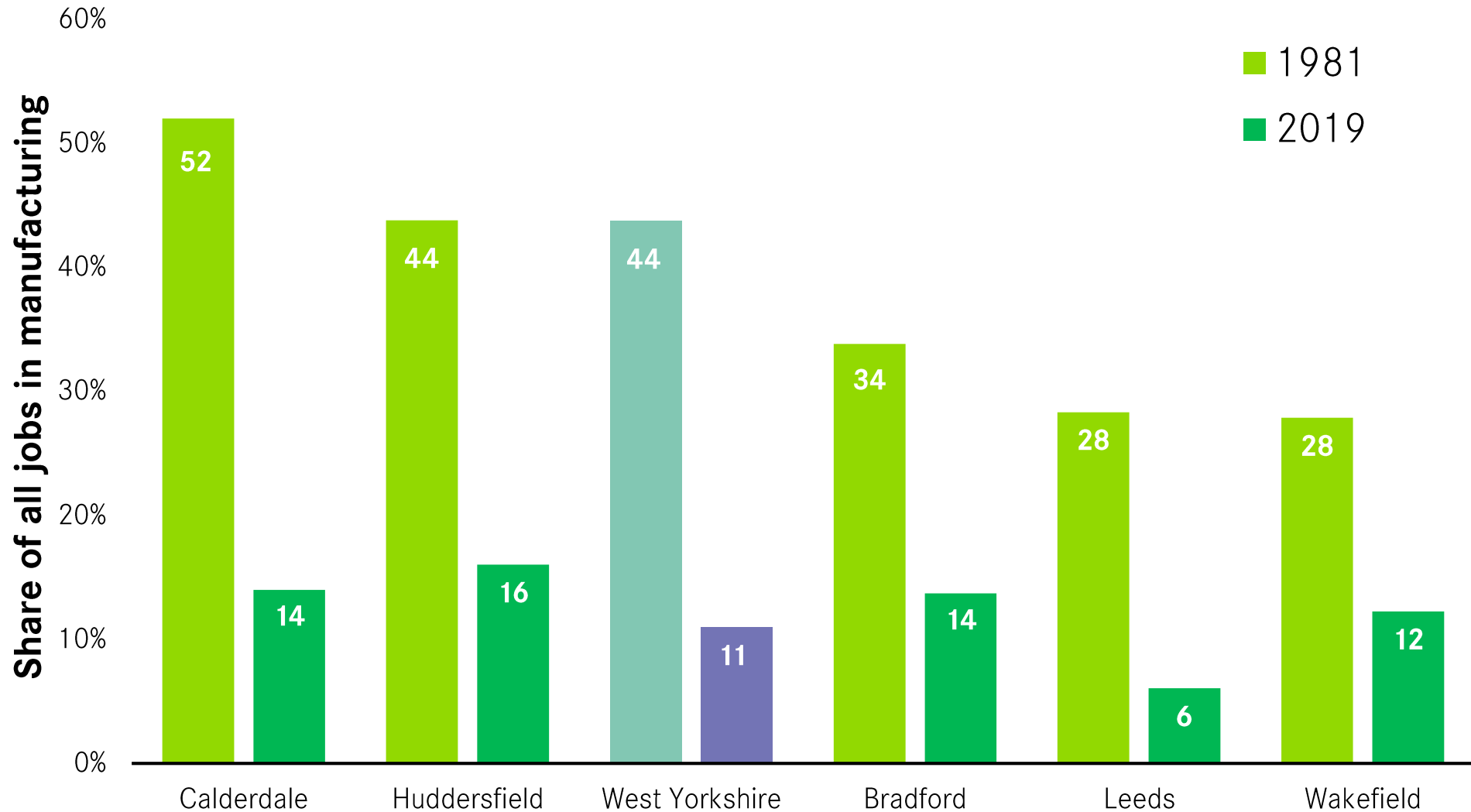


West Yorkshire's economy went through considerable change in the 20th century



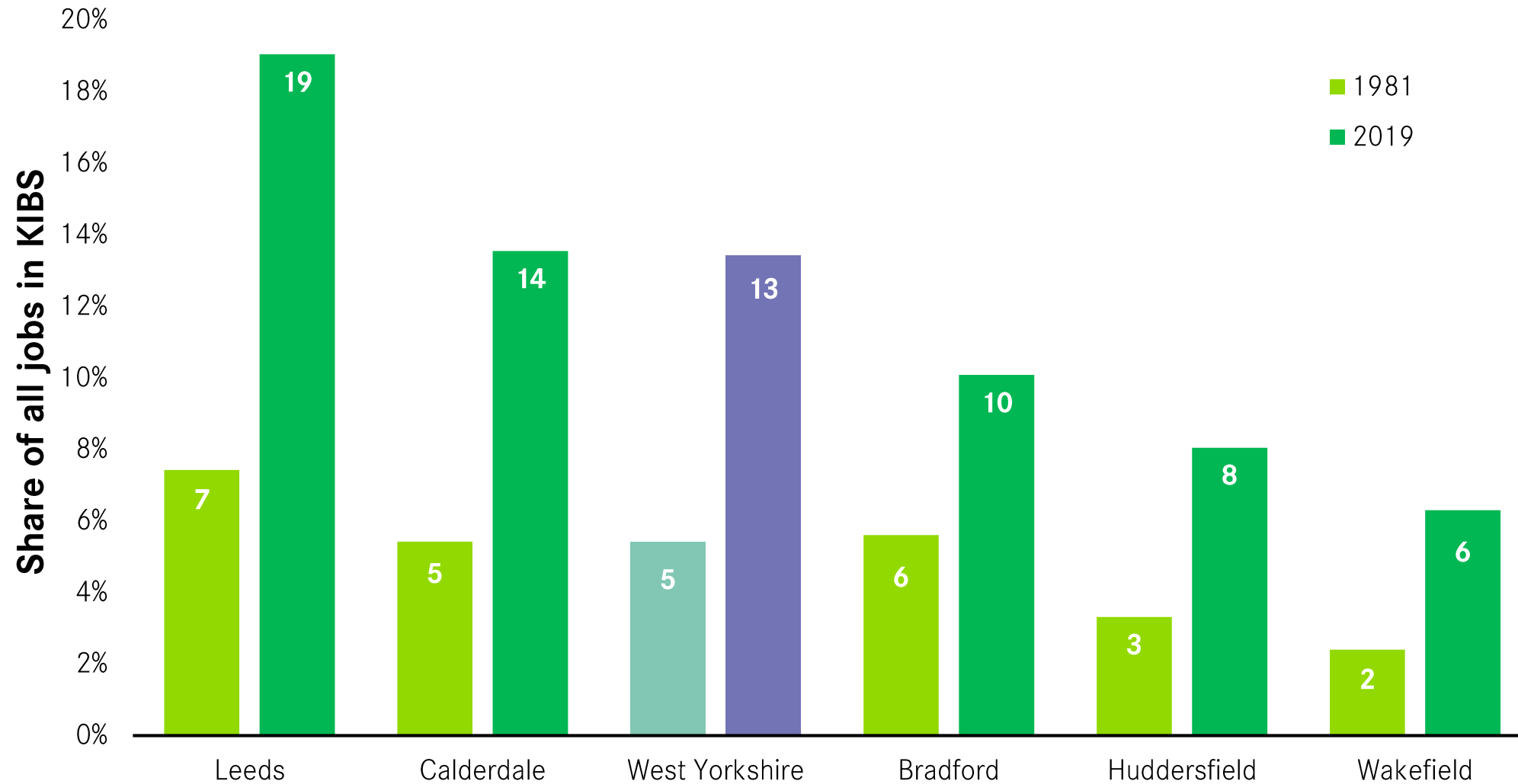
Source: University of Portsmouth, ONS
Note: Data for Calderdale not available

The entire city-region has seen manufacturing jobs decline over the past 40 years

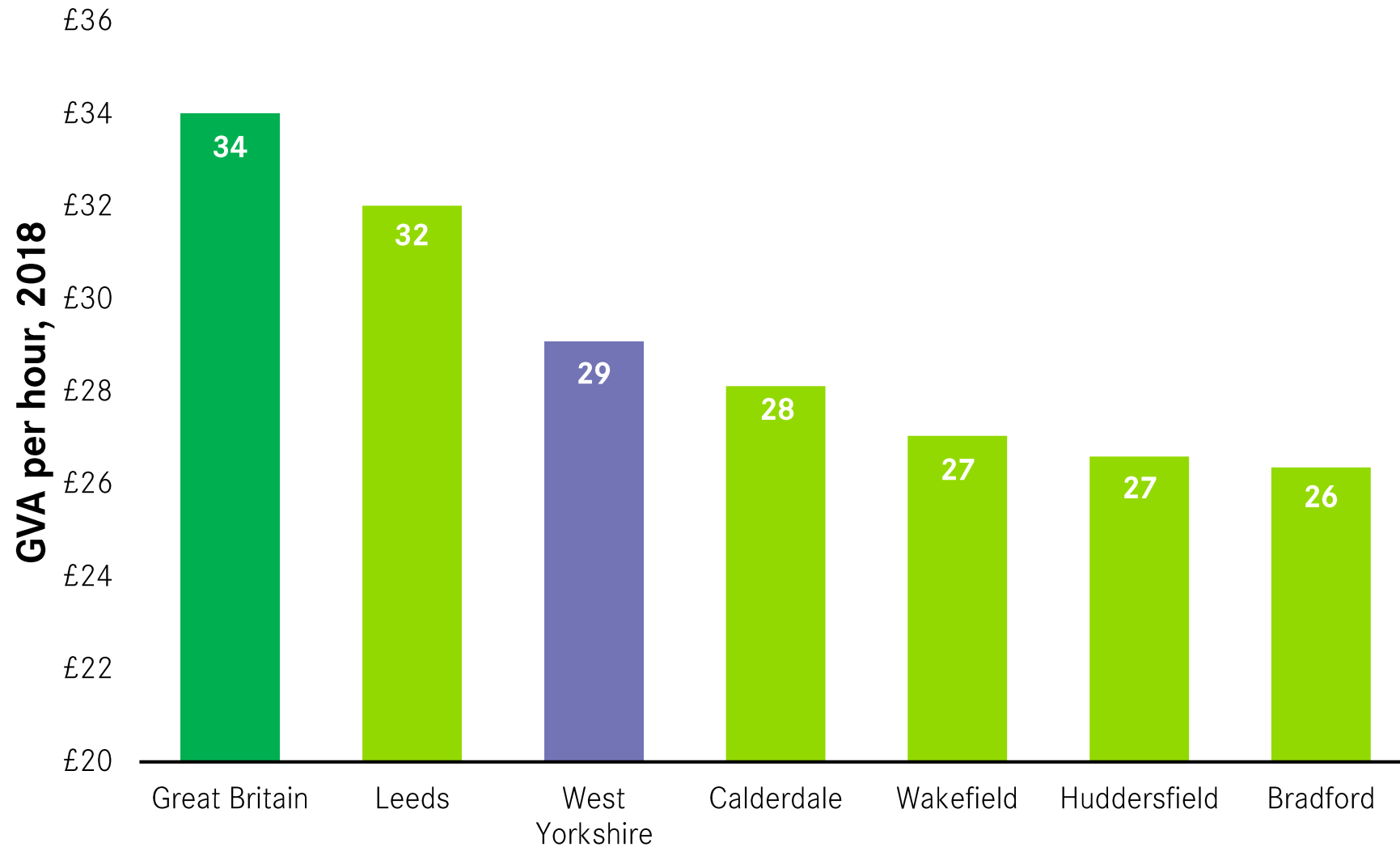


Source: Census of Employment 1981, BRES 2019

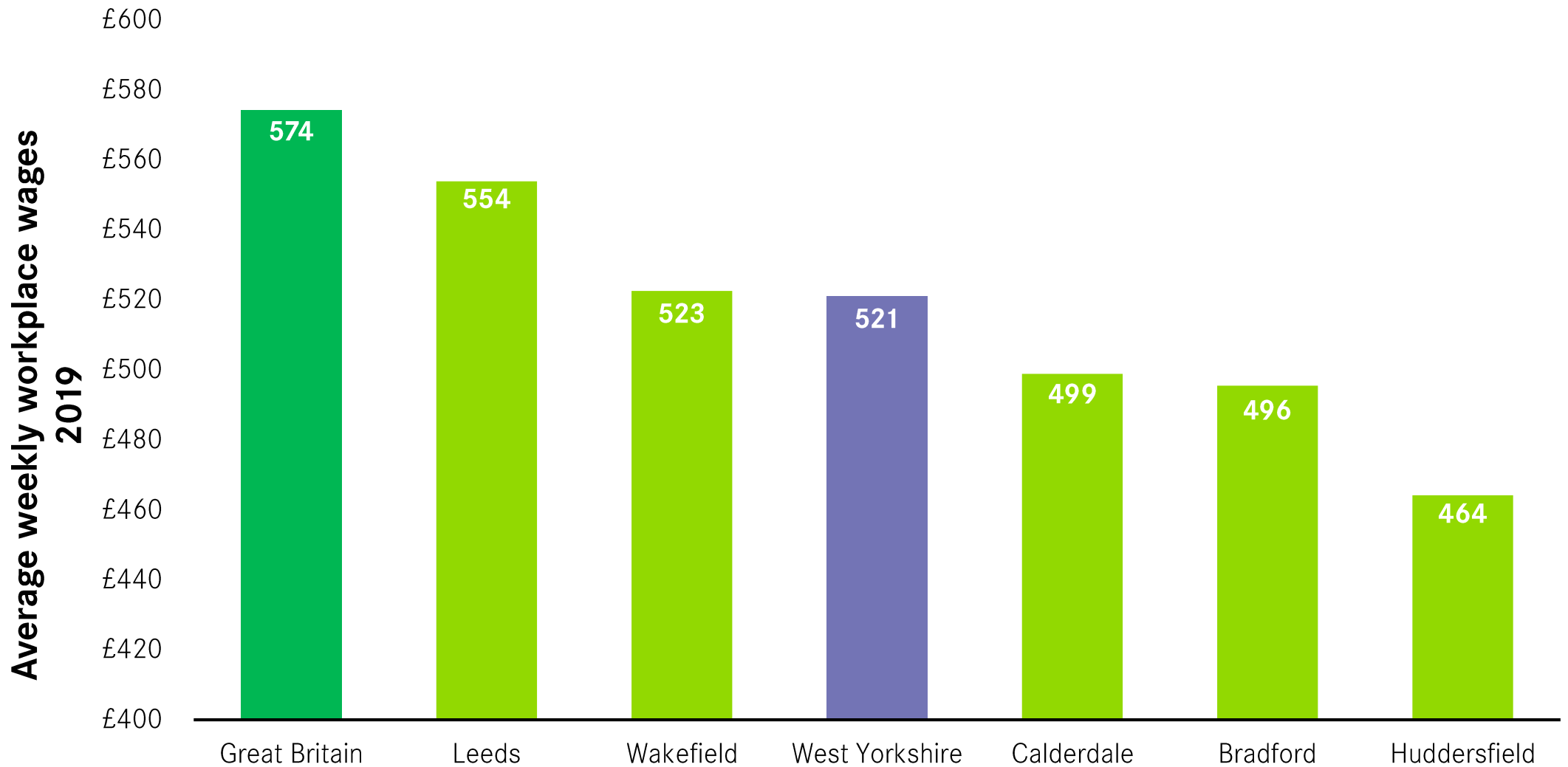
And it has seen its economy move towards knowledge production, led by Leeds



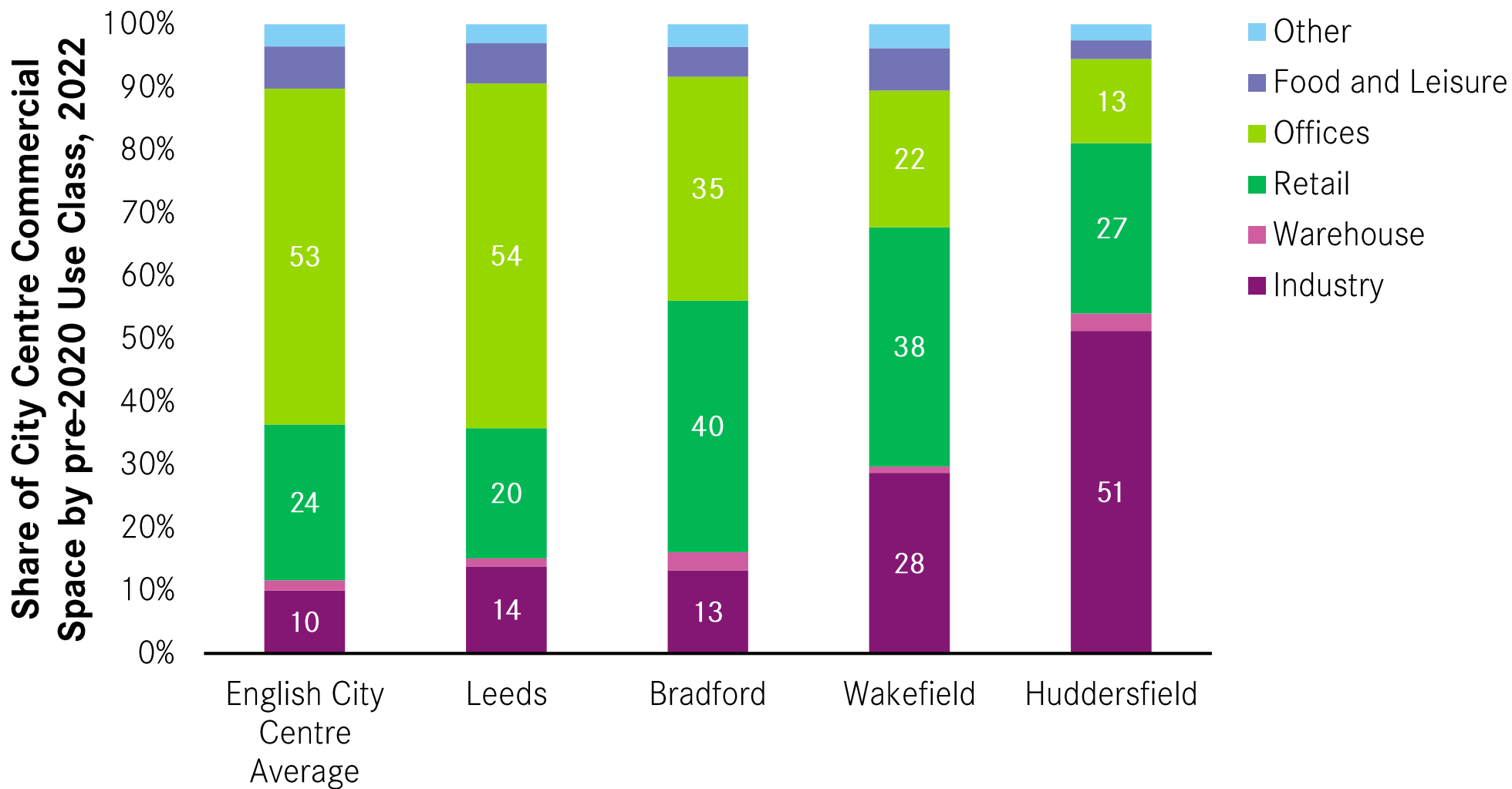
But productivity is still yet to reach its potential in West Yorkshire



And wages are higher in the parts of West Yorkshire that have undergone the most change

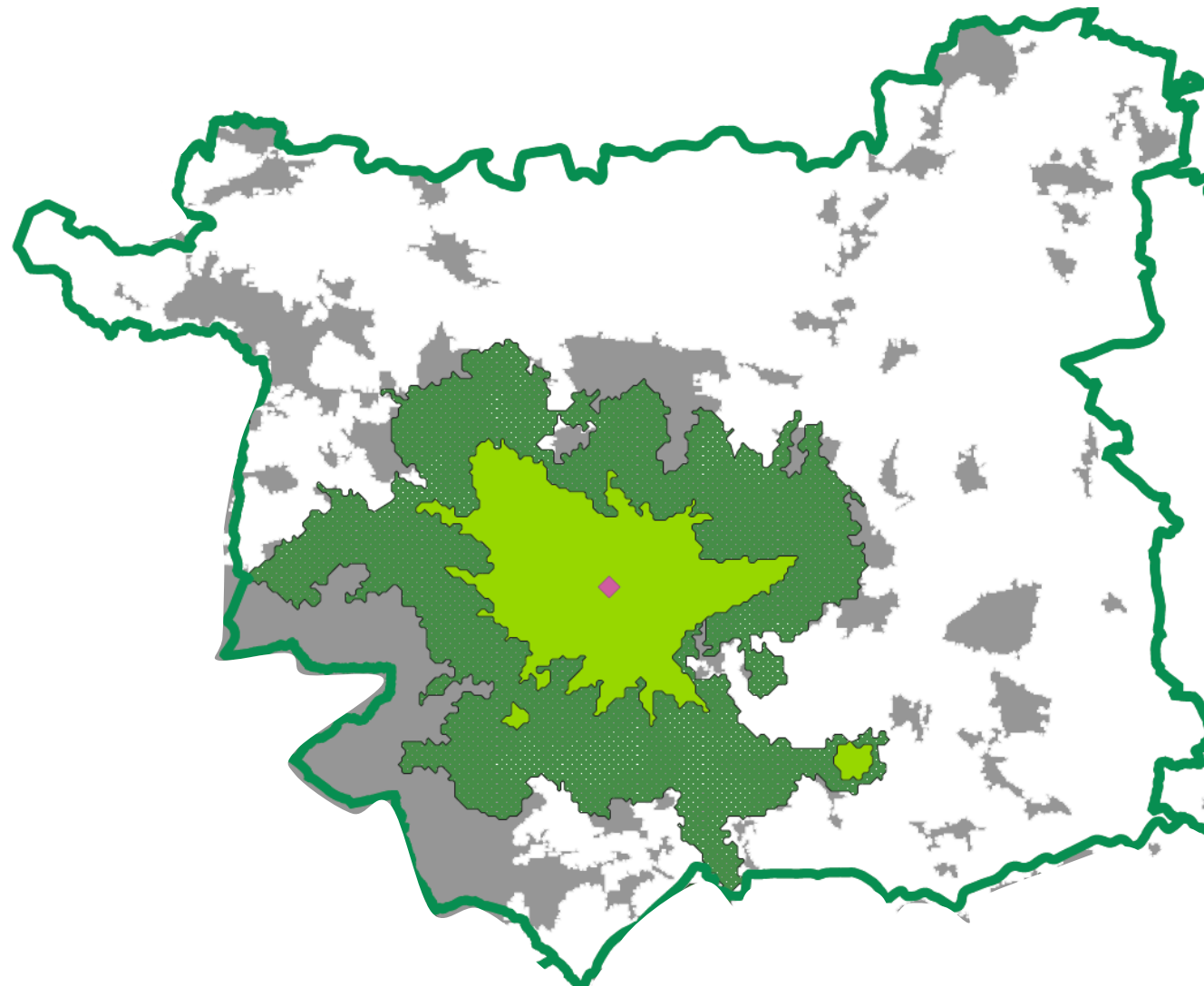


West Yorkshire's city centres are very different



Source: VOA, Note: Data for Calderdale not available. Pubs and hotels are excluded from this administrative data set

Leeds does need better public transport



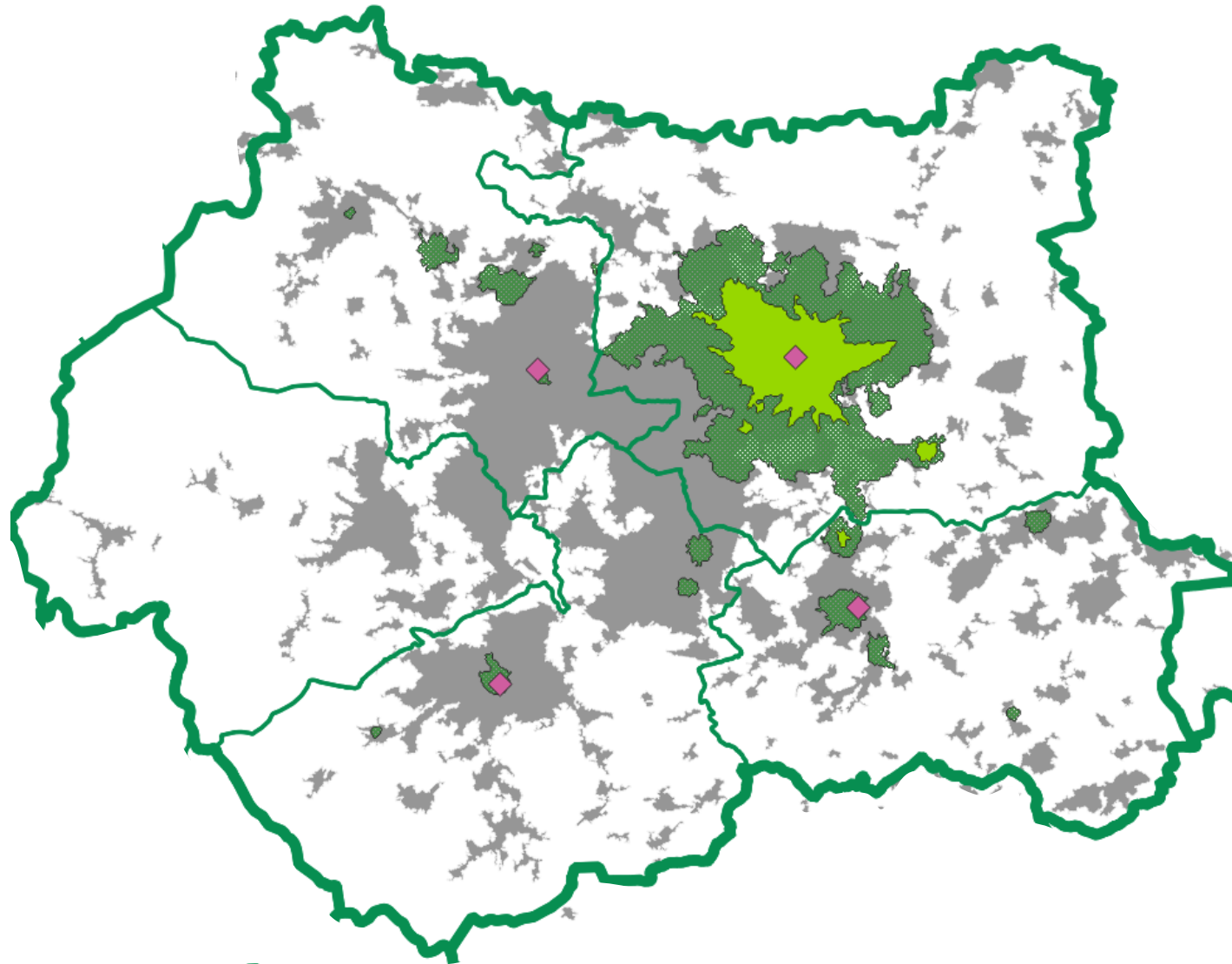
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◆ West Yorkshire Built Up Area

Other West Yorkshire cities need better links to Leeds and stronger local transport



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What needs to be done now...

- Improve the benefits for businesses locating and growing in West Yorkshire:
 - Address skills deficits
 - City centre renewal
 - Boost city region transport (with changes to infrastructure and built environment)
- Deepen devolution – more local economic powers (transport, taxation, planning) sitting at the West Yorkshire level
- Support each individual city's needs, while in the long term knitting the wider urban labour market together

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Panel session

Why is innovation the key to levelling up West Yorkshire?

Andrew Carter - Chief Executive, Centre for Cities (Chair)

Shirley Congdon - Vice Chancellor, University of Bradford

Andrew Greenwood - Deputy CEO, Leeds Building Society

Zandra Moore - CEO, Panintelligence

James Mason - CEO, West and North Yorkshire Chambers of Commerce

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Panel session

What next for West Yorkshire's cities?

Andrew Carter - Chief Executive, Centre for Cities (Chair)

Tom Riordan - Chief Executive, Leeds City Council and Board Member, Centre for Cities

Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe - Leader, Bradford Council

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