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the University of Greenwich, the University of Kent, Canterbury Christ Church University and Mid-Kent College at a shared campus at Chatham Maritime. The £120 million scheme is the first of its kind in the country and aims to increase student numbers in Medway to more than 10,000 by 2012.

Each of the four institutions offers its own range of courses, both full and part-time, drawing on its own individual academic strengths, and has its own buildings. By being on a shared campus, students have access to a wide range of first-class facilities.

Green Agenda

A growing focus is on the quality of the area’s environment, recognising the role it plays in creating a sense of place. As a result the ‘Greening the Gateway Kent and Medway’ (GGKM) partnership, chaired by David Liston-Jones, has secured the support of Natural England, Kent County Council, South East

England Development Agency (SEEDA) and Medway Council with funding granted for three years.

Under GGKM, the partnership will focus on achieving a number of significant improvements, including the creation of essential green infrastructure and new green grids to promote walking and cycle routes between urban centres of population and the countryside. Such projects will form a key element of the Thames Gateway Parklands. A wide range of local and regional organisations and local authorities have committed to the initiative and will support the work of Martin Hall, the recently appointed director, in achieving a transformation of North Kent’s environment.

Swale, the most easterly part of the Gateway is also benefiting from a focus on regeneration. The new £100m Sheppey Crossing is helping to unlock the full potential of the Isle of Sheppey, as well as the internationally important Port of Sheerness.



Pembroke Building, University of Greenwich



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