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Regeneration

Developments in the county's two government-identified 'growth areas', Ashford and Thames Gateway, are set to create further opportunities for companies looking to move into the county. Ashford is expected to have 31,000 new homes and 28,000 jobs by 2031, while North Kent is set to benefit from 50,000 new homes and 80,000 jobs within 20 years. As well as offering a new international and domestic station, Ebbsfleet Valley's 9m sq ft of office, retail, leisure and community space is likely to create some 20,000 new jobs in the area.

Proposals for regeneration projects in town centres and several major investment projects in the county have also been announced, including the £300m expansion plans for a new terminal, four new berths and a new marina, which have been unveiled by The Port of Dover.

Future

With its multi-million pound developments, regeneration projects and investment in infrastructure, transport and renewable energy, Kent is looking forward to a bright future - proving it really is the place to do business.

Technological Development

- Just one of the new commercial properties on offer in Kent and Medway is the 30,000 sq ft state-of-the-art innovation centre, The Nucleus, which forms part of the science and technology space at The Bridge, Dartford, and is operated by START International.
- Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne, is now home to Kent Science Resource Centre, Swale's first higher education facility specialising in degree level courses and training opportunities aimed at the biotech and pharmaceutical sector in the South East. This will further boost the site, which is aimed at attracting more knowledge-based jobs to the area (which last year, accounted for 32% of the total jobs created in the Thames Gateway).
- Fresca Group, Britain's foremost fresh produce supplier, is planning to develop the UK's most technically advanced greenhouse complex in Thanet. The area will be boosted by the long-term investment and the creation of more than 550 jobs. This will strengthen Kent's agricultural sector and undoubtedly attract attention from across the UK and overseas.



Margate Old Town

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