

Kent Science Park

“A stunning jewel from which to grow jobs and economic opportunities,” is how Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne, has been described.

Kent Science Park is playing its part in delivering economic success for the county and is at the heart of the government’s Thames Gateway project, which plans to secure 180,000 new jobs and add £12bn to the UK economy.

Proposals have been developed for Kent Science Park, which would diversify the economy by improving the transport network, attract new businesses to the area; improve skills, employment and education opportunities; and meet the housing needs of a growing local workforce and expanding community.

The masterplan presents a mixed-use urban extension to South East Sittingbourne that includes the expansion of Kent Science Park, provision of a Southern Relief Road linking the A2 and M2, a Country Conservation Park centred on Highsted Chalk Pits, and the construction of 4,500 new homes.

Andrew Bull of LaSalle Investment Management, the company that manages Kent Science Park, said: “Such an investment in infrastructure would be a catalyst for the creation of thousands of new, high value, knowledge-based jobs at the Science Park – jobs and skills which Swale so badly needs.”

Kent Science Park’s attractiveness to high tech businesses was given a boost following the start of work on the first new building to be built at the Park in more than a decade. The new 22,600ft² Tech Units will provide premises for new technology tenants, as well as accommodating the

expansion of existing science-based businesses on site.

There are also plans for a further two technology buildings, one of 20,000ft² and the other of 15,000ft².

Commenting on the new building while visiting Kent Science Park, Cllr Roger Gough, KCC’s Cabinet Member for Regeneration, said: “It is great to see this multi-million pound investment coming out of the ground, as it will play an important role in retaining and attracting science-based jobs in the county.”

Kent Science Park is also playing its part in helping to improve the graduate skills base in Swale.

Kent Science Resource Centre (KSRC) now enables students to study for a degree in Swale for the first time ever after the new learning and training facility opened its doors.

The collaborative project, managed by the International Institute of Biotechnology (IIB)/Sittingbourne Enterprise Hub Ltd (SEHL), offers a modern Foundation Degree in Life Science Laboratory Technology and Bio-Manufacturing.

The Foundation Degree, which is being delivered by Mid-Kent College and Canterbury Christ Church University, is validated by the University of Kent and with further support from the University of Greenwich at Medway.

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