



# Dartford Borough Council

Set on the borders of Kent, London and Essex, Dartford is uniquely placed at the heart of the Thames Gateway and the gateway to Europe.



With a population of just over 85,000 and a land area of just 73 km<sup>2</sup> Dartford is the smallest of all of the boroughs in Kent yet has significant targets for commercial and residential growth as part of the Thames Gateway project. Over coming years more than 15,000 new homes and 30,000 jobs are planned for this region in the area north of the A2 known in development terms as Kent Thameside.

the region. Future high speed services from Ebbsfleet from 2009 will offer local commuting journey times to London of just fourteen minutes – and give Dartford access to north, south and central London stations.

Though famous for the Thames Crossing that bears its name, Dartford is extremely well connected as a transport hub. Commuters can use the borough's five main stations to travel to Victoria, Charing Cross, Blackfriars and Cannon Street in less than 45 minutes, while the M25, M20 and A2 roads put Dartford central to through and destination traffic.

Local travel is epitomised by the Fastrack transport system, which links central Dartford to key locations in north-west Kent. Two routes currently serve local residents and businesses from the town centre with access to Darent Valley hospital, Bluewater, The Bridge, Crossways, Princes Park and Ebbsfleet International. All services connect with London and Kent routes from the town centre and main rail stations.

International services at Ebbsfleet provide fast and efficient travel to Belgium and France, serving business and resident alike across

## New developments

New developments in Dartford link to the Thames Gateway – a government sponsored project to increase the number of homes and jobs in the east of London and into Kent and Essex. ▶



Fastrack ticket machines



Bluewater attracts millions of visitors every year

Princes Park Stadium is the country's most ecological sports ground

