CASE STUDY

Kent Science Park Goes For Growth



Preparing for the economic upturn is at the heart of plans for Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne. The managers have submitted plans to see a further £25m invested over the next five years.

The most significant proposal is to extend the park by four hectares, from its current 22 hectares, to accommodate growing tenants and new companies within 12,000m² of new commercial space. The proposed extension, to the south of the existing boundary towards the M2, is consistent with the Swale Local Plan, which encourages short-term and long-term expansion.

Another new development at the park is the Kent Science Resource Centre. The new facility provides Foundation Degree training for laboratory technicians in the region's biotech and pharmaceutical industries.

The park, recently shortlisted for a national UKSPA award, is home to over 70 businesses and employs over 1,125 people. Of those, some 56% are Swale residents and 73% live in Swale, Maidstone or Medway. The Park's economic significance and ongoing potential to create many more jobs highlights its importance to Swale's future economic success.

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