

## Riverside Renaissance

Stretching from the banks of the River Thames to the exceptional countryside along the North Downs, Gravesham is at the centre of Europe's largest regeneration project – The Thames Gateway.

he River Thames, at this historic gateway to the Port of London, has been the lifeblood for the communities of Gravesend and Northfleet that have developed alongside the growth in port-related manufacturing businesses. Today, the local economy has broadened significantly and the borough finds itself at the forefront of ambitious regeneration plans. Kent Thameside, covering the urban areas of Dartford, Swanscombe, Northfleet and Gravesend and centred on the new international transport hub at Ebbsfleet, has been identified as one of the key drivers for regeneration within the Thames Gateway. Over the next two decades, the development will witness the creation of 25,000 new homes, 50,000 new jobs and 11 million sq ft of commercial floor space.





## Improved connections

At the heart of the regeneration, and crucial to future business development, Gravesham now benefits from the brand new **Fbbsfleet International station** which links with Paris and Brussels in just over 2 hours. Later in 2009 new High Speed 1 domestic services will connect London from Ebbsfleet in just 17 minutes and from Gravesend in 24 minutes. Local Fastrack bus services provide rapid access to Ebbsfleet Station from Gravesend, Dartford and Bluewater. As a result, Gravesham is ideally positioned for Continental Europe and the capital.