Business Development in Shepway





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Shepway offers a wide range of high quality support for businesses across the district.

Shepway District Council operates a commercial property database for firms looking to relocate within the district and gives guidance through the planning process. It also offers a signposting service to advisors and grant providers.

Grants: New and existing Shepway businesses are eligible to apply for government grants worth up to £2 million. There are two main grants, the Grant for Research and Development and the grants for Selective Finance for Investment in England (SFIE).

The district has three main business parks:

Shearway Business Park is located at Junction 13 of the M20 and the Channel Tunnel terminal. With 25 hectares allocated for industrial and commercial development this is a key strategic employment site in East Kent. The first phase of 11.6 hectares, owned by SEEDA (South East England Development Agency) has been serviced with new drainage, roads and structural landscaping. Its great location has attracted a mix of owner occupation and speculative development, including the Home Office and the Folkestone Enterprise Centre. Site A: owner SEEDA, Agent Smith-Wooley & Perry 01303 226622 Site B: owner Silver Spring Mineral Water 01303 856500

Cheriton Parc, next to Junction 12 of the M20 and overlooking the Channel Tunnel terminal has 4.2 hectares allocated for office use. Area A has development land and a 24,000 sq ft Norman Grimshaw designed office building, while area B has planning permission for a hotel and two office buildings. Area A contact Agents Atrium 01233 646465 enquiries@atriumsurveyors.co.uk or Areas B – GSE Group 01233 501301

Link Park, Lympne, just off the A20 and two miles from Junction 11 of the M20 and the Channel Tunnel, is an extension of the Lympne Industrial Estate and a pivotal location for domestic and international logistics operators. Contact: Somerston Consultancy 01303 262062

Other development opportunities in the area include a ten-hectare allocation at Hawkinge, an area of major housing growth in recent years, just outside Folkestone. Contact Managing Agent Smith-Wooley & Perry 01303 226622

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