

Dartford's Central Park offers 50 acres of public open space at the heart of the town centre

Ebbsfleet Valley

East of Bluewater new development focuses on Ebbsfleet Valley, which encompasses new villages in a former quarry and a mixture of commercial and residential use alongside Ebbsfleet International Station. The total number of new homes and businesses in Ebbsfleet Valley numbers some 10,000 homes and around 20,000 new jobs. Up to 400 acres of open and leisure space will be created as the new villages are built over the next 20 years.

Swanscombe Peninsula

Future large-scale development includes an area adjacent to the river north of Swanscombe – which is known as Swanscombe Peninsula West. This first phase, to be developed by Land Securities, will include up to 1,750 homes, commercial floorspace, community facilities and open space such as new parks and playing fields. Swanscombe Peninsula is adjacent to the award-winning Ingress Park and will link to other parts of the region through new infrastructure and Fastrack.

Dartford Town Centre

New development is also expected to revitalise and reinvigorate Dartford Town Centre over coming years. Consultation on two of the main aspects of the town, its planning policy and town centre park, reveal that local residents want to see new emphasis on fun and leisure in Dartford.

Dartford's Central Park was 100 years old in 2006 and this coincided with the increase in the park size to almost 50 acres with the purchase of adjoining land from GlaxoSmithKline. The park is dissected by the river Darent and includes children's play areas, formal gardens and a skatepark. The eastern portion of the park,



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