



INVEST
ROCHFORD DISTRICT

With fantastic transport connectivity, high-quality business accommodation, a skilled workforce and a beautiful natural setting, more businesses are discovering why Rochford District is the South-East's best-kept business secret. Find out why it's time to join them.

Reasons to Invest

Over 60 trains per day

into London Liverpool Street taking from 44 minutes, whilst London Stratford can be reached in just 33 minutes.



Fantastic for start-ups

– Rochford District has one of the highest business survival rates in Essex, with 50% of start-ups surviving past 5 years.



A great skills base

with high quality local schools, a range of further/higher education on the doorstep and responsible employers with active programmes of vocational training – above average for NVQ3+ skills.



A thriving international airport

– Rated 'best London airport' for the past 6 years, London Southend Airport is on the doorstep with its own train station, and direct links to over 40 destinations across the UK and Europe.



Space to grow. 1 million+ sq ft

of prime business space under development at Airport Business Park, plus a range of bustling employment sites across the district.



The 'green lung of South Essex'

, offering tranquil countryside and woodland and miles of unspoilt coastline, perfect for walking, cycling, sailing, birdwatching, photography and horse-riding.



Cost-effective

With commercial property costs the **lowest in South Essex** and average labour costs 30% lower than London and 15% lower than Chelmsford, your investment goes further in Rochford District.



Broadband connectivity

Much of the District is connected to ultrafast and superfast broadband, with a further £4.5m of funding to bring gigabit connectivity to all corners of the District.



Quality of life

– in the top 10 'happiest places to live' in the UK, and with the lowest crime rate in Essex, our wide choice of housing and 3 historic market towns make for a great place to live.



Location



To search available properties and sites in our District, visit Rochford.gov.uk/business or contact the team.

Business base

Rochford District is a hotbed of entrepreneurialism and is home to over 3,500 individual businesses, of which over 90% are micro-businesses.

The District has particularly strong clusters in **Aviation, Advanced Manufacturing and Environmental Services**, whilst there is also a growing opportunity in **Creative and Digital Services**. We punch above our weight and are home to thriving businesses with a national and global presence, including:

- **IPECO** – a world-leader in manufacturing of aviation seating and galley insert with its global HQ and principal manufacturing facilities in Rochford.
- **Hanningfield Process Systems** – Rochford-based manufacturer of pharmaceutical production machinery and Queen's Award winner, exporting worldwide.
- **IX Cameras** – Specialists in the development, design and manufacture of high specification slow motion cameras, with global HQ in Rochford.
- **EC2i** – Rochford-based experts in digital image retouching for a range of high-profile national online retailers and catalogues.
- **Excalibur Screwbolts** – Queen's Award-winning supplier for major infrastructure projects such as Crossrail and the Channel Tunnel, based in Hockley.
- **Sorrells** – Rayleigh-based manufacturers and installers of bespoke wine cellars to national retailers and prestigious clients worldwide.
- **Baltic Distribution** – operating Rochford's own port, handling over 200,000 tonnes per annum from Scandinavia and the Baltics for the timber and metal industries.



Get in touch

Rochford District Council's Economic Development team is here help you make the case for Rochford District being your business location of choice.

If you are considering relocating to Rochford District or setting up a new business, we'd love to hear from you.



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