Key projects in Ashford





O Ashford College (PHASE 2)

Having opened the first phase in September 2017, Ashford College is now bringing forward the second phase of the £26 million campus. The work will see a new building constructed which will house additional facilities for Information Technology, Engineering and Business courses. The EKC Group's bid for investment through the Post-16 Capacity Fund has been awarded by the government.



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Ashford Borough Council and Milligan have sought occupiers to repurpose the former Odeon building in the context of ever-changing retail trends. The plans are to ensure the future success of Ashford and the transformation of the iconic site marks the first phase of wider town centre improvements.

The Coachworks

Developed by Turner. Works, The Coachworks is a 'meanwhile' development which has transformed Dover Place, by reviving disused industrial buildings in the area, including the former Ashford Youth Theatre. The space offers a creative vibe and encompasses co-working and studio spaces, street food offering, event space and an outdoor bar.



Brompton Bikes

Brompton, the UK's largest bicycle manufacturer, has revealed plans for a revolutionary new factory, which it hopes will produce over 200,000 bikes per year once fully operational. Sustainability is at the heart of the new facility, with plans to transform into a public nature reserve and cycle path. The new HQ represents a £100 million investment for the local area and will support up to 4,000 jobs.

O Creative Enterprise Quarter

Being brought forward by Kent County Council and with additional funding from the Arts Council and Ashford Borough Council, the Creative Enterprise Quarter is an exciting development offering 26 new light industrial units. There has already been considerable interest from the creative sector. Central to the scheme is a new home for the internationally renowned dance institution, Jasmin Vardimon Company, which will offer 19m x 22m studio space with over eight metres of grid height, a fully sprung dance floor, lighting, sound and AV rig, as well as a new café and meeting rooms.



Ashford International Studios at Newtown Works

Located on the site of Ashford's former Victorian railway works, Ashford International Studios at Newtown Works is a £250m mixed-use regeneration project. Centred around state-of-the-art TV and film production space, the development is set to support circa 2,000 new jobs and create a new hub for the creative industries, which will benefit from Ashford's connectivity to London and Europe. The project has also been awarded £14.7 million of Levelling Up Funding.

O Ashford Commercial Quarter

One of the town's main business hubs, Ashford Commercial Quarter offers high-quality commercial space to businesses looking to relocate out of London, benefiting from its prime location close to the Ashford International Station. Home to both International House and Connect 38, it provides key office accommodation, only 38 minutes from London St Pancras.



Outlet Ashford Designer Outlet



The McArthurGlen Designer Outlet in Ashford underwent a 100,000 sq ft extension in November 2019. It is now home to over 90 luxury retail brands, 15 restaurants and cafes and additional parking. The shopping destination welcomes 3.6 million visitors every year, and it is anticipated that this will rise over the next few years.

© Elwick Place

Funded by Ashford Borough Council, Elwick Place is a 100,000 sq ft leisure and restaurant development, which opened in December 2018. Its growing offering includes Macknade, Unità 4, Matches Sports Bar, Grill & Social, the first ever newly built Picturehouse cinema, Travelodge hotel and SnapFitness gym.



Park Mall



Having purchased the site in June 2015, Ashford Borough Council has changed the fortunes of Park Mall. The 34 retail units are now home to independent businesses and high street brands. Conveniently located in the Ashford town centre, Park Mall prides itself on offering a unique and welcoming shopping experience.

South of Ashford Garden Community

The South of Ashford Garden Community is made up of three developments: Chilmington Green, Court Lodge and Kingsnorth Green. Together they represent 7,250 homes (including affordable), a 142 hectare public park along with new schools, a primary healthcare space, play spaces and ecological areas to be protected. The community will also support job opportunities, public realm and infrastructure improvements.



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Quadrant Estates' Eureka Park is already home to national and international businesses such as Brakes and still offers plenty of development space for offices. In the summer of 2021, BizSpace opened its long-awaited three storey office building which is proving very successful.