

Maps of landmark developments and large development sites

These maps accompany the report Thames Gateway: Laying the Foundations (Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General, HC 526, Session 2006-2007). The two maps show:

- some of the existing and planned projects in the Thames Gateway; and
- the location of the top 43 housing development sites in the Thames Gateway.

What is the Thames Gateway Programme?

- The Thames Gateway programme is Europe's most ambitious regeneration and development programme.
- The Government wants the Thames Gateway to provide 160,000 new homes and 180,000 new jobs in the region by 2016 and for the region to lead the world in terms of environmental sustainability and quality of life.

Where is the Thames Gateway?

- The Thames Gateway stretches from Canary Wharf to the mouth of the Thames Estuary and includes parts of Greenwich, Havering, Lewisham, Bexley, Tower Hamlets, Barking and Dagenham, Newham, Dartford, Gravesham, Medway, Swale, Thurrock, Castle Point, Basildon, Rochford and Southend-on-Sea.

Why the Thames Gateway?

- New investment in transport will bring the Thames Gateway close to the heart of London, whilst the availability of large brown field sites provides the potential for large innovative developments.

Who does what?

- The private sector is expected to provide most of the investment in the Thames Gateway, either directly or through planning contributions.
- The public sector has a key role in enabling investment, providing infrastructure and public services, promoting key sites, and championing the region.

- Regeneration, development and spatial planning are primarily the responsibility of Local Authorities working in partnership with other public bodies and supported by regional and national government.
- Because creating sustainable communities requires the provision of infrastructure and services from across government, the programme requires the integration of many delivery chains and the involvement of many central government departments and executive agencies.
- The Department for Communities and Local Government leads the programme, sponsors local delivery and coordinates central and regional government investment and planning for the area.

How much is this going to cost?

- The public sector will need to spend much more to deliver the necessary infrastructure and services if new developments in the Thames Gateway are to be sustainable communities, but this has yet to be quantified. The Government estimates that total government investment in the Thames Gateway has been £7 billion since 2003, including all capital investment in Housing, Health, Education and Local Government.
- The Department for Communities and Local Government has promised £673 million between 2003 and 2008 to help accelerate house building and bring about sustainable communities in the Thames Gateway.

What will we get for it?

- If successful the Thames Gateway will be an attractive place to live, surrounded by green space and provided with world class services. It will contribute 12 per cent of the housing needed to accommodate the growth of households in London, the South East and East of England.
- If the Government ambitions for the Gateway are realised it will add £12 billion a year to the economy.



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Major Housing Development Sites in the Thames Gateway





- The Thames Gateway
- Urban Area
- Rural Area
- SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest)
- AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)
- Railway
- CTRL (Channel Tunnel Rail Link)
- Proposed Crossrail Route
- DLR (Docklands Light Railway)
- DLR Proposed Extension
- Greenwich Waterfront Transit
- Fastrack
- East London Transit

- Landmarks and Developments**
- Proposed
 - Existing
 - 1 Shoeburyness Green Mark
 - 2 Southend-on-Sea Pier and Pier Hill
 - 3 Southend-on-Sea Education Hub
 - 4 Flying Start
 - 5 Sheppy Bridge
 - 6 Basildon Bell Tower
 - 7 Shellhaven
 - 8 St. Marys Island
 - 9 Universities at Medway
 - 10 Rochester Riverside
 - 11 Shome Wood Visitor Centre
 - 12 North Kent Green Space
 - 13 Tilbury Fort
 - 14 Tilbury Dock
 - 15 Ebbsfleet Station
 - 16 Ebbsfleet Observatory
 - 17 Ebbsfleet Valley
 - 18 QEII Bridge
 - 19 Purfleet Riverside
 - 20 CEME (Centre for Engineering and Manufacturing Excellence)
 - 21 Rainham Marshes
 - 22 Barking Riverside
 - 23 Barking Lifelong Learning Centre
 - 24 The Thames Gateway Bridge
 - 25 Woolwich Arsenal
 - 26 Thames Barrier
 - 27 Excel Centre
 - 28 Biota Aquarium
 - 29 Greenwich Village
 - 30 Olympic Park & Lea Valley Park
 - 31 Container Futures
 - 32 The O2 and Greenwich Peninsula
 - 33 Canary Wharf
 - 34 The Laban Dance Centre