



Thames Gateway Kent Newsletter

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Thames Gateway Kent Partnership News

A **Thames Gateway Kent Partnership Board** meeting was held on 21 September. Items on the agenda included discussions about the implications of Government announcements on housing and planning on development in North Kent, a report on progress on taking forward key development sites across North Kent and a presentation about the expansion proposals for Bluewater.

The inaugural meeting of the **North Kent Employment & Skills Task Group** will take place on 23rd October. The group will consider the latest evidence on employment and skills issues in North Kent and will discuss what activities the Partnership should undertake to address the issues.

TGKP hosted a keynote debate on delivering sites for economic growth in Thames Gateway Kent at the **ConstructionExpo 2012** event at Chatham Historic Dockyard on 11th October. Speakers included Tony Parson from Trenport Investments, John Porter from Harrisons Surveyors, Richard Fagg from Bouygues Development, James Speck from Kent Science Park and Cllr Jane Chitty from Medway Council.

Kent Invicta Chamber are holding a **business to business event** sponsored by Gravesham Borough Council on 6th November at The Woodville, Gravesham starting at 9.00am. Attendance is free and businesses can register on the website.

North Kent News

The proposed expansion of Bluewater could create 800 jobs more than first thought bringing the total to 2,300. [BBC News](#) 15th Sept

Gravesend pontoon opens for business. [Kent News](#) 16th Sept.

London's passenger watchdog advocates that TfL takes over all metro services to Dartford, Swanley & Sevenoaks. [MayorWatch](#) 18th Sept.

Gravesham and Dartford council's are offering incentives to council house tenants to downsize [BBC News](#) 17nd Sept [News Shopper](#) 19nd Sept

Deputy Mayor of London, Victoria Borwick, is due to visit Medway Council to discuss the Thames Estuary Airport proposal at the end of November. [Kent Online](#) 17th Sept

Medway film maker is nominated for national film competition. [This is Kent](#) 19th Sept

Richmond BC is to hold a local referendum before next year on the expansion of Heathrow. [The Guardian](#) 19th Sept

Liberal Democrats oppose all aviation expansion in South East. [Out-Law.com](#) 25th Sept

Local authorities in Kent & Medway reach an agreement with the HCA on the disposal of land and property assets previously owned by SEEDA. [HCA](#) 25th Sept

The newly formed company Tiger Group looks to employ more local staff from the Isle of Sheppey after moving to a single location. [Sheerness Times Guardian](#) 28th Sept

Swale Heating takes on seven apprentices at its Sittingbourne HQ, as part of a community initiative with AmicusHorizon and East Kent Housing. [Heating and Ventilation](#) 1st Oct

Dartford supplier struggles with a pumpkin shortage this Halloween. [BBC News](#) 1st Oct

The proposed University Technical College for Medway gets business backing. [Medway Messenger](#) 2nd Oct

Dartford BC is working with private sector landlords to improve the standards of private-rented housing in the borough. [DBC](#) 2nd Oct

The thinktanks, Policy Exchange and CentreForum, advocate a new four runway airport 3km west of Heathrow. [Policy Exchange](#) 5th Oct

Hollywood film giant Paramount plans a £2 billion Theme Park development on Swanscombe Peninsula, Dartford that will create 27,000 jobs. [Kent Online](#) 7th Oct

Paramount theme park announcement reignites the Thames Estuary airport debate in North Kent. [Kent Online](#) 9th Oct

'Christmas-like' sales figures for Bluewater in September. [Drapers](#) 10th Oct

Thames Gateway-wide News

Construction of a new giant nature reserve on Wallasea Island, Essex is underway with spoil from Crossrail. [Nature news](#) 17th Sept

Royal Vopak, Greenargy and Shell UK complete their purchase of Coryton Refinery which is to be named Thames Oil Port. [Your Thurrock](#) 28th Sept

