

# Welcome to East Cambridgeshire



**E**ast Cambridgeshire is a district rich in heritage and opportunity. Home to the sport of kings with racing in Newmarket, and the magnificent cathedral city of Ely, the area has been the second fastest growing district in Great Britain over the past 15 years. This growth has transformed the area into a prosperous business and commercial centre taking full advantage of its proximity to the high-tech growth of Cambridge and its links to London Stansted Airport, London Kings Cross and Eurostar services.

Ely is at the heart of the significant growth in the local economy providing an affordable and accessible location for business with access to a skilled workforce. The City of Ely is currently one of the fastest growing cities in Europe with the population forecast to reach over 27,000 by 2031. This is opening up new opportunities for businesses moving to the district and expanding markets for those that are already here.

The district now boasts an impressive and growing cluster of high-tech businesses complementing the existing range of advanced manufacturing, business services, distribution and equine companies already well established in the area.

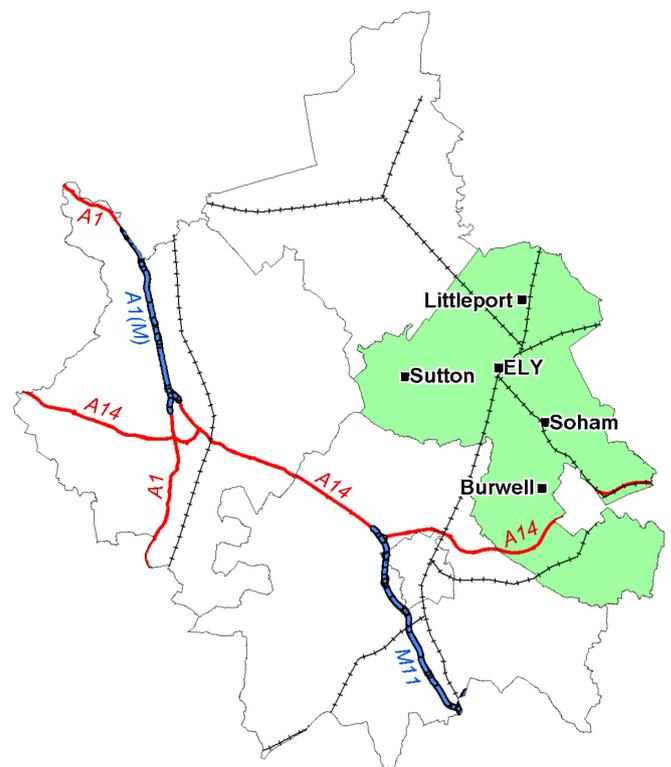
Companies who have located themselves in the district cite the advantages of a quality working environment. East Cambridgeshire was recently rated sixth, scoring 87.7 out of 100, in a MORI survey on the best places to live in England. The district is also within close proximity to both Cambridge and London. Cambridge is just 16 miles away from the centre of Ely whilst London Kings Cross can be reached by train within an hour.

There are a number of business parks in East Cambridgeshire catering for an excellent mix of modern, light manufacturing, R & D and office

requirements. Lancaster Way Business Park on the edge of Ely provides flexible, high quality employment space extending across 70 acres with a further 100 acre planned extension providing freehold and leasehold design and build services.

The Business Development Team at East Cambridgeshire District Council provides a number of services to anyone looking to set-up, expand or relocate in the district. Please contact the team with your business/commercial space requirements and we will provide a free customised proposal including a premises and land search, costs breakdown and skills profile outlining how East Cambridgeshire can help your business.

For further information on doing business in East Cambridgeshire please visit the investment website [www.360ec.co.uk](http://www.360ec.co.uk) or speak to the economic development teams at the district or county council.



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## KEY FACTS

- **Development Land:** The average price per acre of industrial land ranges from £150,000 to £250,000
- **Skills:** 38% of working age residents hold a first degree or equivalent
- East Cambs is in the top 10 districts in GB for achievement rate by 16-18 year olds.
- The only intermodal road/rail freight facility in the Cambridgeshire sub-region.
- **Transport:** Ely railway station is well served to link businesses to the UK's major centres and most of the UK's main road distribution routes run through the region including: M25, A1, M11, M1 and A14
- **Workforce:** East Cambridgeshire is ranked in the top ten districts for the fewest working days lost to sickness in Great Britain.
- **Business Environment:** East Cambridgeshire is ranked 6th in Great Britain for business survival rates at 36 months.

## Quality of Life

Surrounded by sweeping countryside the area offers a relaxing lifestyle amongst breathtaking scenery and quality leisure and cultural experiences. Home to the sport of kings with racing at Newmarket, and famous for the **cathedral city of Ely**, East Cambridgeshire can offer something for all age groups and interests.

The housing in the area offers an affordable and attractive range of options from the urban living of Ely to a number of picturesque villages with sizes and types of properties available to match the ambitions of all family sizes. The average cost of property in East Cambridgeshire is just £186,344. There are also a number of quality public and private schools to choose from in the district with Ely home to the prestigious independent **Kings School**, rated in the top three schools in Cambridgeshire.

For more information regarding events and attractions in East Cambridgeshire please visit <http://visitely.eastcambs.gov.uk/>.

## In Good Company

**Engineering** – Shearline Precision Engineering, JDR Cable Systems, Michell Instruments

**Printing & Packaging** – DS Smith

**Distribution** – Turners Distribution, The Potter Group

**Equine** – Newmarket Equine Hospital, British School of Racing, Newmarket Racecourse

**Life Sciences** – Dako, Genesis Diagnostics, Lumora, Cambridge Life Sciences, Quotient Bioresearch

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