



Unlocking the Potential

A proposal for a Kent and Greater Essex
Local Enterprise Partnership

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Dear Secretaries of State,

Kent and Greater Essex Local Enterprise Partnership

We are delighted to enclose our proposal for a Kent and Greater Essex Local Enterprise Partnership.

In Kent and Greater Essex, we have unparalleled opportunities: including the Thames Gateway, three Growth Areas, the entire strategic transport network east of London and the UK's most important ports cluster, we are England's gateway. As we emerge from severe recession, investing in growth has never been so important.

We now have a compelling opportunity to create a genuine partnership for prosperity between the best in business and the best in local government. Working together at a strategic level, we will deliver the creative solutions to unlock our potential: innovative approaches to private finance, infrastructure that business needs and a regulatory environment that encourages growth.

Our proposals are ambitious: ours will be England's largest Local Enterprise Partnership, a truly strategic alliance for growth. We look forward to your support: which together, with our investment and commitment, will secure the best return for Kent, for Essex and for the nation.

Yours sincerely

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