

Benefits of the Development

The British Government is investing in future growth through its Thames Gateway development, including a major transformation of Ashford, which will see the addition of tens of thousands of jobs and homes and there is already a fast rail infrastructure in place.

Growth plans function best when there is a complementary modern and efficient airport, both to facilitate travel by the indigenous population (be it for work or pleasure) and to encourage others to visit.

A total of £35 million is being invested in London Ashford (Lydd) by 2014 to transform the airport into a modern facility, one capable of handling 2 million passengers annually and stimulating up to 4,000 additional jobs, directly related to the investment.

London Ashford Airport is poised to expand, with a strong emphasis on sustainability. The opportunities are there to build on this already dynamic facility and greatly enhance the image of the region, measured against the realities of the air transport industry in the new millennium.

- Jobs and training opportunities for local people
- Improved surface transport links in the local area
- Improved rail links (Ashford to London in 38 mins from 2009)
- Increased demand for local businesses – Lydd airport have a policy to buy locally wherever possible.
- Supporting the regeneration of an economically deprived area
- Provides a more convenient alternative to congested London airports
- Boost to tourism in the surrounding areas
- Encourages further investment in the area