

# DISCOVER HARLOW

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# WHY DISCOVER HARLOW?

**Harlow is poised to emerge as one of the UK's fastest-growing areas, laying the foundation for a legacy marked by substantial investments in infrastructure, sites, and the built environment.**

With innovation at its heart, and creativity and culture in its soul, Harlow is about to enter a brand-new phase of discovery, with its renewed ambition, vision, and opportunity, made possible by the huge investment flowing into the town from the Government's Levelling Up Fund and Towns Fund commitments.

A town steeped in innovation, heritage and discovery, Harlow has attracted some of the most accomplished makers, inventors, and creators over its history: originating with esteemed architect and town planner Sir Frederick Gibberd, and his carefully curated team of leading post-war architects, to subsequent Nobel Prize winner for

physics, Charles Kao and his discovery in Harlow of fibre optics, and that huge amounts of data could be transmitted along fibre glass, leading to our use of the internet today.

Still a centre of innovative excellence, particularly within the Life Science, MedTech, and Advanced Technology sectors, it is one of the fastest growth towns in England, helped by its location at the heart of the UK Innovation Corridor, close to London, Stansted Airport and Cambridge and as part of the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town.



Not only is Harlow easy to access thanks to excellent rail and road links, but major developments will provide thousands of jobs and homes in this generation. And a transformed town centre regeneration will revive Harlow's heart with a major new cultural quarter and arts centre, acting as a magnet for visitors and shoppers. In the next few years, Harlow's biggest employer, The Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust will develop a new state-of-the-art hospital that will improve health outcomes and provide essential careers for the Harlow community.

Harlow is poised for massive growth and prosperity and has the potential to become an economic powerhouse in the East of England where everyone has the chance to thrive.

## Harlow's Key Sectors



Technology & Manufacturing



Cultural & Creative



Green Industries



MedTech



Life Sciences

## Quality of Life



### Harlow Town Park

Green Flag awarded 164 acre public park, placing it 'among the best green spaces in the world'.



### Sustainable Harlow

To improve travel, Harlow is investing millions in sustainable transport including a transport corridor.



### Discover world-leading Arts and Culture

Harlow became the world's first Sculpture Town in 2010.



### A vibrant cultural destination

The town's main arts centre, The Harlow Playhouse, programmes high quality wide-ranging work in its two theatres and community locations.

## Harlow in Numbers



Harlow and Gilston's **population set to grow by 50%** from **93,000** to approx. **140,000**



**3,300** businesses



**£2 billion** in **GVA** annually



**23,300** **new homes** in the next **20 years**



**20,000** **jobs growth** across the **Harlow area**

# REGENERATING HARLOW



**£20m Government Levelling Up Funding**



**£23.7m Government Towns Fund**



**Government Housing Investment Grant (HIG) of £171m**



**New £850m medical campus**



**£76m investment for M11 Junction 7a & other infrastructure**

*Design of new Arts and Cultural Quarter (top);  
New look indicative design of Market Square  
public realm, Harlow town centre (bottom)*

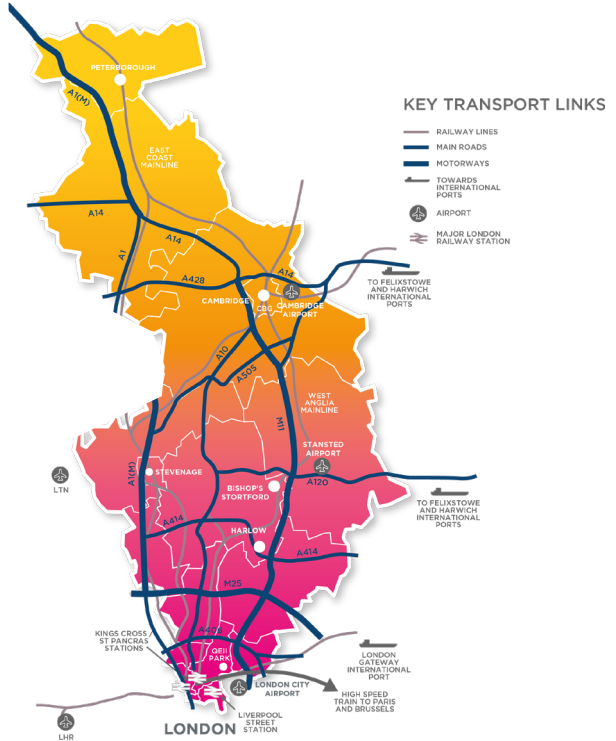
# CONNECTED HARLOW

Harlow is 30 miles north of London; 35 miles south of Cambridge, with high capacity air and train transport links to give exceptional connectivity links to the rest of the UK and beyond.

It is served by two motorway junctions on the M11, providing access to London and Cambridge and the M25 leading to the UK's wider motorway network.

Two railway stations serve Harlow, both of which travel to London Liverpool Street station (30 mins), Oxford Circus (45 mins) and Cambridge Station (40 mins) with six trains to London per hour.

London Stansted Airport, a central transport hub serving 28 million passengers each year and employing over 10,000 people, is located 10 miles north of Harlow and is just one stop (or 19 minutes) away via an express train. London City Airport is 24 miles south, and Luton airport is 29 miles west of Harlow.



**Innovation  
Corridor**

Harlow is located at the heart of the UK Innovation Corridor, which is a pioneering economic region. Through public and private sectors working together through sector clustering, leveraging resources and collaboratively lobbying government, businesses and communities can benefit from the prosperity and growth generated by the area.

The **INNOVATION** Innovation  
**CORE** Core

Harlow is one of five District Councils supported by Essex and Hertfordshire County Councils who work together to offer an unified proposition to attract investment to the area between London and Cambridge known as the Innovation Core.

# DISCOVERING HARLOW'S TALENT & SKILLS

## Harlow College



Harlow College want to help you develop your workforce and support you in making your business a success. Whether this is through information on apprenticeships, developing the effectiveness of your existing workforce, advice on access to funding, and support on vacancies, the Harlow College team are able and willing to assist you.

## Stansted Airport College



Stansted Airport College (part of Harlow College) has formed a strategic partnership with London Stansted Airport (MAG) - the first of its kind at any airport in the country.

Opened in September 2018, the £11million purpose-built college offers an exciting range of technical and professional courses, in the disciplines of Aviation, Engineering, Hospitality and Events Management.

## Harlow Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Centre



A major investment for Harlow, and collaborating with South East Local Enterprise Partnership and Essex County Council, Harlow College have contributed £11million to develop the Harlow Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Centre (HAMEC) marking their commitment to support the skills needs of the local and UK manufacturing industry, hoping to inspire and train the next generation of engineers.

## South East Institute of Technology



In September 2023 the college unveiled the brand new South East Institute of Technology on the college campus. IOTs offer higher level qualifications and training in core STEM subjects, helping to ensure that the courses offered are based on what the economy and local communities need and that students have the best possible career prospects.

## Arise Innovation Hub Harlow



Arise Innovation Hub Harlow is part of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) and is located within the strong scientific communities at the heart of the Harlow Enterprise Zone on the newly built Harlow Innovation Park. Arise Harlow supports Health, Performance and Wellbeing companies looking for a more cultivating community; and its strong Anglia Ruskin University relationships give them direct access to the best student talent, the university's learning expertise, and modern work and innovation space; an environment where business and enterprise can start-up and scaleup.



Source: Harlow College

# HARLOW & GILSTON GARDEN TOWN

From New Town, to Garden Town

We aim to deliver 23,000 new homes across the next 20 years in partnership with the private sector.

Harlow and Gilston is a designated Garden Town of four new neighbourhoods in and around Harlow alongside the regeneration of the existing New Town. The Garden Town aims to grow sustainably and bring a range of benefits for the **existing 92,000 residents** in Harlow as well as the new communities to come, including:

- **20,000 new jobs.**
- **12 new primary schools and 4 new secondary schools.**
- **23,000 new homes in 4 new neighbourhoods.**
- **New ways of travelling in and around the area including a £300 million sustainable transport corridor network.**



## Latest updates:



**10,000 homes** granted outline planning permission at Gilston (subject to S106) moving towards delivery



**£171m** Housing Investment Grant from Homes England to front fund key transport infrastructure for the Garden Town



Completion of **£42m** of infrastructure works to provide new sustainable ways of travelling



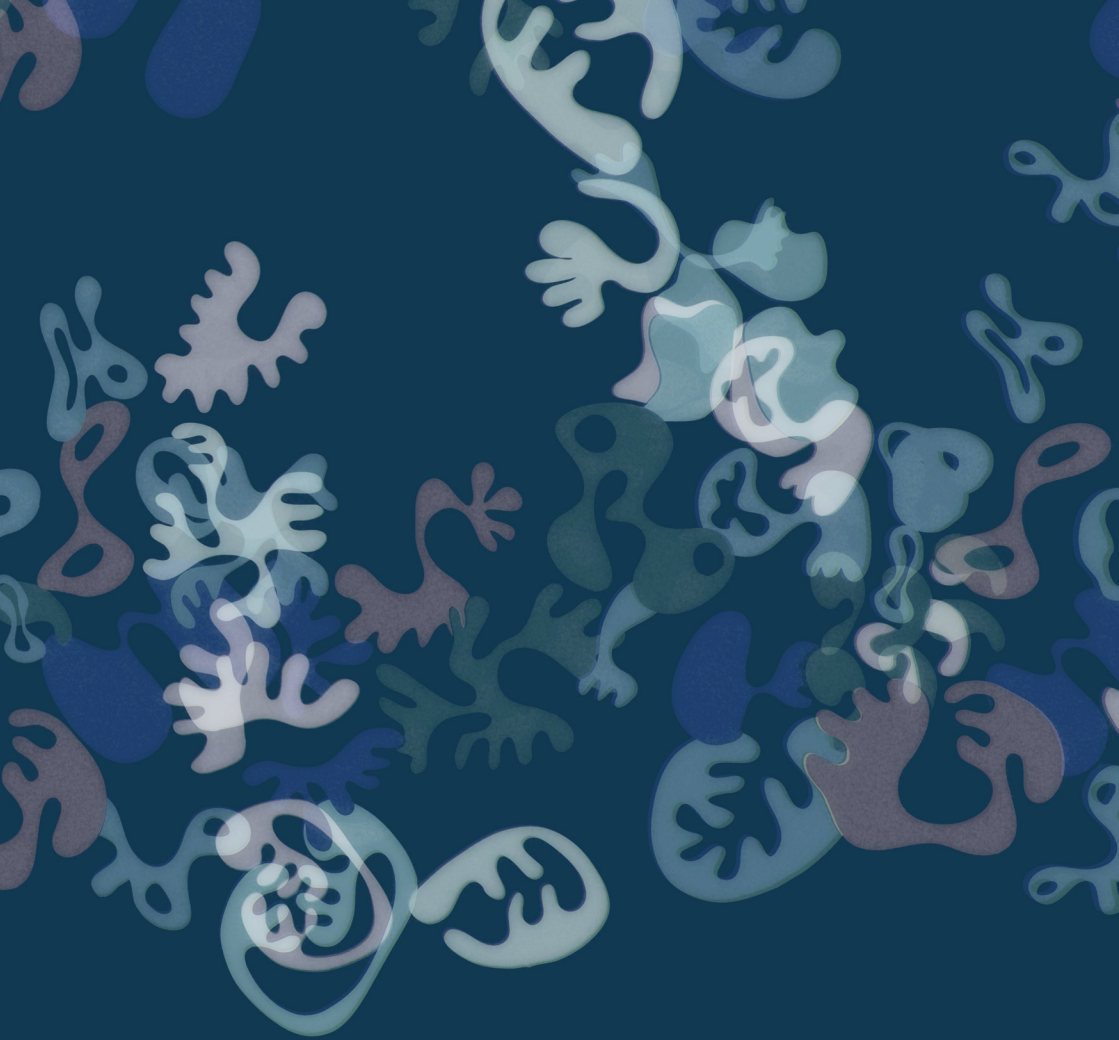
Implementation of the Latton Priory **1000 home+** Master plan and Design Code



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