

# Soft Landing in Essex

Free Business  
Assistance Programme

Essex a great place to do business

**INVEST**  
Essex

**INVEST Essex is welcoming businesses and potential investors to the county with a soft landing scheme to signpost businesses to the best possible opportunities for their particular needs and aspirations.**

**The scheme provides tailored support by providing**

**1. Tailored responses to enquiries, leveraging in the expertise of partners and preferential offers\***

**2. Assistance in setting up your business in the UK**

**3. Start up business premises**

(\* depending upon the needs of the business and availability against those needs)

## **1. Tailored responses to enquiries, leveraging in the expertise of partners and preferential\* offers**

Whilst recognising that every project is unique, we can offer expertise in the following:

- Land and property searches to identify potential sites
- Market and socio-economic data
- Supply chain mapping
- Logistics and communications
- Staff skills and training
- Assistance in developing collaborations with research and development in our universities
- Arranging tours and visits to Essex

## **2. Assistance in setting up your UK business**

INVEST Essex works in partnership with a number of organisations to offer you:

- Free, initial consultation to help you establish or acquire a UK business
- Advice on commercial contracts that are under English law and the financial aspects of setting up a business in the UK
- Guidance on UK employment law
- Guidance on pension funds
- Guidance on banking
- Signposting business grants and loans
- Guidance on recruiting staff

**Image: Essex Technology & Innovation Centre**



### 3. Start up premises

INVEST Essex operates managed workspace to help people establish themselves in business in the county. Our Enterprise centres across the county offer a solution to businesses seeking commercial premises for the first time and operate 'easy in, easy out' terms with the flexibility to expand or reduce in size without changing location. Specialised business support is available, as well as opportunities to network with like-minded people.

Either office space or virtual office space is available for small (1 - 10 people), incoming companies to Essex.

#### Basildon Enterprise Centre

Located to the south of Essex in the main manufacturing and advanced technology business region zone of the county. It is 45 minutes from London by rail and 45 minutes from London Stansted Airport by road.

#### Clacton Enterprise Centre

On the coast of Essex, the longest coastline in England and at the centre is of an industrial park to the North of the town. There is a fast, direct train service to London and easy access to the UK's motorway network via the A120 which takes you to Harwich seaport in the east and Stansted Airport in the west. London to Clacton takes 1 hour and 25 minutes by train.

#### Ongar Technology and Innovation Centre

Set in a rural location Ongar is within minutes of the M11 one of the UK's major arterial roads leading to Cambridge and Stansted to the North and London in the South. With modern and up-to-date facilities this centre specialises in supporting early stage innovative businesses. It offers a range of services including virtual office space, incubation facilities and modern offices, plus a full range of high quality conference facilities.

#### Other Premises

There are also subsidised premises in many other parts of the county and we can help you to find the right location for your business.

Image: Harlow Enterprise Hub



### Find out more about Essex

Essex is a growing county with a thriving business community offering great opportunities to local, national and international businesses. Find out more about Essex and the opportunities that the county has for your business.

- > **Take a tour of Essex on our virtual map**
- > **Browse available property on our property portal**
- > **Speak to us about your business aspirations**

We are committed to your success and we look forward to welcoming your business to Essex.

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