

Growing your business

Want to establish your innovative business in professional premises that offer practical support, access to expert advice and great networking opportunities?

Move to the Essex Technology and Innovation Centre at Ongar, a flexible affordable environment that grows with you, giving you the freedom to take larger space without relocating.

Find out how early-stage innovative, knowledge-based and technology businesses have taken their first steps on the road to success in the Essex Technology and Innovation Centre.





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Essex Technology and Innovation Centre



Innovation Centre is more than just a business space," says Centre Manager Pam Winter. "What businesses value most is the opportunity to share ideas and learn from other people who have been through the same early-stage experiences. Statistics show that businesses based in an incubation environment increase their survival rate by 50%

Flexible, affordable facilities

The Centre offers a choice of 30 secure, managed office units from 14 to 57sq m (150 to 62osq ft). You pay a monthly fee that covers rent, power, lighting and heating, free onsite parking, kitchen facilities, 24/7 access via a security system, reception and cleaning.

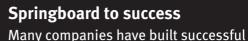
For start-up businesses working from home, our CM5 Virtual Office service offers all the benefits of a prestigious address and associated services, at a reasonable cost.

Conference and meeting facilities

There are well-equipped conference and meeting rooms, which can be hired daily for a fee. The conference room features a large format plasma screen, Wi-Fi and interactive multimedia projection system providing a professional venue for meetings with clients, demonstrations or training.

Flexible, competitive terms

The Centre provides a flexible, affordable base for your business venture. When you expand, you can move to a larger space within the Centre without the hassle of relocating. An easy in/easy out licence means you can leave anytime or for the more established business, there is the option of committing to a lease agreement.



businesses on the foundation of their early years at the Essex Technology and Innovation Centre. A technical services company now has more than 100 clients in the South-East and a provider of data management and storage technologies is now a leading global player.

The main benefit of the Essex Technology and Innovation Centre was its flexibility and low entry costs. When we started out in 2006, we had only a handful of contracts. Committing to a long lease would have been impossible. At each stage of growth, we were able to move within the Centre within our current lease. It was also a very presentable place to meet our clients. The Centre had great meeting facilities and it gave our employees a good environment for working.

Simon Johnson, Technical Director

Stimulating, supportive environment

The Centre provides a stimulating and supportive environment for innovative businesses. Pam Winter feels that there is a great sense of community in the Centre, something you just don't get in normal rented premises or a home office. The team at the Centre can also arrange mentoring with experienced business professionals or introduce useful commercial or academic contacts. "We can put businesses in touch with the right experts to solve problems, or take advantage of business opportunities."

Make the right move

If you would like to give your business a start, contact the Essex Technology and Innovation Centre to find out about availability.

The Centres are the first stage in the support available from Essex County Council's INVEST Essex team for growing and innovative businesses. As your business grows, programmes like the Essex Innovation Programme will help take you to the next level.

Find out more at investessex.co.uk



Essex Technology and Innovation Centre

Located close to London and Cambridge, the M11, M25 and London Stansted Airport.

Location: The Gables, Fyfield Road, Ongar CM5 OGA

Easy in/out licence: Easy in/out licence or lease
Unit sizes: 14 to 57sq m (150 to 620sq ft)

Virtual Office Services: CM5 Virtual Office Address

Access: Secure access, 24/7 CCTV surveillance

Parking: Free on-site

Communications: Broadband access, Wi-Fi, DDI telephone system

Conference/Meeting rooms: Available for hire by day or half-day

Conference facilities: Plasma screen, smart board, DVD player,

interactive projection software, audio

conference facilities and Wi-Fi

Refreshments: Available from on-site vending machine

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