

Folkestone, Kent — Inward Investment Pack (2026)

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Executive Summary

Folkestone offers investors a rare combination: sub-60 minute rail to central London via HS1, direct motorway access to the M20, and direct access to the Eurotunnel.

Location & Market Access

London in ~52–53 minutes (HS1). Motorway access via M20. Europe via Eurotunnel and Dover.

Economic & Demographic Profile

District population: approx. 110k–113k. Folkestone built-up area: ~52k residents.

Priority Sectors & Propositions

Creative & Digital, Logistics & Trade, Visitor Economy, Otterpool Park Garden Town.

Sites & Premises

Shearway Business Park, Park Farm, Creative Quarter, Otterpool Park development areas.

Skills & Talent

EKC Folkestone College, universities nearby, adult upskilling programmes.

Digital Infrastructure

Full-fibre/gigabit coverage ~60–72%.

Business Support & Incentives

Rural England Prosperity Fund, Green Grants, soft-landing support.

Case Studies

Creative Quarter regeneration; major employers.

Planning & Delivery Confidence

HS1 capacity planning, Otterpool delivery with Homes England.

Quality of Life

Coastline, Kent Downs, cultural programmes.

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