



# OTTERPOOL PARK

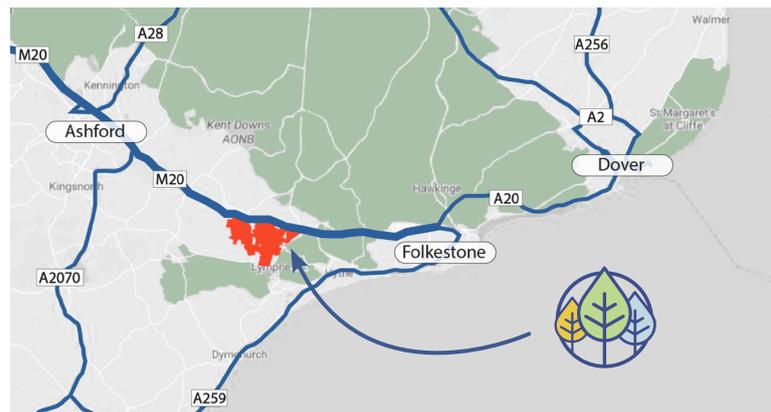
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## OTTERPOOL PARK A CASE STUDY

**A place in the countryside; a place where people and businesses want to be; a creative space, connected to wherever you need to be – that’s our vision.**

Otterpool Park is a new garden town for East Kent, proposed by landowners Folkestone & Hythe District Council and Cozumel Estates. Launched by the then housing minister, Gavin Barwell in 2016, and now the subject of a full planning application submitted in March 2019, this proposed new community will, if approved, set the standard for sustainable development in the UK with the aim of truly improving quality of life for its residents – a pioneering, creative and connected place where people and businesses will want to be.



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## Sustainably meeting the area's housing needs

The ambitious plans for this new community forms a core part of the district council's strategy to address future housing need in the district, with the phased development of up to **10,000 homes**, within easy reach of Folkestone town centre, the High Speed 1 train line and Eurotunnel shuttle services to France. **The first 8,500 homes would be delivered by 2050**, in a range of sizes and architectural styles, with all the infrastructure and community facilities needed to support it, including a new transport hub at Westenhanger station and improved access to the M20. Half the development area will be retained as green space with access to the existing countryside improved. It will deliver a variety of public spaces; parks, allotments, sports facilities, a nature reserve, a woodland country park and a riverside setting.

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## An extraordinary new community for the district

Otterpool Park will ultimately be home to up to **25,000 people**, creating an extraordinary new community for the district; a place in the countryside enjoying excellent connections to and from the capital, with thoughtfully designed neighbourhoods, including nearly **2,200 affordable homes**, once all 10,000 are built, across a range of tenures and over **600 extra care homes; self and custom build opportunities; imaginative employment spaces** and **flexible working** opportunities. By setting high standards for design and guidelines around size and sustainability, this will be a development that will adapt to the future needs of its residents. The council's land ownership also provides it with the opportunity to build some homes itself in future.

