



# Amazon

## Amazon in Essex

In the spring of 2017, Amazon opened a brand new fulfilment centre (dubbed 'LCY2' after its closest airport, London City) in Tilbury, Essex, creating 1,500 new permanent jobs in the local area.

Amazon were looking for a "mega shed" warehouse for sorting and fulfilment in the South East of England, and were introduced to Invest ESSEX by UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) to identify a suitable location and property solution. At 2 million sq ft, the Amazon Tilbury warehouse equates to 28 football pitches, making it one of the biggest warehouses in the UK. Nevertheless, Essex offers 1000+ acres of large development space, making it the perfect location for companies like Amazon.

Invest ESSEX, who work with partners in the property sector to find solutions for clients, conducted an extensive search of property and locations identifying the London Distribution Park as an ideal solution due to its potential to accommodate the type of high quality warehousing and logistics facilities, connectivity and strategic location in the south of the UK as required by Amazon.

Invest ESSEX introduced Amazon directly to the [Port of Tilbury](#) and Thurrock Council in April 2014, who then negotiated with Amazon to secure the warehouse site and open Amazon Tilbury.



We are very pleased that Amazon has chosen to build their new fulfilment centre at the Port of Tilbury in Thurrock, Essex. It has been a long time coming since our initial discussions which were facilitated through Invest ESSEX back in 2014. The 2.2 million sq ft facility will be the largest of its kind in the UK and initially employ 1,500 and opened in Spring 2017. The Port is well placed for Amazon to maximise their supply chain routings and we look forward to working with them to make this happen.

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## Fulfillment centre using Amazon Robotics

The LCY2 Tilbury fulfilment centre became Amazon's 13th in the UK when it first opened. They have also since opened their doors to members of the public by offering guided tours of the facility between the months of February and September, including local schools and other community groups alike.

Amazon Tilbury became the third fulfilment centre in the UK to use the pioneering robotics technology produced by its subsidiary Amazon Robotics (which was previously known as Kiva Systems after they purchased the company for \$775m in 2012). This advanced robotics technology which first launched in the UK the year before subsequently aids operations by speeding up processing time, reducing walking time for employees, and allowing for 50 per cent more items to be stowed away per square foot.



Not only has Amazon provided additional employment with excellent career and training opportunities in the area, it has also made a significant contribution to the wider community. This is an example of the scale of Amazon's investment in Tilbury, and it also illustrates both the success of the borough of Thurrock and the incredible growth of jobs in Essex.

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## About Invest ESSEX

Invest ESSEX is an investment promotion agency (IPA) that encourages inward investment and foreign direct investment into Essex – a county which presents a unique location opportunity to companies expanding in the UK and European markets.

Our mission is to make your business expansion or relocation as hassle-free as possible, helping you to minimise project costs and risks. We also provide information and contacts businesses need to locate their ideal property solutions.

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## What are the key business benefits of locating in Essex?

Major property cost savings:



## Amazon and Tesla

Going forward, Amazon Tilbury is seen as a key part of Amazon's operations in the UK. The company has recently submitted plans to the local council for the installation of Tesla powerpacks at Tilbury in order to provide self-sufficient energy supply, as well as installing solar panels on the roof of the building which will provide approximately 17.7% of the power for the facility.

If approved, this would be the second project of its kind to use powerpacks for self-sufficient energy in the UK by Tesla after their collaboration with Manchester Science Park in April 2018.



- 74% versus the City of London
- 54% versus London
- 26% versus England's major cities

### Major labour cost savings:

- 48% versus the City of London
- 21% versus London
- 5% versus England's major cities

### Superb transport connectivity:

- City of London: 28 minutes by train (from Chelmsford, Essex)
- London Stansted Airport: 30 minute drive (from Chelmsford, Essex)
- London Heathrow Airport: 1 hour 12 minutes by Crossrail (from Shenfield, Essex)
- All London Airports within 1 hour 15 minutes (from Chelmsford, Essex)

### A large-scale, specialist workforce:

- 103,000 financial and business service workers in Essex
- 142,000 Essex-based London commuters
- 688,000 London finance cluster workers

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## Why choose Essex as a business location?

Essex presents a unique location opportunity to companies expanding in the UK and European markets.

Benefiting from the UK's highly advantageous business environment, Essex offers direct access to the business and technology hubs of London and Cambridge, a high-quality workforce, unrivalled global connectivity and the UK's

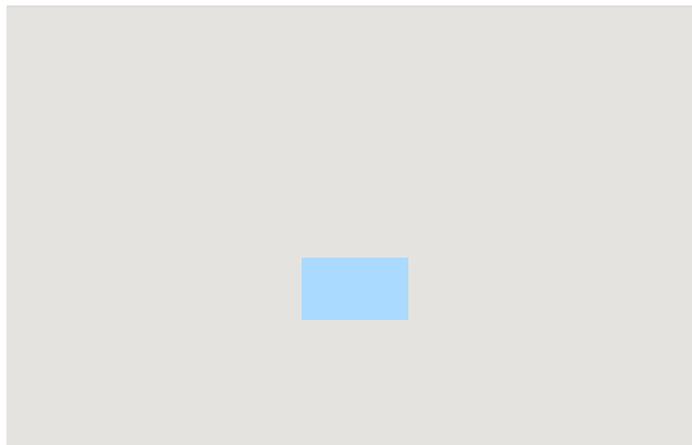
## About Amazon

Amazon is guided by four principles: customer obsession rather than competitor focus, passion for invention, commitment to operational excellence, and long-term thinking.

Customer reviews, 1-Click shopping, personalized recommendations, Prime, AWS, Kindle Direct Publishing, Kindle, Fire tablets, Fire TV, Amazon Echo and Alexa are some of the products and services pioneered by Amazon.



## Location



multimodal logistics gateway: four international deep sea ports, six rail freight terminals and the UK's third largest cargo airport ([London Stansted](#)) in Essex.

But, uniquely within the UK, Essex combines these value-adding advantages with potentially massive cost savings – enabling your company to save money without compromise.

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## Port of Tilbury

The Port of Tilbury is situated in the south of Essex. It is the largest deep water port on the River Thames and is London's major port providing fast, modern distribution services for the benefit of the South East of England.

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