

Aviation

The expansion of London Southend Airport is not just changing the face of international travel to and from the south east but it has also stimulated further growth and opportunities for the maintenance, repair and overhaul cluster co-located at the airport. The forthcoming Airport Business Park will further increase capacity for this activity in the area.

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London Southend airport is expanding. A new railway station, terminal building, flight control tower and hotel all serve to support flights to destinations across Europe. These include Aer Lingus flights to Ireland, over 70 Easyjet flights a week across Europe and the introduction of Thomson and First Choice in May 2013, all providing easy access to package holidays.

Southend Airport is a thriving business complex, home to over 50 companies and is a centre of employment for over 1,300 people with a focus on aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul, in turn providing services to both private and commercial jets from across the world.

Ipeco manufacture flight deck and cabin interior equipment for the aircraft market. The company also produce power management products and machined components for the defence electronics and engineering industries. All Boeing flight deck seats are manufactured at their Southend site which employs some 450 people. Ipeco also successfully run an in-house apprenticeship programme and provide a range of training courses.

The Inflite Group located at Southend airport, provides design, machining, fabrication, component repair, electrical loom manufacture, and surface treatment services, to the Aerospace and Defence Industries. The company was founded in 1983 and has grown steadily to reach an annual turnover in excess of £45 million.



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Adjacent to London Southend Airport's in a 90 acre site which is soon to become the first green field business park in south Essex for decades. This will be a first class business park offering contemporary commercial accommodation – with the opportunity for early movers to influence design and structure to meet their needs. Already in negotiation with an international company this business park will be a prime location for any company seeking premises in south Essex. This development will create over 7000 new jobs and boost the aviation and advanced engineering industries in Southend for years to come.

Southend wants to see further investment and development in this sector recognising its role as an economic driver and in high value training and employment. Choosing to locate your aviation business here you could benefit from:

- A rapidly expanding airport with associated industry
- Development opportunities with outstanding locally based education providers including the University of Essex, South Essex College and Anglia Ruskin University
- Supply chain opportunities to and from local businesses
- National transport links via the road and rail network



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