

PORTS &
LOGISTICS IN
SUFFOLK

A key gateway for the UK economy, Suffolk connects the UK to the world and drives global trade through its advanced ports and logistics networks.

Suffolk is a powerhouse of UK trade and logistics, anchored by Felixstowe, the nation's largest container port handling over a third of all containerised trade. It's supported by Ipswich's leading agricultural exports and Lowestoft's growing offshore wind base.

Suffolk's eastern coast location, with its A14 road network and strong rail links make it a vital international gateway, attracting global operators with access to innovation and financial support, while ongoing port and infrastructure upgrades further strengthen growth and train a skilled, future-ready workforce.





NEARLY 30,000 JOBS
ACROSS 3,000 PLUS
BUSINESSES



CONTRIBUTING £1.2BN
IN ECONOMIC VALUE
TO THE UK ECONOMY

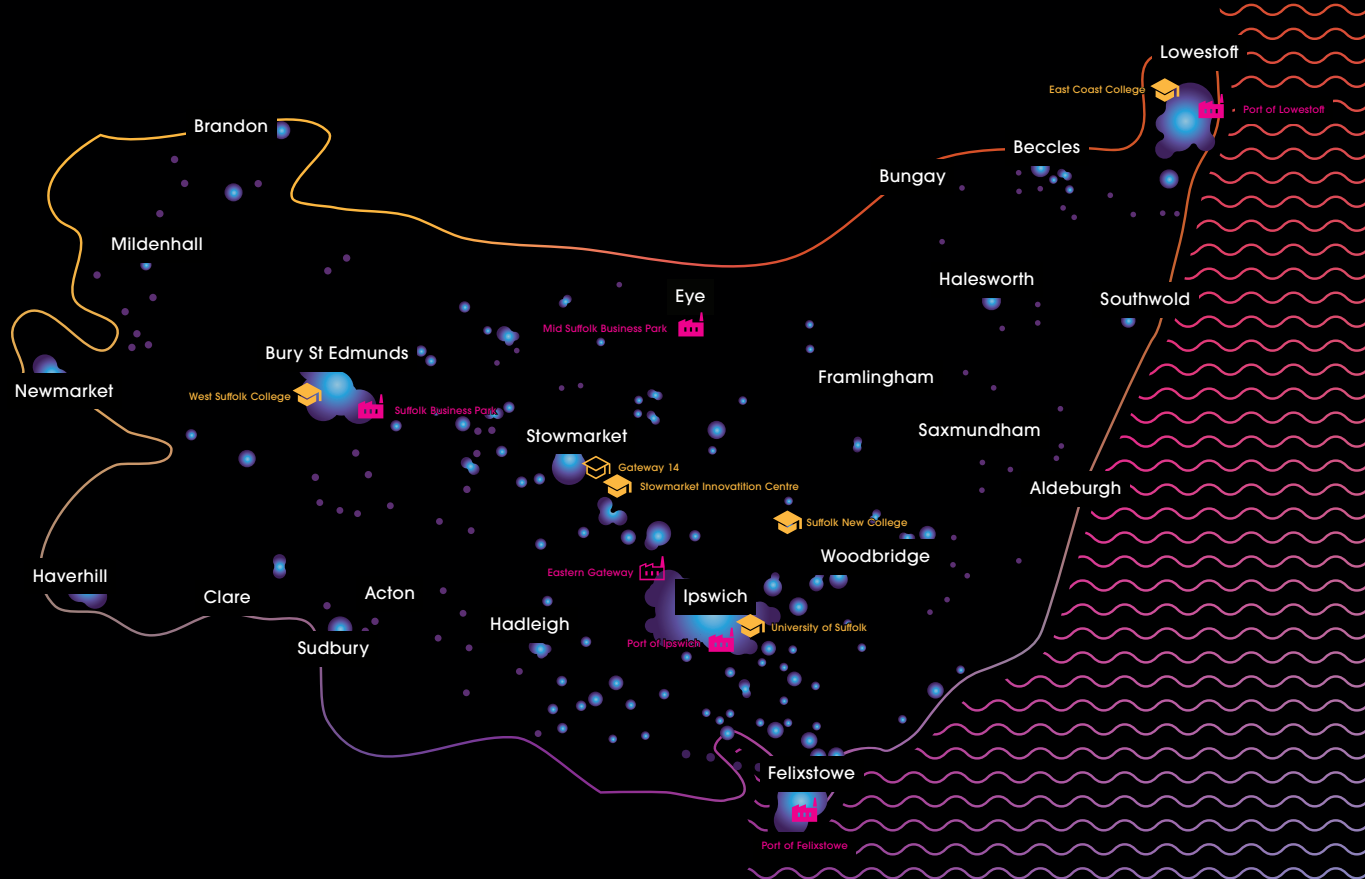


EACH JOB
CONTRIBUTES £42.2K
IN GROSS VALUE ADDED

 SUFFOLK
ECONOMY



32% MORE
JOBS THAN
THE ENGLAND
AVERAGE



Skills & education
institution



Skills & education
institution (planned
or in development)



Physical
asset



Physical asset
(planned or in
development)

Firm density



OPPORTUNITIES IN SUFFOLK

Hydrogen and Electric Freight Corridors: Build a national model for low-carbon freight movement by connecting Felixstowe, Lowestoft and the Midlands through hydrogen and electric transport corridors. Integrate charging and refuelling infrastructure with clean-energy assets at Sizewell, Lowestoft and Freeport East to create a green freight route.

Digital and Automated Freight Systems: Deploy digital-twin and AI-powered logistics platforms to create real-time visibility across ports, rail and road. Automation and predictive data analytics will improve freight flow, reduce congestion and enable smarter routing, emissions monitoring and maintenance scheduling. Suffolk's digital ecosystem can anchor these developments and attract innovators in intelligent logistics systems.

Logistics Innovation Zones and Hubs: Develop live testing environments at sites such as Gateway 14 and Freeport East to pilot automation, low-emission

vehicles and connected infrastructure. These hubs will support collaboration between technology providers, hauliers and manufacturers.

Local Value Creation: Retain more economic benefit from trade by developing logistics parks, processing facilities and digital control centres near ports. This will support SMEs and supply-chain diversification, stimulate new investment in warehousing and freight handling, and strengthen links with manufacturing and agrifood sectors.

Workforce and Skills Transformation: Build a future-ready logistics workforce equipped for automation, digital operations and clean transport. The Skills and Innovation Hub at Gateway 14, alongside West Suffolk College and regional universities, will expand training pathways in data analysis, freight management and low-carbon operations, ensuring that Suffolk's residents benefit directly from this transformation.



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