



Thames Gateway – Residential Opportunities

The Thames Gateway is one of Europe's largest regeneration opportunities and extends from the Isle of Dogs in the west to Southend in Essex and the Isle of Sheppey in Kent. It comprises three main regions known as the Thames Gateway London, Thames Gateway South Essex and The Kent Gateway.

To put it into context, The Thames Gateway measures approximately 60 kilometers long and 30 kilometres wide, comprising some 80,000 hectares.

The area is seen by central Government as a major opportunity to address the south

east's housing shortage, without the large scale release of green belt land, which will act as the driver for further commercial activity.

The Lower Lee Valley will host the Olympic Games in 2012, the Greenwich Peninsula will be

redeveloped for a number of mixed uses including an enormous amount of new housing whilst centres such as Barking, Woolwich and Gravesend will be regenerating themselves with new developments comprising housing, retail and leisure.

Over 20,000 new residential homes are planned to be built across the Thames Gateway area with the key to success to provide a range of accommodation including affordable housing within easy access to good local facilities and to build communities that will be sustainable and last.

So far, the majority of the residential developments have been focused on a number of large sites such as Greenwich Peninsula which eventually will provide over 10,000 homes, Woolwich Arsenal which will provide over 3,000 homes, Thamesmead with over 1,000 units and Ebbsfleet in North Kent which could provide over 13,000 new units.

There are a number of other projects in the pipeline including Barking Riverside which over the next 10-15 years is anticipated to provide over 10,000 new homes.