

INVEST AND GROW IN ALDERSHOT & FARNBOROUGH

Driving **innovation, investment & economic growth** in north Hampshire



DEFENCE | AEROSPACE | ENGINEERING | TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION | OPPORTUNITY

DISCOVER ALDERSHOT & FARNBOROUGH

Aldershot & Farnborough is home to one of the UK's most productive and strategically important economic clusters.

Combining defence leadership, aerospace innovation and advanced digital and technology capability, the area offers businesses a highly connected environment in which to invest and grow.

Located just 35 minutes from London with direct access to the M3 corridor and Heathrow Airport, Aldershot and Farnborough provide excellent national and international connectivity for businesses, investors and skilled workers.

Farnborough, the birthplace of aviation, internationally recognised for its aerospace, defence and advanced engineering strengths, and anchored by Farnborough Airport and the globally renowned Farnborough International Airshow. Together, they reinforce the area's reputation as a centre for innovation, investment and technical excellence.



Aldershot is the recognised Home of the British Army, hosting Standing Joint Command alongside around 70 military units. This concentration of military leadership creates rare access to defence expertise, operational knowledge and partnership opportunities.



35 MINUTES FROM LONDON
with M3 access, proximity to Heathrow and a strong skills pipeline



HIGHEST PRODUCTIVITY IN THE UK
£84.10 GVA per hour worked (more than double the national average)



UK DEFENCE, TECH AND AEROSPACE HUB
home to QinetiQ, Lenovo, Farnborough Airport and a growing SME base



HOME OF THE BRITISH ARMY
hosting Standing Joint Command



BIRTHPLACE OF BRITISH AVIATION
and host of the Farnborough International Airshow



FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL



LENOVO



A WORLD CLASS ECONOMY

Aldershot & Farnborough offers businesses a proven, high-performing economic environment in which to invest, relocate and grow.

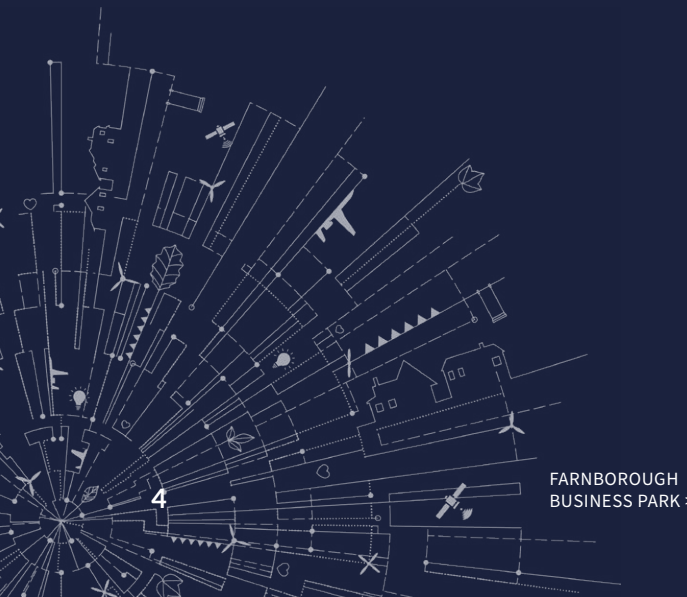
The local economy is characterised by exceptional productivity, the highest in the UK, generating £8.62bn in GDP¹ with an employment rate of 85.6%², significantly above regional and national benchmarks.

The area's mature and organically developed economic cluster, brings together defence primes, global corporates, tier-one suppliers, innovative SMEs and educators, across aerospace engineering, advanced materials, secure digital technologies, systems integration and specialist manufacturing. The cluster has evolved through sustained private-sector investment, supported by its proximity to secure infrastructure, specialist facilities and a highly skilled workforce.

The cluster is further strengthened by Cody Technology Park, one of Europe's largest secure defence and technology campuses, providing a unique environment for research, development, testing and collaboration between industry, government and the armed forces.

For companies considering relocation or expansion, this translates into higher output per worker, access to specialist skills, established supply-chain depth and a business environment accustomed to complex, regulated and mission-critical activity.

1 Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Regional Economic Activity by Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
2 Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS), Annual Population Survey (APS).



FARNBOROUGH
BUSINESS PARK >

AT THE HEART OF DEFENCE

Aldershot & Farnborough form one of the UK's most significant defence and aerospace hubs, supporting national security, operational readiness and long-term industrial capability.

Defence lies at the heart of this ecosystem. Aldershot's status as the Home of the British Army reflects the critical role the armed forces play in keeping the nation safe and secure.

Home to key Army headquarters, including Regional Command, Home Command and Standing Joint Command, alongside around 70 military units, creating a uniquely dense concentration of defence leadership, operational expertise and decision making. This proximity offers businesses rare access to end users, real world insight and opportunities to support capability development across land, air and digital domains.

This high performing ecosystem is underpinned by strong collaborative structures. The Farnborough Aerospace Consortium (FAC) — the UK's oldest aerospace and defence trade association — supports around 300 companies, from SMEs to primes, through supply chain development, innovation support and alignment with national priorities.

Alongside FAC, ADS provides national advocacy and industry representation, a particularly important partnership for Farnborough given it's headquartered

within Farnborough International, hosts of the globally recognised Farnborough International Airshow (FIA). This connection helps ensure local aerospace, defence, security and space businesses are well positioned to engage with government programmes, industry networks and procurement reform.

The Aldershot & Farnborough Growth Partnership brings these strengths together.

By working collectively — across local authorities, industry, defence, skills providers and government — the Partnership is better placed to attract investment, secure funding and respond to the MOD's renewed focus on streamlining procurement, defence innovation, SME access, export support and technical skills development.



KEY ASSETS

Farnborough Airport plays a central role in Aldershot and Farnborough's economic success.

As the UK's leading business aviation airport, it enhances the area's connectivity for investors and high-value industries, contributing to the local economy through skilled employment, supply-chain activity and ongoing investment in high-quality facilities.

Alongside its aviation role, the Airport and the adjacent Aviator hotel support a growing creative industries presence in the region. The nearby Farnborough International Studios and Farnborough

International Exhibition & Conference Centre further strengthen this offer, providing purpose-built production facilities and hosting major trade, business and public events that reinforce Farnborough's role as a hub for the creative and events sectors. Their distinctive architecture and secure environment make them attractive filming locations, while providing convenient access for production teams working across the wider area.

Farnborough Airshow

Farnborough's global profile is elevated by the International Airshow.

Hosted by Farnborough International Ltd, a subsidiary of ADS Group, the 2024 Show welcomed over 100,000 visitors and more than 1,400 exhibitors, reinforcing the area's position as a premier showcase for aviation, defence, security and space technologies.

FARNBOROUGH AIRSHOW 2024:

\$105.8BN
(£83BN+)

in global commercial deals announced in 2024

ESTIMATED
£13BN

flows to UK industry through supply chains

260
AIRCRAFT ORDERS worth £6.4bn to the UK

OVER
100,000
VISITORS generating local spend



FARNBOROUGH AIRSHOW



FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT

FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS



PRIME LOCATIONS

Aldershot and Farnborough offer a portfolio of strategically significant locations that support defence-led growth and long-term private sector investment.

More than high-quality real estate, these locations provide the infrastructure, proximity and the credibility businesses need to operate within defence supply chains, public sector programmes and regulated markets, while positioning them close to key partners, customers and future opportunities across the UK's defence and security landscape.

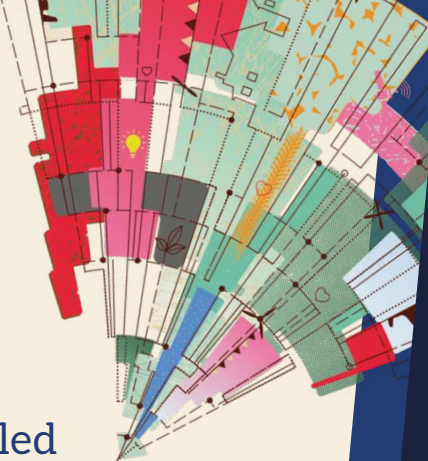
Cody Technology Park is central to this proposition and is a nationally important asset for future defence and security growth. Home to organisations including QinetiQ and SiXworks, the park is the focus of a phased, multi-million-pound programme of redevelopment aimed at modernising facilities, increasing capacity and delivering flexible, secure accommodation for defence-aligned businesses. The ambition is to create new space for both prime contractors and SMEs, supporting collaboration and supply-chain integration alongside existing occupiers.

By providing secure, high-quality space close to established defence organisations and customers,

Cody offers a rare environment in which companies can develop, test and scale solutions aligned to public-sector demand. For new and growing firms, this creates clear opportunities for collaboration, supply-chain participation and future commercial activity, including engagement with government frameworks and long-term programmes.

Farnborough Business Park complements this offer, providing Grade A commercial space suitable for headquarters, R&D, programme delivery and collaborative working. The park is home to major organisations including DXC Technology, Lenovo, Fluor, Siemens and AON, reflecting its role as a proven location for aerospace, defence, technology and advanced engineering activity.

Alongside this, the Farnborough Aerospace Centre provides a dedicated environment for aerospace and aviation-focused businesses, supporting innovation, collaboration and supply chain development within one of the UK's most established aerospace clusters.

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- 1 Aldershot College
 - 2 Aldershot Enterprise Centre
 - 3 Aldershot Garrison
 - 4 Aldershot Railway Station
 - 5 Aldershot Town Centre
 - 6 BAE Systems
 - 7 BMW UK
 - 8 Cody Technology Park
 - 9 Farnborough Aerospace Centre
 - 10 Farnborough Airport
 - 11 Farnborough Business Park
 - 12 Farnborough College of Technology
 - 13 Farnborough International Exhibition & Conference Centre
 - 14 Farnborough International Studios
 - 15 Farnborough Main Railway Station
 - 16 Farnborough North Railway Station
 - 17 Farnborough Town Centre
 - 18 Gulfstream
 - 19 Lenovo
 - 20 North Camp Railway Station
 - 21 QinetiQ
 - 22 Royal Pavilion
 - 23 The Meads Shopping Centre
 - 24 The Sixth Form College, Farnborough
 - 25 The Wellington Centre
 - 26 Wellesley Aldershot



Taken together, Aldershot and Farnborough's prime locations offer more than high quality real estate.

They provide strategic platforms for defence aligned investment, supporting businesses that want to be close to partners, customers and **future opportunities within the UK's defence and security landscape.**

PIPELINE OF TALENT

Aldershot & Farnborough benefit from a highly skilled and technically proficient population, supported by Farnborough College of Technology and Aldershot College, and Sixth Form College, Farnborough, giving local businesses unrivalled access to talent, research and specialist training.

This depth of talent not only supports ongoing research, testing, and product development, but also attracts inward investment from global companies seeking access to world-class technical capability.

The region is also supported by leading universities—Surrey, Reading, Portsmouth, Winchester, Solent and Southampton—each within easy reach.

This concentration of colleges and universities forms a powerful regional skills ecosystem, one that continually feeds Aldershot and Farnborough's growth sectors with new talent, fresh ideas and opportunities for innovation.



FARNBOROUGH COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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Farnborough College of Technology provides industry aligned training in engineering, digital technologies and advanced manufacturing, with a clear ambition to develop as a leading Defence Technical College.

Alongside recognised higher education pathways delivered through the University Centre, the college has a strong record in apprenticeships and employer partnerships, producing job ready graduates equipped to step directly into defence, aerospace and advanced technology roles.

Through close collaboration with defence, aerospace and advanced manufacturing, the college shapes curricula around real world requirements, helping businesses access skilled talent at every stage of growth.



YOUNG PEOPLE AT BAE SYSTEMS

THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, FARNBOROUGH

The Sixth Form College, Farnborough is a key local skills asset, enrolling around 4,000 students from a wide catchment and offering strong A-level and vocational pathways supported by nationally recognised careers guidance.

Rated **Outstanding** by Ofsted, it provides businesses with a reliable pipeline of **well-prepared, motivated young people** equipped with the **transferable skills** needed in a modern economy.



FARNBOROUGH WIND TUNNELS

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE & WORK

Situated in the borough of Rushmoor in North East Hampshire, Aldershot and Farnborough benefit from a young and diverse population, creating an energetic and forward-thinking environment for business.

In the 2026 Centre for Cities report comparing 63 of the UK's urban areas, Aldershot ranked 3rd for gross disposable household income per capita and 6th for average weekly workplace earnings*, demonstrating a high-value local economy, quality employment and excellent income outcomes for residents.

A place built for family living

Only 35 minutes from London and 45 from the south coast, Aldershot and Farnborough offer welcoming communities, excellent schools and abundant green spaces.

Families enjoy expansive parks, woodland trails, two retail parks and a diverse range of leisure and cultural attractions, including a theatre, cinemas, sports facilities and one of the South East's premier outdoor ski centres. Safe neighbourhoods, excellent transport links, a strong sense of community and ongoing investment into the town centres, with a new leisure facility in Farnborough set to be completed in 2027, make the area an attractive place to live, work and raise a family.

New housing

Aldershot and Farnborough have a range of housing to suit most tastes and budgets. The Wellesley development on part of the former Aldershot Garrison site north of the town centre is providing 3,850 new homes of which 1,200 are already built and occupied.

This includes a mix of home sizes and tenures along with two new primary schools, 110 ha of managed green space, and the refurbishment of six listed buildings, including the former Cambridge Military Hospital, which has now been converted to luxury apartments.

*Centre for Cities (2026), Cities Outlook 2026. Based on the Aldershot Primary Urban Area (including Farnborough and Camberley).



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The recently completed
UNION YARD
accommodates **128 student lets**,
82 apartments and **18 affordable homes**.

ALDERSHOT TOWN CENTRE

sees **continuing growth** with
596 new homes planned as part
of the Galleries redevelopment.

THE FARNBOROUGH CIVIC QUARTER

will deliver a **significant programme of regeneration**, introducing **new homes** and **enhanced public realm** while strengthening Farnborough's position as an attractive location for investment, innovation and growth.



SHOPPING IN NORTH CAMP

PARTNERS FOR GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY

The **Aldershot & Farnborough Growth Partnership** has been established to provide strategic leadership and a coordinated approach to shaping the long-term future of Aldershot & Farnborough.



It brings together key partners and stakeholders to combine forces, speak as a single economic cluster, and more effectively articulate the area's strengths, ambitions and needs.

By aligning effort and acting with one voice, the Partnership will attract talent and investment, secure funding and support from government, and set out a clear case for future development that enables local businesses and sectors to grow and thrive.

The Partnership recognises the significant opportunities arising from the Strategic Defence Review 2025, which positions national defence investment as both a security imperative and an economic catalyst. As the 'Home of the British Army' and the 'Birthplace of British Aviation', the area is uniquely placed to support and benefit from this agenda — driving high-quality jobs, innovation and resilience, while playing a vital role in the engine that protects the nation's security as government mobilises its industrial and defence strategies.

FIND OUT MORE

about the Aldershot & Farnborough Growth Partnership

If you're interested in finding out more about the opportunities for your business in Aldershot and Farnborough then contact the business support team.

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