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Ashford's plans are creating exciting opportunities for growth - everything you would expect from a thriving expanding town.

Ashford has pledged firm investment plans for the future and is committed to implement a phased programme of change in a measured, sustainable way.

Through business and government partnerships, Ashford aims to achieve its ambitions and reap the rewards of being the best place in Britain.

Last year saw the opening of the extended [County Square shopping centre](#) including a new Debenhams department store and the [Singleton Environment Centre](#) community facility as well as the completion of the [Ring Road](#) scheme and [Newtown Road Bridge](#) widening.

Below are some of the developments likely to happen in the next few years.

2009

- Introduction of high-speed rail services to London reducing the travel time to 37 minutes.
- Development of [Elwick Place](#), a 6.65 acre town centre mixed use scheme.
- Start of improvements to Junction 9 of the M20 motorway.
- Improvements to the station approach area, ahead of high-speed train services.

2010

- Development of large scale residential neighbourhoods at Chilmington Green and Cheeseman's Green.
- Completion of the water main link from Bewl Water.
- £24 million investment to improve the supply of water.
- Introduction of Park & Ride scheme at the Warren site.

- Work on [Kings Avenue Medical Centre](#) due to begin.

2011

- Completion of the multi-million Ashford Learning Campus.
- Start of implementation of Junction 10a of the M20 motorway.
- Development of Victoria Way, a new link road south of the railway line which will take through traffic away from the town centre.
- Opening of Ashford Gateway Plus, an enhanced library and adult education centre.
- 9,070 new houses and 7,000 new jobs planned between 2001 and 2011.

