

Automotive Sector in Kent & Medway

- The automotive sector in Kent comprises over **80 automotive related companies**, including many world class organisations. With over **3,000 people directly employed**, there are links to over 2,000 engineering companies located within Kent & Medway and over 17,000 employees, ensuring that any supply / sub supply requirements are met.
- Key players include **Cohline UK Ltd, Comma Oils & Chemicals Ltd, Cummins Inc and Intier Automotive** to name but a few.
- There are currently in the region of almost **2,000 students** studying various aspects of Engineering at Kent universities, ensuring a steady pipeline of quality labour to the sector.
- The University of Greenwich is home to an industry funded **Chair of Manufacturing Engineering**, which has secured funding for the development of a prototyping centre. The group runs external training schemes for companies to enable them to improve manufacturing and manufacturing processes.
- The sector is boosted by the presence of Sheerness Port, one of UK's leading car handling terminals, handling around 400,000 unit crossings each year. Largest customers are **Peugeot and Citroen** as well as **Volkswagen, Daihatsu, Porsche, Honda and Subaru**.
- In addition to Sheerness, Kent is well positioned to offer all major distribution facilities to Europe and beyond via its ports, rail and air freight distribution points.
- Kent offers lower costs than London and the main European cities, but is within close proximity to both. For example, **property prices are up to 60% lower than in London**.
- Recent investors in the county include **EMCO Wheaton (UK) Ltd and ABBA Commercials Ltd**.
- For further information on the Automotive sector in Kent and its company base, please visit www.locateinkent.com or contact us on 00 44 1732 520700 / enquiries@locateinkent.com.