Situated on the South East tip of the UK, the Port of Ramsgate is one of the largest municipally-owned commercial ports. If you have a business that wants to grow, then Ramsgate should be your first choice.

- Ramsgate is the second closest UK Port to the continent.
- The location provides for short sea passage times.
- Maximising on short connectivity to combat increasing fuel costs.
- Only 58 miles by motorway/dual carriageway from junction 2 of M25 (same as Dover).
- Excellent road links, just 800 metres from the Port access road to the A299 dual carriageway and onward M2 motorway network to London and the M25.
- The high speed rail link connects Ramsgate to London St Pancras in just over an hour.
- The Port of Ramsgate is not impacted by M20 Operation Stack.
Renewable energy industry

In January 2016 the Port of Ramsgate welcomed Gefco. The international logistics firm has chosen the port as a new point of entry for their car transportation arm.

To date they have unloaded and stored thousands of cars at the port, coming from Belgium, prior to their onwards journey across the UK. The ideal location and proximity of the port to the motorway network means that Gefco not only benefit from an efficient, cost-effective port operation, but also shorter sea crossings and quick and easy distribution once the cars leave the port on an uncongested dual carriageway road network.

Gefco comes to Ramsgate

Renewable energy logistics

The Port of Ramsgate is one of the major hubs in the UK for renewable energy.

Since 2008 the sector has grown - presently a total of 320 turbines are serviced from the Port of Ramsgate.

The port has supported construction and now provides a base of operations for some of the world's leading renewable energy businesses, including: Vattenfall, London Array, Siemens and MHI Vestas.

As well as housing the company's offices the port also provides them with berthing space plus the facilities required to maintain and repair their specialist vessels.

The businesses are benefiting from long term 25+ year leases for land and facilities at the Port.

Many of the businesses have increased their operations since arriving at the port, and subsequently increasing the footprint of investment in the area.
Don’t miss out on Ramsgate

The Port of Ramsgate currently has capacity to accommodate business across a range of sectors, but with its ideal location and cost-effective solutions for international logistics, it’s sure to fill up soon.

The port currently has three roll on roll off (Ro-Ro) berths, which have the capacity to handle over 1.1m units a year.

With capacity like this, a company looking to move its freight operations from other ports in the UK would find themselves with a real advantage over their competitors. Not only because of the close proximity to the major UK motorways and short crossing times, which help combat increasing fuel costs, including those associated with MARPOL VI (ECA), but also because the Port of Ramsgate is not affected by Operation Stack. For freight companies operating out of Ramsgate the cost of delays and having their vehicles stuck on the M20 would be a thing of the past.

Unaccompanied freight

With the start of operations at the £7m rail freight facility in Calais in Spring 2016, demand for port facilities that can handle unaccompanied freight will increase.

This new continental rail freight development and increasing haulage costs, now makes unaccompanied freight a more cost effective option on the cross channel short sea route.

The Port of Ramsgate is one of the few ports in the South East of England which has additional capacity available for unaccompanied freight.

With space for up to 550 HGV trailers on site, specialist logistical equipment and storage areas only metres from the berth, which keeps the turnarounds short. The Port of Ramsgate can provide a cost-effective way forward for European freight distribution.
Developing for the future

With any business it’s important to plan for the future and recognise how you can use your business’ strengths to create a resilient strategy. The Port of Ramsgate is no different.

The port has recognised the important role it has to play in the UK and Europe’s logistics industry. As a result they have started putting together a forward looking strategy that aims to create a range of new facilities which will increase the number and variety of businesses who can utilise the port.

At the heart of these plans is a vision to build a new alongside berth, which will enable the port to handle a greater range of cargo and vessels.

The port also plans to increase the amount of maritime maintenance that takes place. The travel hoist capable of handling 500 tonne vessels, which they are planning, will help realise this goal.
The Port of Ramsgate is realistic in identifying what they need to do to achieve their ambitious plans. They know that should their plans come to fruition they will out-grow the spare capacity they currently have on their site.

With this in mind they have started to investigate the possibility of developing a nearby logistic hub that will provide the increased capacity needed.

The port is currently looking at the level of interest in the logistics hub with potential investors.
Finding out more

If you have any questions regarding the Port of Ramsgate, its current operations or future plans, you can contact a member of their team using the information below. They’ll be happy to help.

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