



Northamptonshire

The central location for the
logistics industry



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"Aside from emotional ties – Ernest Travis moved a founding company of Travis Perkins to Northampton in 1904 – Northamptonshire's central location is ideal for the headquarters of a national distribution organisation, with easy access to major roadways, airports and the north-south rail link."

Frank J McKay, Chief Executive
Travis Perkins plc

The Intelligent Location For Logistics

Northamptonshire is located right at the heart of the UK and this unique central location in the "Golden Triangle" for logistics, coupled with exceptional transport links makes logistics one of the county's largest industry sector.

- The industry includes core logistics companies carrying out haulage, postal, courier and freight activities; peripheral logistics organisations which include storage units and storage equipment and manufacture; as well as mail order services, integrators and third party logistics operators.
- The buoyant industry makes effective use of the county's sophisticated network of major roads and railway links providing easy access to ports and airports. The established regional infrastructure, which has dedicated terminals for both rail and air freight and exceptional ICT services, combined with low labour and property costs makes Northamptonshire a perfect location for logistics organisations to grow and flourish.



"Northamptonshire is extremely well situated from a logistics perspective with an excellent road network linking all of the major cities and towns. So much so, that I firmly believe that Northampton is now considered the centre of the country's logistics industry".

Simon Kay, General Manager,
Panasonic Logistics Company UK Ltd

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Why Choose Northamptonshire?

Northamptonshire is at the heart of the UK's transport and business infrastructure providing unrivalled easy access and a strategic gateway at a local, national and international level to customers and suppliers. Some of the county highlights include:

- Easy Access to the major road networks, M1, M40, M45, M6, A14 (A1-M1 Link), A43 and A45
- Five international airports within one hour's drive time include Heathrow, London Luton, Birmingham, Nottingham East Midlands and Stansted.
- Three major air freight hubs nearby, including East Midlands Airport – the UK's largest dedicated pure air freight terminal
- Efficient and fast passenger and freight rail links
- Two dedicated rail freight terminals at Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (DIRFT) and the Eurohub in Corby.
- Three rail networks serving the region in all directions now connect with Europe via the Channel Tunnel.
- Major ports of Felixstowe, Harwich, Dover, Folkestone and Lowestoft are within 3 hours
- Over 80% of the UK's population located within a four hour drive time
- Less than one hour to London by train
- Location at the heart of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, Europe's Premier hi-tech region



"We currently operate over 28 sites which encompass a total of 3.5 million square feet operating our fleet and warehousing internationally, we chose Northamptonshire for one of our sites as we have direct access to a highly skilled and stable workforce, this provides the opportunity to ensure our best practice models are implemented providing "Agility with Ability". We continue to roll out our low emission vehicles to enhance the environment locally and internationally, the central base not only gives excellent road access, but also enhances our carbon management project. Northamptonshire provides a solid base and sustainable economy for our existing and future business models which include fulfilment, consolidation centres, warehouse storage, re-work, packaging and transport"

Tony Mannix, Managing Director,
Clipper Logistics Group.



An Opportunity Delivered To Your Door!

You'll be in good company in Northamptonshire with some of the best known logistics firms located here already. Companies like NYK Logistics, Wincanton, Eddie Stobard, Wrefords, Clipper and Panasonic Logistics have chosen the county as the best place to run a logistics company. Regardless of your strategy Northamptonshire can deliver the right packages for growth.

- Northamptonshire will add to your bottom line. Its highly competitive cost advantages offer a strategic choice for relocations and consolidations of operations. **Prime industrial rents are between 30-45% less than London and the South East** and there is room for growth with flexible accommodation and Greenfield sites available.
- **Industry wage rates are between 10-25% less than neighbouring counties and the South East.** Northamptonshire's workforce has a knowledgeable logistics tradition with a strong distribution heritage.
- **Local colleges have expertise in providing specific logistics training courses,** vocational skills; business and enterprise training as well as managerial and executive level business courses. The Centre of Vocational Excellence for Logistics is based at Daventry as part of Northampton College. The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport is based in Corby.
- Northamptonshire has been designated a strategic growth area by the Government and **over the next 25 years 167,000 new homes will be built in the county bringing a plentiful workforce** and an opportunity to be a part of a huge economic growth story.
- **Invest Northamptonshire, the county investment promotion agency, has industry experts on hand to help put you in touch with the right people,** find potential premises and guide you through any expansion or relocation process.



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