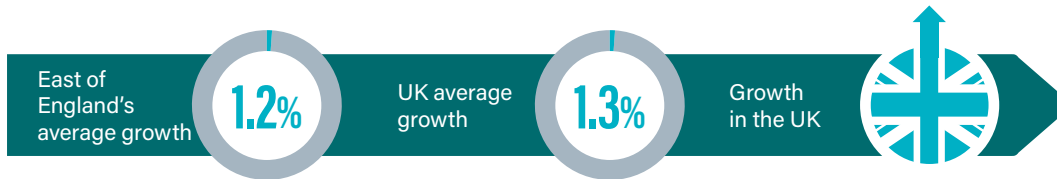
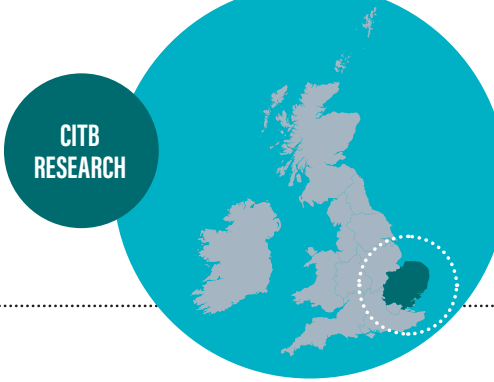


# CONSTRUCTION SKILLS NETWORK EAST OF ENGLAND 2019-23



24,450 new construction workers will be needed in East of England from 2019-23.

## GROWTH RATE

With an annual average growth rate of 1.2% for construction output between 2019-2023, the East of England is similar to the forecasted UK average growth rate of 1.3%. Public sector housing and non-housing work show the strongest growth rates with 3.7% for housing and 3.6% for non-housing work.

## JOB CREATION

Construction employment in the region is also forecast to grow at an average rate of 0.4% per year, rising from nearly 245,000 workers at the end of 2018 to nearly 250,000 by 2023. Growth is expected to be strongest for managerial, professional and technical occupations.

## ANNUAL RECRUITMENT REQUIREMENT (ARR)

The average ARR in the East of England is forecast to be 2.0% of the base 2018 workforce, stronger than the UK figure of 1.2%. This means the region will be looking for an extra 4,910 workers each year.

## MAIN GROWTH DRIVERS/CONTRACTS

Although growth is strongest for public sector work, private housing output is the largest contributor to construction work with over £3bn of output in 2018. With an annual average growth rate of 1.4% over 2019-2023, it will continue to be a very important sector for the East of England.

Significant projects in the region are the University of Cambridge's £1bn North West Cambridge development with completion scheduled for 2027, as well as the £1bn Beaulieu Park extension in Essex over a similar timeframe. Work also commenced recently on the £1bn Purfleet regeneration scheme. Construction, which will include around 2,800 new homes, will take place in phases, with the first phase being completed by 2021 and the whole development finished by 2034. In terms of other major projects, preliminary on-shore cable work to connect ScottishPower Renewables' £2.5bn East Anglia One windfarm to the grid is underway, with a scheduled completion date of 2020. The £1.5bn A14 Huntingdon to Cambridge upgrade also remains on track for completion by the end of 2020.