



Grays, London, UK

Atkins has been working on a number of commissions designed to improve and revitalise Grays on the River Thames in Essex, reconnecting the town across the railway line which divides it and linking the centre back to the river. We were first commissioned by Thurrock Thames Gateway Urban Development Corporation to produce a masterplan for the town centre, which then provided the basis for more detailed studies looking at improvements to the railway station and surrounding area and a study to design an achievable marina scheme for the riverfront. The projects have involved a team drawn from a wide range of planning, design, environment and engineering disciplines. In addition to the masterplan and detailed design, our work has included sustainability appraisal, environmental impact assessment and extensive consultation. We have also developed a VISSIM highways model which is being used to test the proposals for the town.

