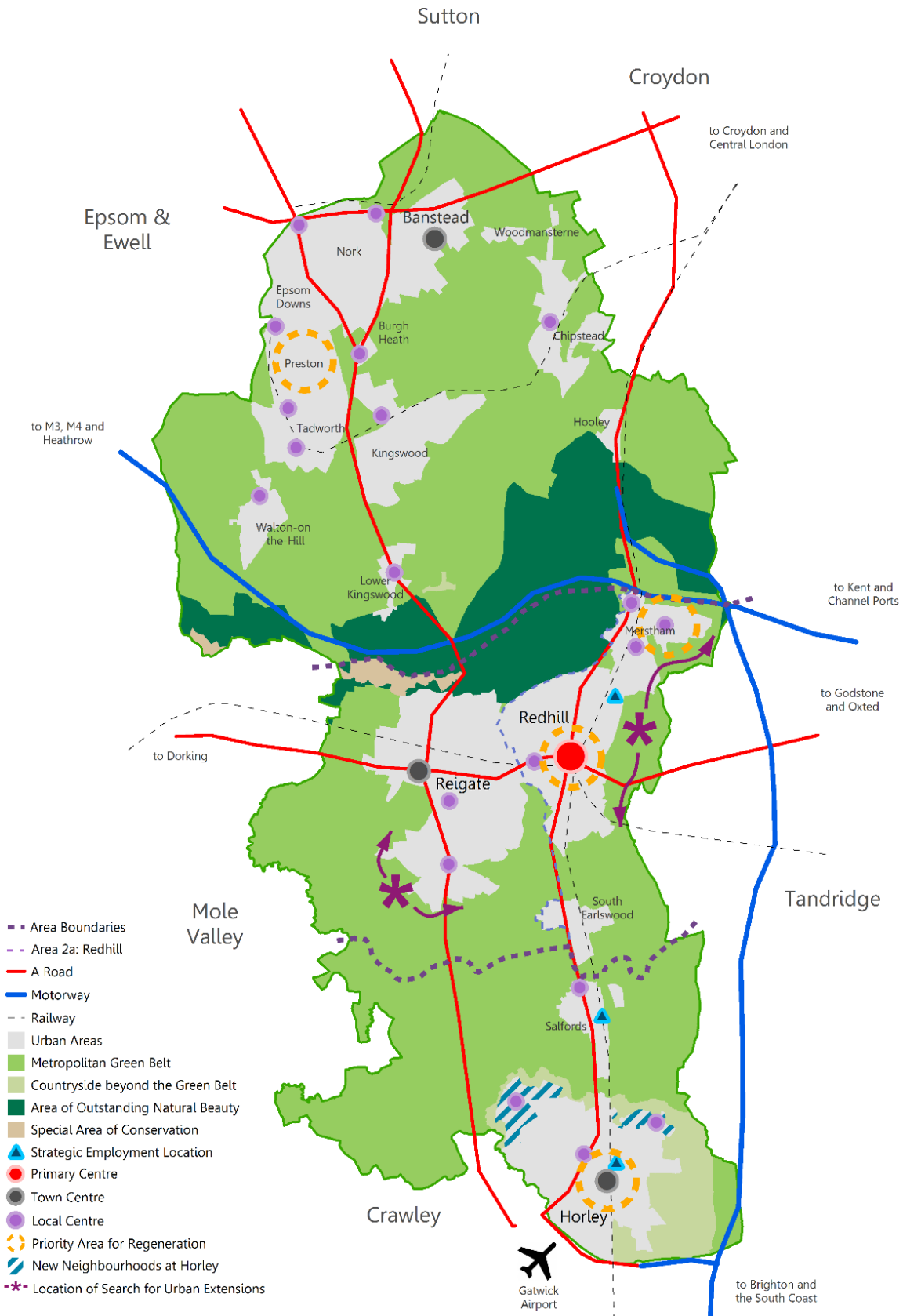




Industrial Estates Monitor

Position in April 2024

Figure 1 Reigate and Banstead Borough Map



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Please Note:

The information contained within this monitor is a record of the observed uses and occupiers within the industrial estate in Reigate & Banstead as of April 2024. It does not constitute a record of the Lawful Uses of each property under Sections 191 and 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). For further information on lawful uses, please contact the Council’s Development Management Team.

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1. Introduction

The industrial and logistics sector continues to evolve, driven by inflation, high interest rates, and the high cost-of-living contributed to by the war in Ukraine, and to a lesser extent, the Covid-19 pandemic. According to [Cushman & Wakefield](#), the take-up of logistics space in the UK totalled 32.9 million sqft by the end of Q1 2024, which was a 31% decrease from the previous year. On a sector level, third-party logistics and manufacturing dominated take-up levels in Q1 2024, with both taking up between 10-15 million sqft of industrial space. As there has been a decrease in the take-up of logistics space during 2023-24, it is expected that there has been a rise in the availability of industrial and logistics space, with [Cushman and Wakefield](#) reporting that there was 64.8 million sqft of available floorspace by the end of Q1 2024, a 9% increase compared to the same period last year. At the end of 2023, the majority of available floorspace is Grade A space, making up a record 67% of the available space, with Grade B space shortages remaining prevalent. [CBRE](#) states that the vacancy rates for industrial and logistics space steadily increased throughout the year and by the end of the year, the vacancy rate was above 4.5%. [Lambert Smith Hampton](#) states that approximately 14.3 million sqft of industrial space was under construction by the end of 2023, which may help potential new occupiers with the shortage of new units in the market. However, this was down 39% compared to the end of 2022. By the end of Q1 2024, approximately 8.65 million sqft of pipeline development was under offer, with approximately 36 million sqft of pipeline development or recently completed still available ([Cushman and Wakefield](#)).

The sustained increase of uptake in the industrial and logistics sector continued to the end of the first quarter of 2024, when, according to [Knight Frank](#), distribution occupiers took up 45% of units, followed by manufacturing occupiers at 24%, retailing occupiers at 21%, and other occupiers at 10%. The constant uptake and demand for industrial and logistics space however has also fuelled increases in rental growth, with [JLL](#) stating that all parts of the UK experienced prime rental growth of 7.8% by the end of 2023 for industrial units 100,000 sqft and over, whilst for standard industrial buildings between 10,000 and 20,000 sqft in size, rents rose by 8.3% over 2023, with this projected to further increase further in 2024. However, the availability of stock is likely to be the main mitigating factor for this increase.

1.1. Area Context

The Council’s Development Plan is comprised of the Core Strategy adopted in July 2014 (and reviewed in July 2019 and January 2024) and the Development Management Plan (DMP) adopted in September 2019 and reviewed in September 2024. The Development Plan recognises the important role industrial estates play in providing employment areas and valuable services to the business and residential community.

Within the borough, there are seven industrial estates: four principal employment areas and three local employment areas.

Table 1 All Principal and Local Employment Areas in the Borough

Principal Employment Areas	Local Employment Areas
Holmethorpe Industrial Estate, Redhill	Pitwood Park Industrial Estate, Tadworth
Wells Place Industrial Estate, Redhill	Kingsfield Business Centre, Redhill
Perrywood Business Park, Redhill	Balcombe Road Industrial Area (Bridge Industrial Estate and Gatwick Metro Centre), Horley
Salfords Industrial Estate, Redhill	

The principal employment areas are locations of strategic importance due to their size, accessibility and commercial offer. They are areas that are particularly suited to offices, industrial, storage and distribution uses.

The local employment areas provide more local accommodation for businesses. They provide an important supply of smaller, more affordable accommodation for small businesses in the borough. Their accommodation is particularly suited to smaller scale industrial and distribution uses, offices, financial and professional services and other employment generating uses.

1.2. Relevant Local Policies and Indicators

Table 2 Monitoring targets for local policies

Policy	Monitoring Target
EMP1 Principal Employment Areas	Proposals for business, industrial and storage distribution uses will generally only be permitted in employment areas set out on the proposals map. Restrict loss of employment land in these areas to maintain/promote economic growth in Surrey.
EMP2 Local Employment Areas	Generally permit proposals for redevelopment, extension or change of use for business, industrial and storage distribution uses subject to certain criteria being met.

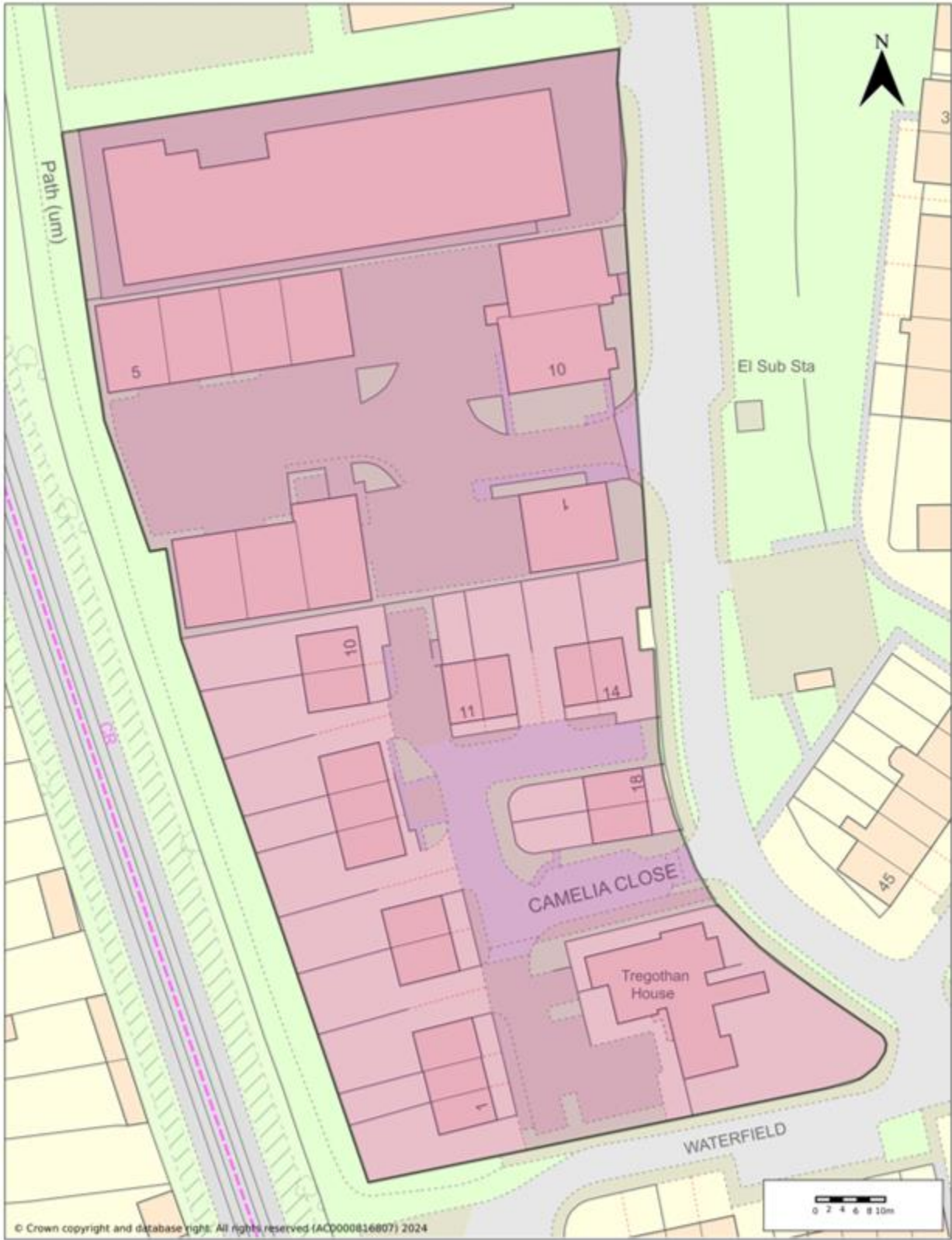
The purpose of monitoring industrial estates is to:

- Improve knowledge of local businesses to support future economic development;
- Analyse use trends and assess the on-going suitability and viability of these areas for different types of employment provision;
- Analyse vacancy and market activity within the industrial estates as a further barometer of economic performance;
- Monitor the effectiveness of local policies in the borough’s Local Plan documents and provide an up-to-date evidence base to support decision-making on planning application

2. Individual Estate Analysis

2.1. Pitwood Park Industrial Estate, Tadworth

Figure 2 Pitwood Park Industrial Estate



New Occupiers and Vacancies

Within the last twelve months, there have been five changes to units within the industrial estate. Units 4, 8, 9, 10 and part of unit 1 at Pitwood Park, which were previously occupied by MHG Heating, West Coast MEP/Promode, Linkam Scientific Ltd (units 9 and 10) and G.S. Christopher 7 Co Ltd respectively, have now been replaced by RTR Air Conditioning, Fahey Roofing Ltd, PAG Ltd (units 9 and 10) and Wadsworth Security Products respectively. There are no vacant units within the industrial estate.

Table 3 Vacant units and floorspace in Pitwood Park during the monitoring period

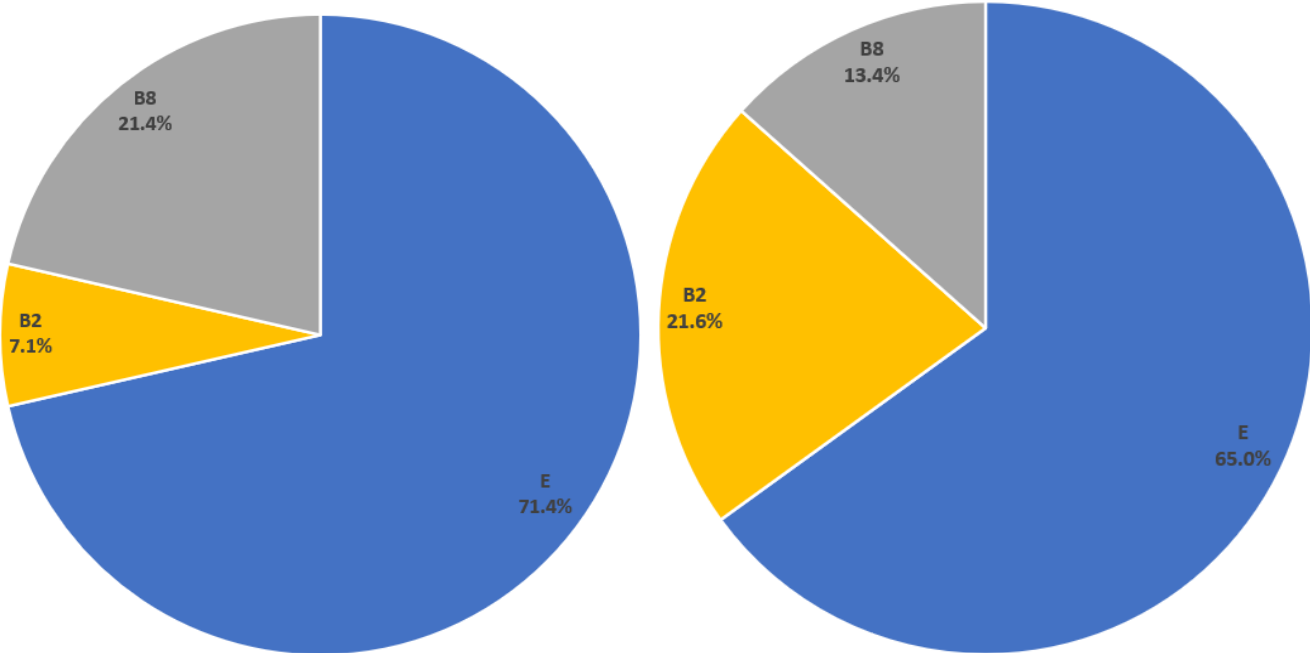
	Total	Vacant	% Vacant
Units	14	0	0.0%
Floorspace (sqm)	3,430	0	0.0%

Both services and manufacturing uses are the most prominent use within the industrial estate, accounting for 35.8% of the units. Storage and distribution uses account for the remaining units (28.6%). In terms of floorspace, manufacturing uses account for 44.5% of the floorspace, slightly more than services (38.9%). Storage and distribution uses account for the least floorspace within the industrial estate at 16.6%.

As can be seen from Figure 3 below, the commercial, business and service use class (E) accounts for the greatest proportion of units (71.4%) and floorspace (65.0%). General industrial (B2) and storage and distribution (B8) account for 28.5% of the units and 35.0% of the floorspace combined, potentially due to the estate's location in a predominantly residential area.

Use Classes

Figure 3 Percentage of use classes in Pitwood Park during the monitoring period, with percentage of units on the left, and percentage of floorspace on the right

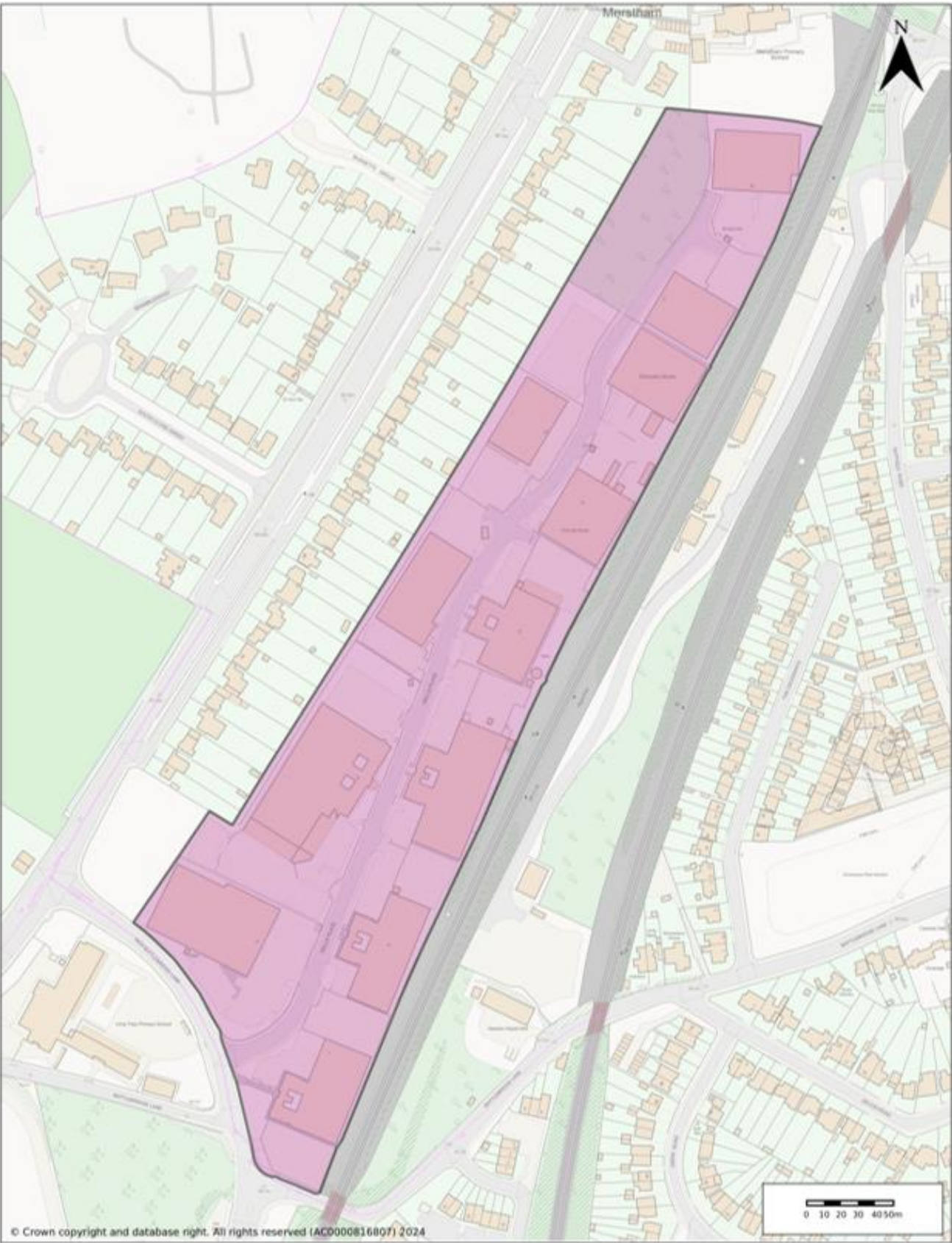


Planning and Development Activity

There are currently no outstanding permissions at Pitwood Park.

2.2. Wells Place, Merstham

Figure 4 Wells Place Industrial Estate



New Occupiers and Vacancies

During this monitoring period, there have been no occupier changes at Wells Place industrial estate, Table 4 shows that there are no vacant units within the industrial estate.

Table 4 Vacant units and floorspace in Wells Place during the monitoring period

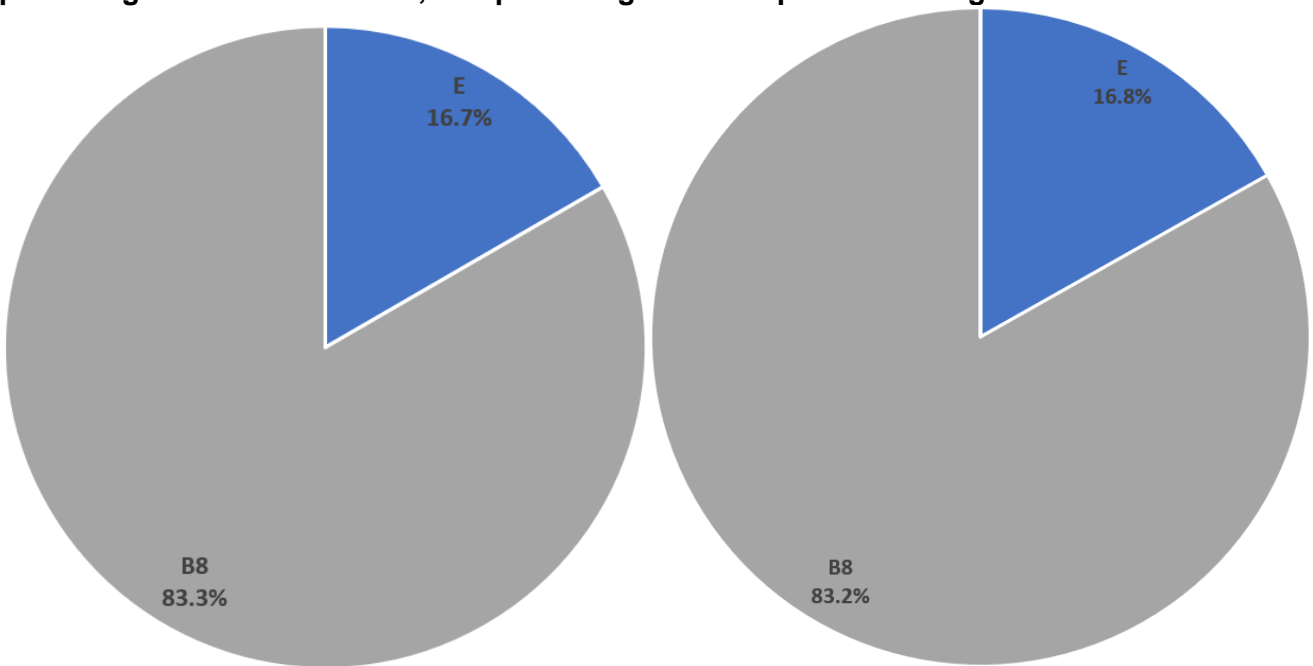
	Total	Vacant	Vacant (%)
Units	12	0	0.0%
Floorspace (sqm)	31,387	0	0.0%

Storage and distribution uses are the most prominent use within the industrial estate, accounting for 75% of the units, with services accounting for the remaining 25% of units. Storage and distribution uses also account for the most floorspace within the industrial estate at 77.3%, with services accounting for the remaining 22.7%.

As can be seen in Figure 5 below, there are only B8 and E uses at Wells Place industrial estate. B8 use class units account for 83.3% and 83.2% of all units and floorspace respectively, whilst E use class units account for 16.7% and 16.8% of units and floorspace respectively.

Use Classes

Figure 5 Percentage of use classes in Wells Place during the monitoring period, with percentage of units on the left, and percentage of floorspace on the right



Planning and Development Activity

Planning permission 12/01352/F remains extant. Part of the site has been developed under the completed permission 18/01072/F. The remaining site has the potential to deliver an additional 1,172sqm of E use class floorspace (original application under B1(b) use class). There has been no activity on site since the permission was granted, however a Certificate of lawfulness application submitted in 2016 confirmed that development had been lawfully implemented and therefore this consent remains extant.

2.3. Perrywood Business Park, Salfords

Figure 6 Perrywood Business Park Industrial Estate



New Occupiers and Vacancies

Over the course of the monitoring period, two occupiers have vacated the industrial estate, whilst one has moved in. Swarovski has left the industrial estate, and has now been replaced by Kinetik Wellbeing. MC2 has left the industrial estate and this unit is now vacant. There are currently two vacant units within the industrial estate.

Table 5 Vacant units and floorspace in Perrywood Business Park during the monitoring period

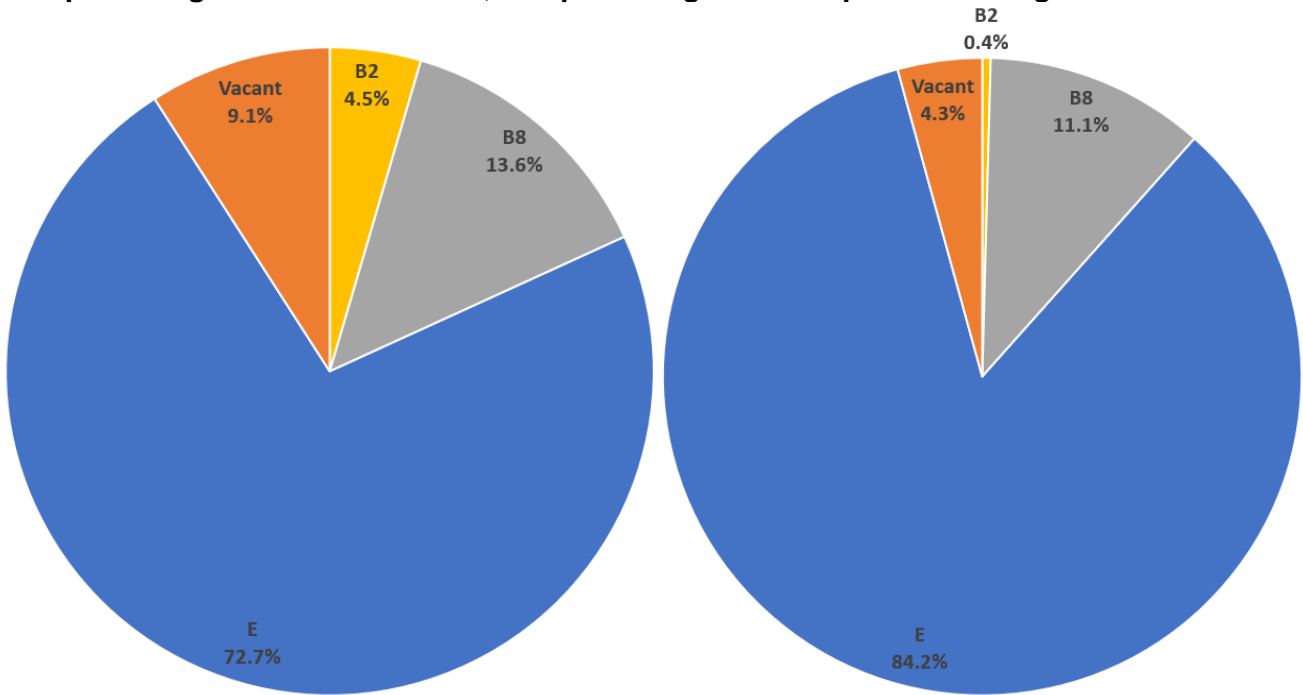
	Total	Vacant	Vacant %
Units	22	2	9.1%
Floorspace (sqm)	24,690	1,055	4.3%

Services are the most common use within Perrywood Business Park, as they account for 45.5% of the units and 67.3% of the floorspace. Of the remaining units, manufacturing industries make up 36.4% of the units, and storage and distribution warehouses and vacant units each occupy 9.1% of all units. Of the remaining floorspace, manufacturing industries make up 24.3% of the floorspace, vacant units 4.3% of the floorspace, and storage and distribution warehouses 4.2% of the floorspace.

Figure 7 below shows that the majority of units and floorspace at Perrywood Business Park are occupied by commercial, business and services (E) use class (72.7% and 84.2% respectively). For units and floorspace, storage and distribution (B8) uses account for 13.6% and 11.1% respectively, vacant uses at 9.1% and 4.3% respectively, and light industrial (B2) uses at 4.5% and 0.4% respectively.

Use Classes

Figure 7 Percentage of use classes in Perrywod Business Park during the monitoring period, with percentage of units on the left, and percentage of floorspace on the right

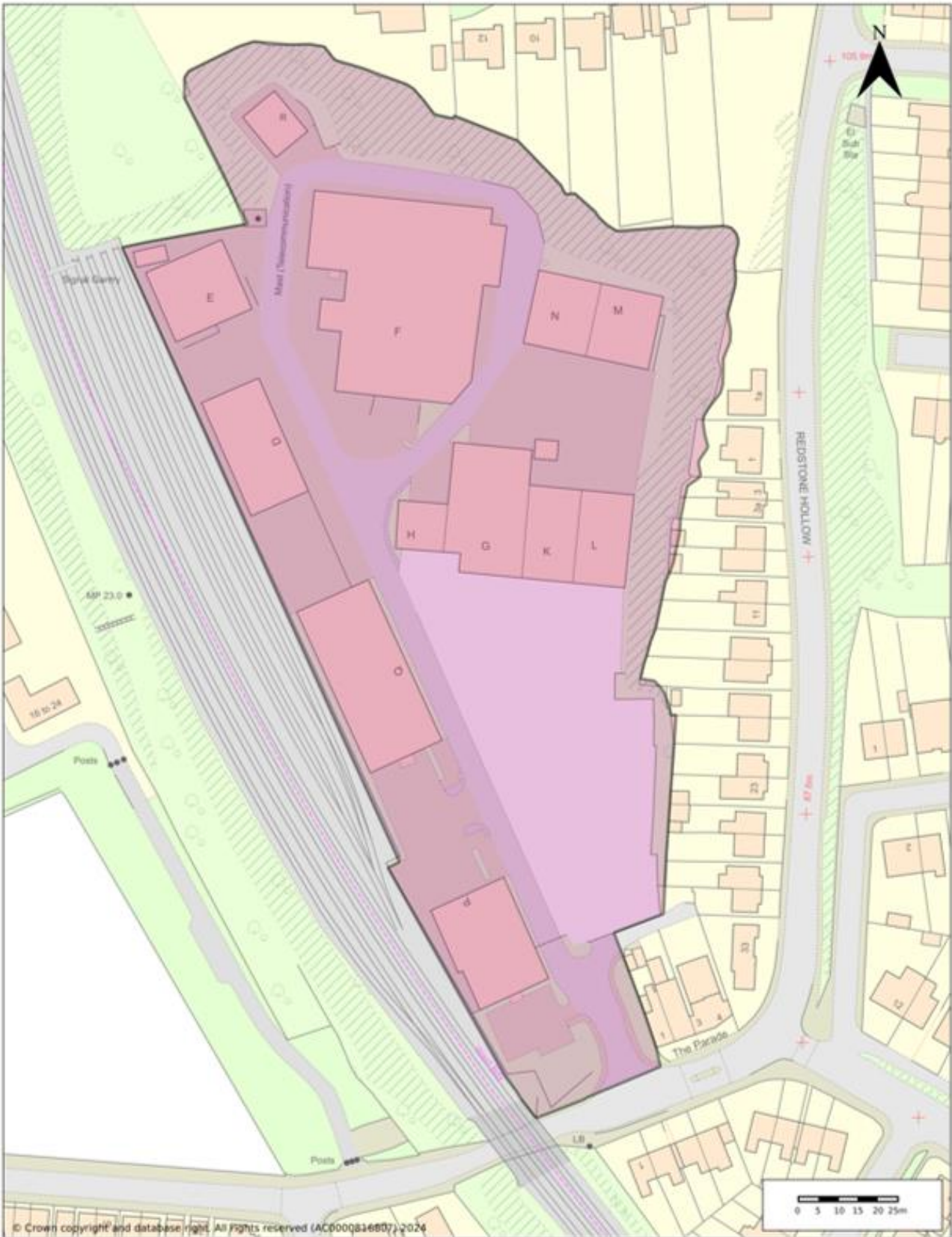


Planning and Development Activity

There are currently no outstanding permissions at Perrywod Business Park.

2.4. Kingsfield Business Park, Redhill

Figure 8 Kingsfield Business Park Industrial Estate



New Occupiers and Vacancies

During this monitoring period, there have been no occupier changes within Kingsfield Business Park industrial estate. Since the departure of Surrey Borders & Partnership from the estate in 2016, the four units they formerly occupied remain vacant. The units were granted a planning permission for residential development in March 2021. To maintain consistency in reporting, the units will continue to be recorded as 'vacant' until the development is fully completed, after which it will be removed from the schedule.

Table 6 Vacant units and floorspace in Kingsfield Business Park during the monitoring period

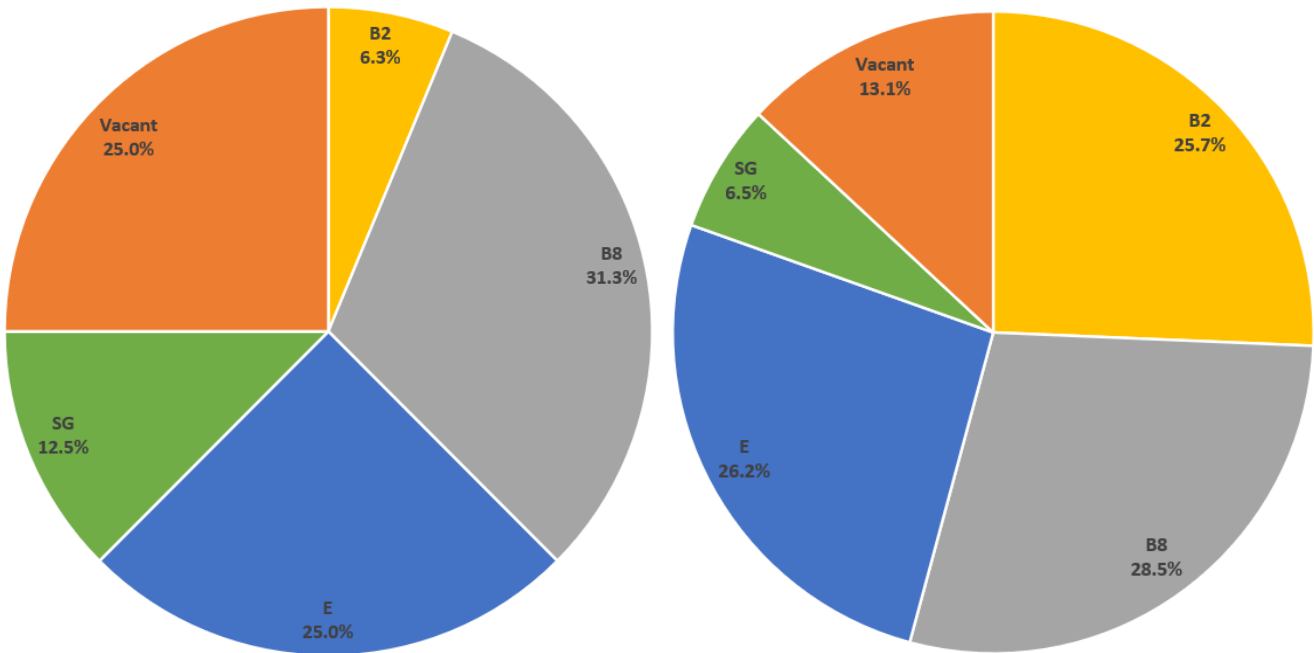
	Total	Vacant	Vacant (%)
Units	16	4	25.0%
Floorspace (sqm)	8,253	1,080	13.1%

Respirex continues to dominate the estate, occupying over half of the occupied floorspace in the estate (53.3%) and a third of the occupied units (33.3%).

As seen in Figure 9 below, storage and distribution (B8) uses occupy the most units and floorspace in the industrial estate (31.3% of the units and 28.5% of the floorspace of all units in the industrial estate, and for all occupied units, B8 uses occupy 41.7% of the units and 32.8% of the occupied floorspace). E uses occupy the second most units and floorspace in the industrial estate, with 25.0% of the units and 26.2% of the floorspace of all units in the industrial estate, and for all occupied units, E uses occupy 33.3% of the units and 30.2% of the occupied floorspace. Although general industrial (B2) uses only occupy one unit (6.3% of all units), in terms of floorspace it offers a comparable provision to B8 and E uses (25.7% of all floorspace).

Use Classes

Figure 9 Percentage of use classes in Kingsfield Business Park during the monitoring period, with percentage of units on the left, and percentage of floorspace on the right



Planning and Development Activity

Planning permission 19/01605/F for the residential redevelopment of the units formerly occupied by Surrey Borders & Partnership would result in a loss of 1,080sqm of B1(A) floorspace (now E use class). This scheme is currently under construction.

2.5. Balcombe Road Industrial Area, Horley

Figure 10 Balcombe Road Industrial Estate



New Occupiers and Vacancies

Within the last twelve months, there have been numerous occupier changes within the industrial estate. Five occupiers have moved into the industrial estate, whilst three occupiers have moved out. Eramol has occupied a unit previously vacated by Rena Clinical, whilst WTS Air Freight has left the industrial estate, which is now a vacant unit. T.A. Boxall Ltd, which previously occupied all the units at 14-20 Balcombe Road, has left the industrial estate, and all four units have been replaced by Ultimate Décor, Eco Wheelz, Tasha's Dog Grooming and Jersey Gray respectively. There are currently four vacant units in the industrial estate.

Table 7 Vacant units and floorspace in Balcombe Road Industrial Area during the monitoring period

	Total	Vacant	Vacant (%)
Units	51	4	7.8%
Floorspace (sqm)	18,575	3,880	20.9%

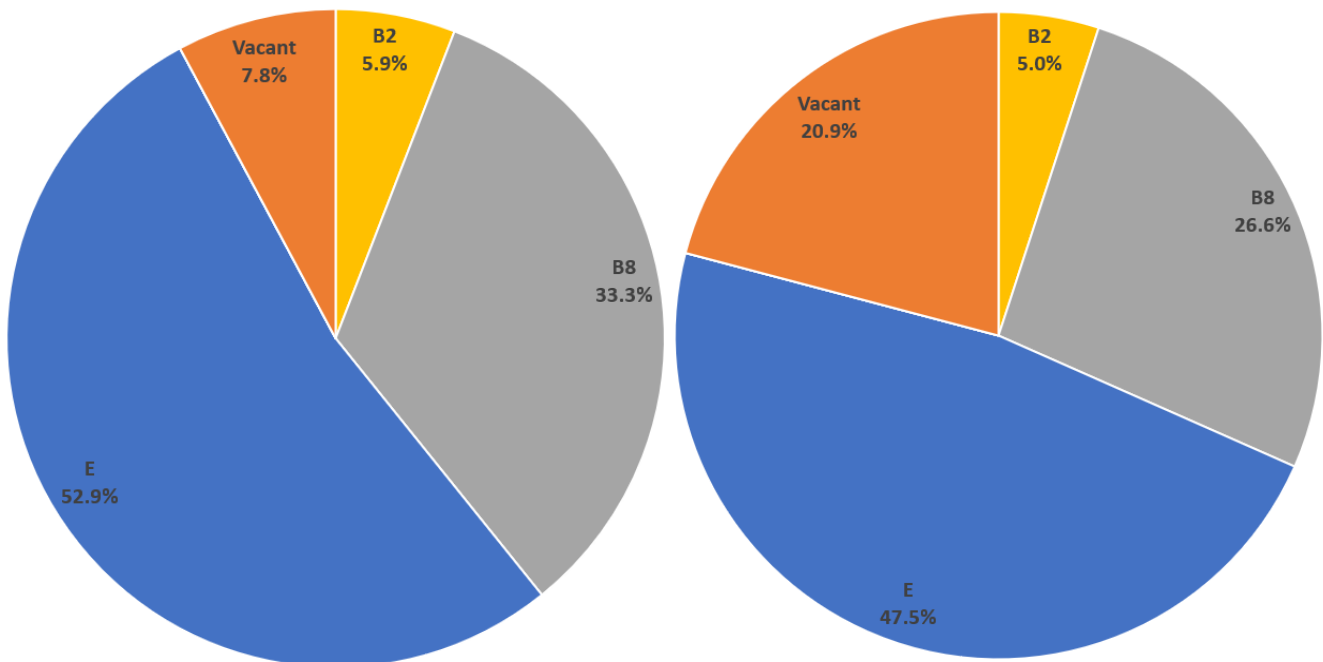
The estate comprises of three separate areas: Gatwick Metro Centre, Axiom Business Centre and Bridge Industrial Estate, the former two both consist of more modern units.

Services are the prominent use within the Balcombe Road Industrial Estate, where it occupies 58.9% of the units, and 49.6% of the overall floorspace. Storage and distribution uses occupies the next most percentage of units and floorspace, at 23.6% and 22.6% respectively. Manufacturing uses and vacancies account for the remaining percentages of units (9.9% and 6.8% respectively) and floorspace (7.9% and 20.9% respectively).

Figure 11 below shows that units within the E use class account for the most units and floorspace within the estate, at 54.9% and 48.5% respectively. B8 uses occupy the next most units and floorspace, with 33.3% and 26.6% respectively. B2 and vacant units make up the remaining units.

Use Classes

Figure 11 Percentage of use classes in Balcombe Road Industrial Area during the monitoring period, with percentage of units on the left, and percentage of floorspace on the right



Planning and Development Activity

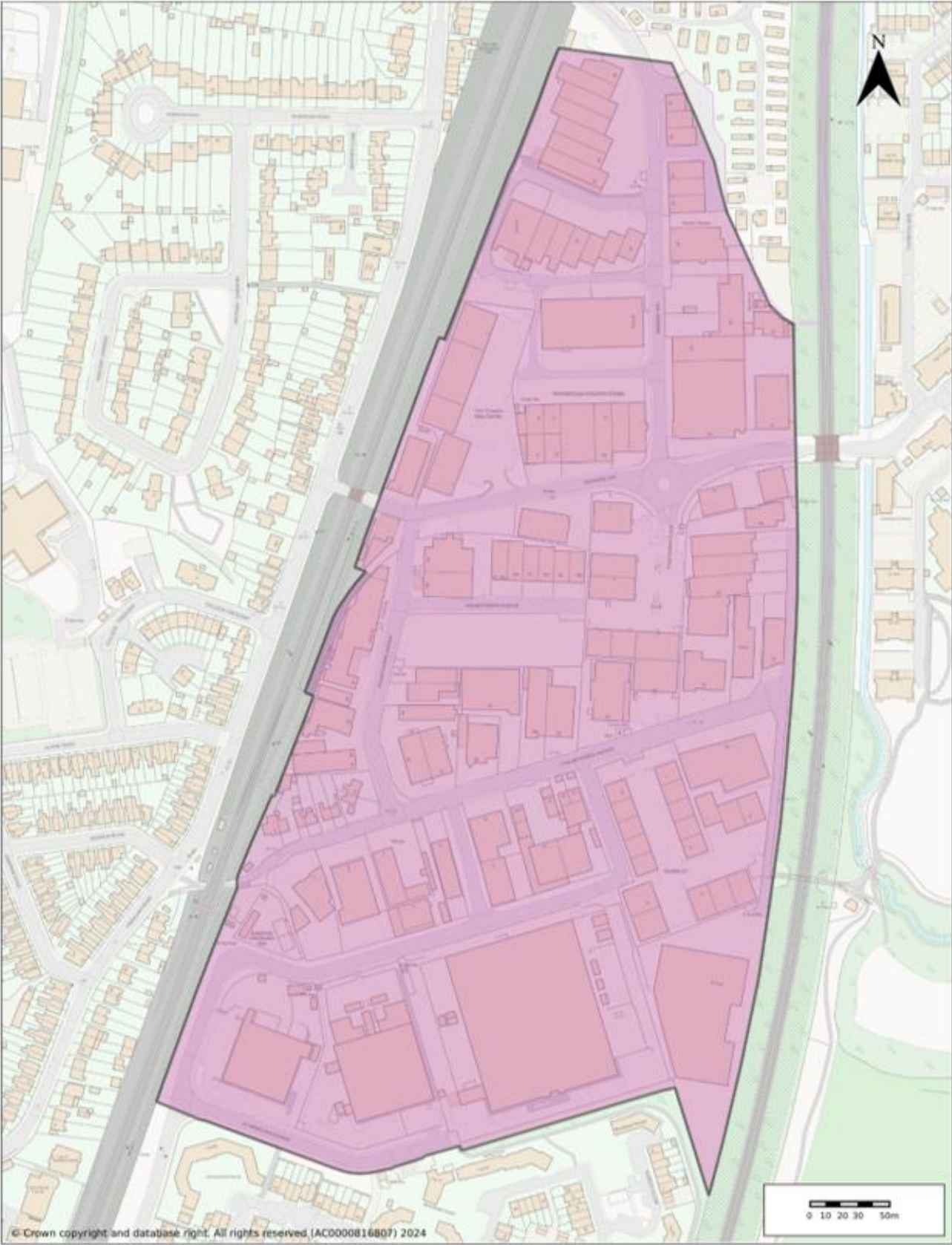
Planning permission 19/00062/F has been approved for the redevelopment of the former Horley Gas Holder Station. This will provide 4,850sqm of office accommodation. This permission is currently under construction.

Planning permission 21/03185/F has been approved following an appeal for the demolition of the existing buildings (loss of 284sqm of E use class floorspace) and the erection of 6 apartments at 8-12 Balcombe Road. However, a new permission is awaiting determination for a different use class for the site.

Planning permission 22/01816/F for the loss of the existing building merchants buildings (loss of 1,965sqm of B2 floorspace) and former Albert Brewery (loss of 1,850sqm of Sui Generis floorspace) and the formation of a mixed-use redevelopment on the site, consisting of 7 new build E/B2/B8 use class units (2,502sqm) and a mixed-use building comprising of a ground floor flexible E use class unit (702sqm) and 10 residential apartments. Work has not yet started on this permission.

2.6. Holmethorpe Industrial Estate, Redhill

Figure 12 Holmethorpe Industrial Estate



New Occupiers and Vacancies

Over the past twelve months, there have been numerous occupier changes in Holmethorpe. In total, eight occupiers have moved in, whilst six occupiers have moved out. Three occupiers, Printmates Ltd, The British Wax Refining Company and ABL Accident Repair Group Ltd, have moved into different units within the industrial estate. One other new occupier, Iconic, has occupied all four units within the 3-5 Sealand Centre, Holmethorpe Avenue, building. There are also seven new units recorded within the industrial estate, including the new mixed-use E/B2/B8 units at Slaithwaite Business Park, which have been completed under the 21/01012/F permission. These five new units are currently vacant. Two other new units have also been recorded, although these two units are not new developments and had previously not been recorded. There are currently a total of seventeen vacant units within the industrial estate.

Table 8 Vacant units and floorspace in Holmethorpe during the monitoring period

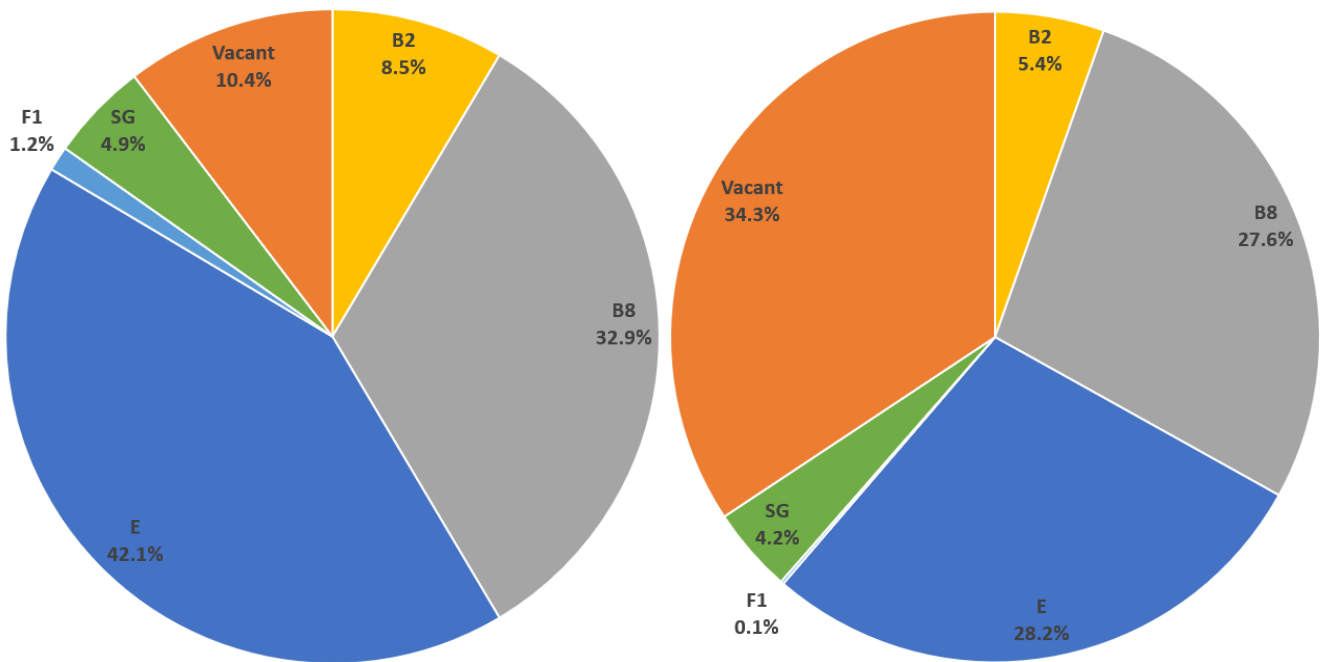
	Total	Vacant	Vacant (%)
Units	164	17	10.4%
Floorspace (sqm)	110,581	37,936	34.3%

Holmethorpe is the largest industrial estate in the borough. Services occupy the most units and floorspace in the industrial estate at 55.5% and 38.1% respectively. Not including vacant units within the industrial estate, storage and distribution uses occupy the next most units and floorspace at 19.6% and 17.7% respectively. Manufacturing uses occupy 12.2% of the units and 9.0% of the floorspace. Leisure, product research, retail and vacancies occupy the remaining uses and floorspace.

As can be seen in Figure 13 below, E use classes occupy the most units within the industrial estate at 42.1%, with B8 uses the second most at 32.9%. In terms of floorspace, vacant units occupy the most, at 34.2%. This is largely due to the new development at Slaithwaite Business Park. E uses occupy the second most, at 28.2%, with B8 uses occupying the next most at 27.6%. The remaining units are split between B2, Sui Generis and F1 uses.

Use Classes

Figure 13 Percentage of use classes in Holmethorpe during the monitoring period, with percentage of units on the left, and percentage of floorspace on the right



Planning and Development Activity

Planning permission 21/01012/F for the demolition of the existing building and the construction of 5 units within a single building, and the change of use from B2 to B2, B8 and E uses with ancillary offices. This proposal would increase the floorspace of B2, B8 and E uses by approximately 310sqm. This permission was completed during this monitoring period.

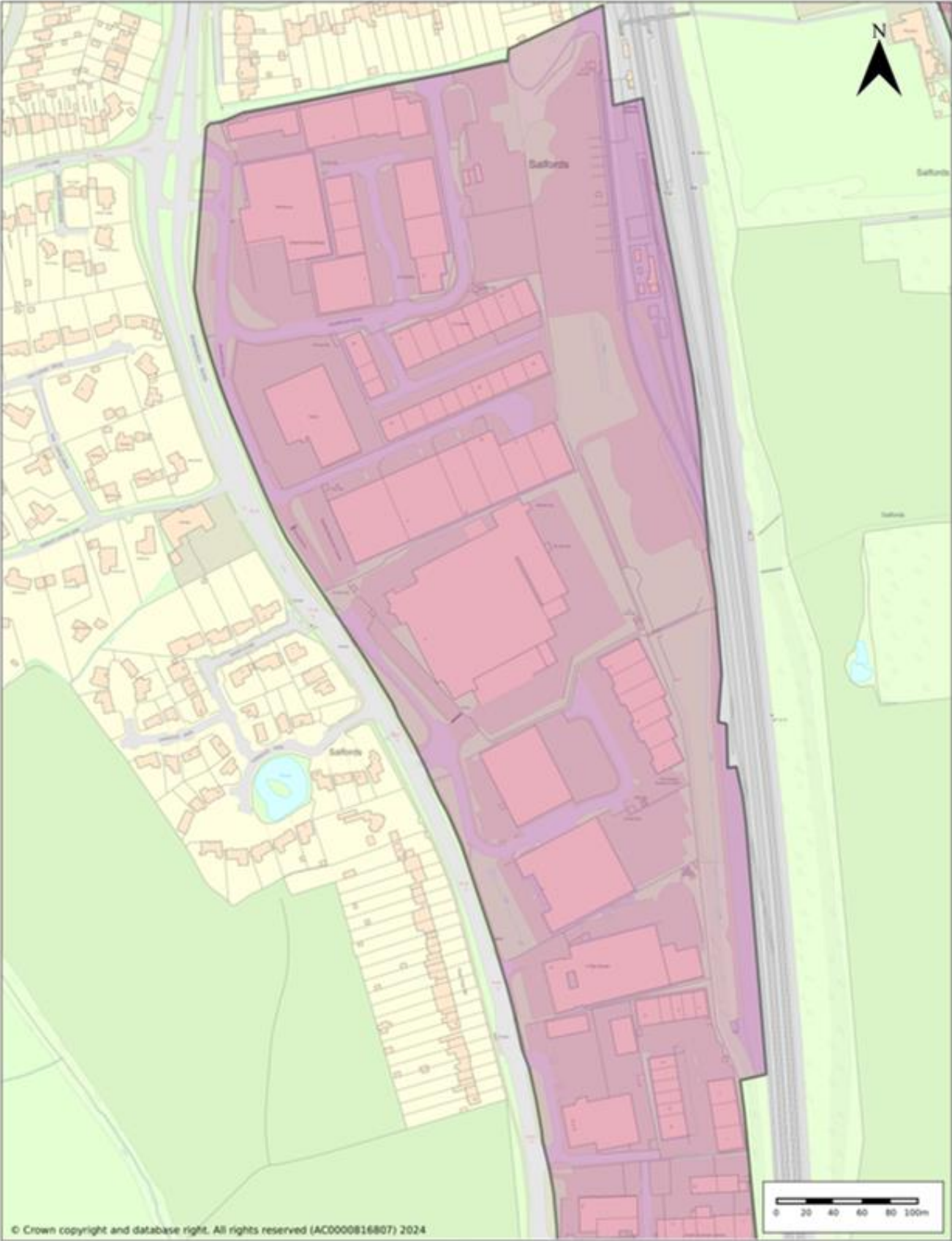
There are currently two outstanding planning permissions in the industrial estate:

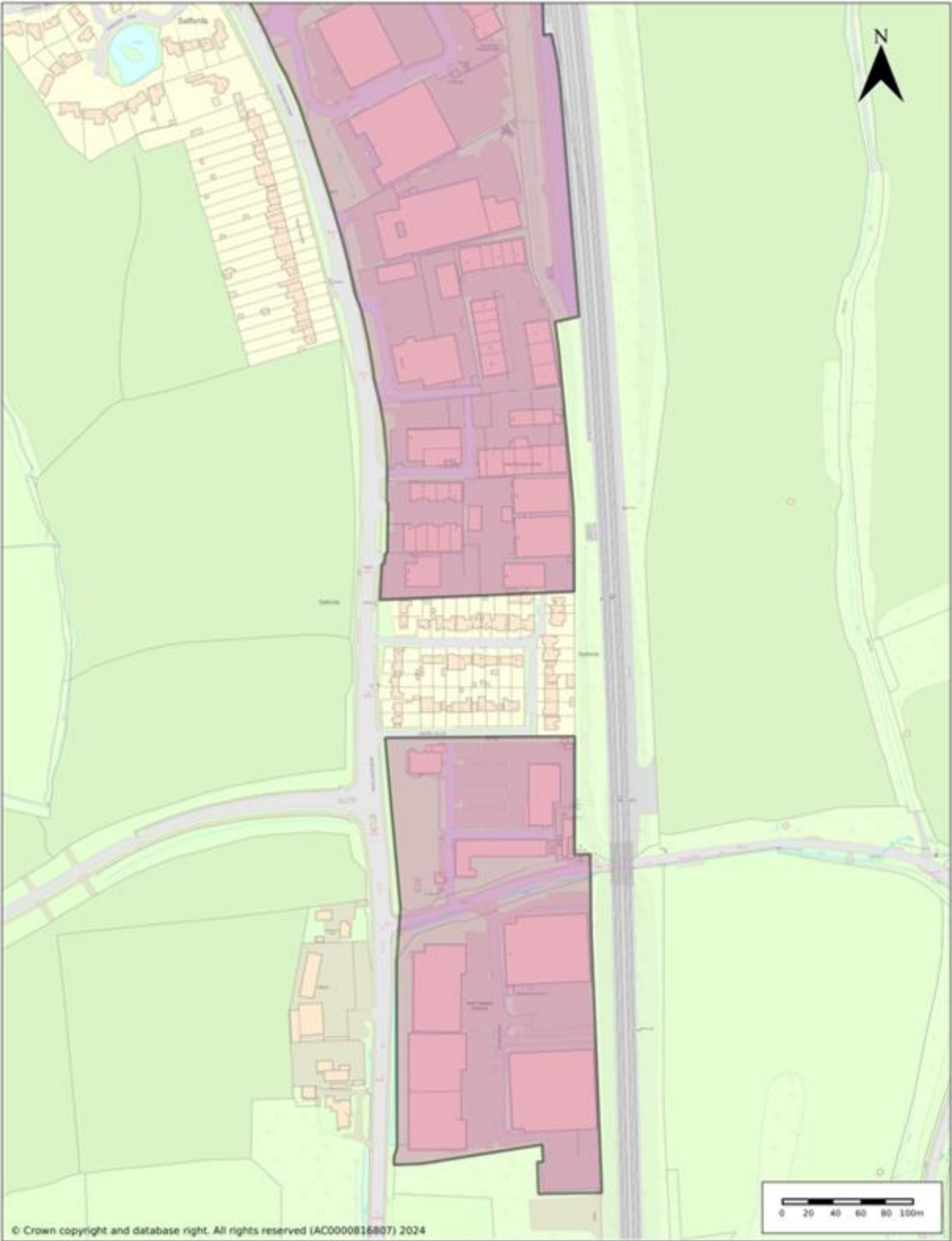
Planning permission 20/01791/F for the demolition of the existing office (E use class) at 40 Holmethorpe Avenue, and the development of a new build, three-storey office building. There would be an overall net gain of 238sqm of E use class floorspace. Work has not started for this development.

Planning permission 22/00062/F for the demolition of the existing light industrial building (B2 use class), and the erection of a replacement light industrial building at 1 Trowers Way. There would be an overall net loss of 316sqm of B2 use class floorspace. Work has not started for this permission.

2.7. Salfords Industrial Estate, Salfords

Figure 14 Salfords Industrial Estate





New Occupiers and Vacancies

Within this monitoring period, one new occupier has moved into the Salfords Industrial Estate, whilst three occupiers have moved out. Screwfix has moved into a previously vacant unit. Trevor Blake has moved into another unit and now occupies two units within the industrial estate. Millbrook Healthcare, Rag Bags and Burton Roofing Merchants have all left the industrial estate. There are now eight vacant units in the industrial estate.

Table 9 Vacant units and floorspace in Salfords Industrial Estate during the monitoring period

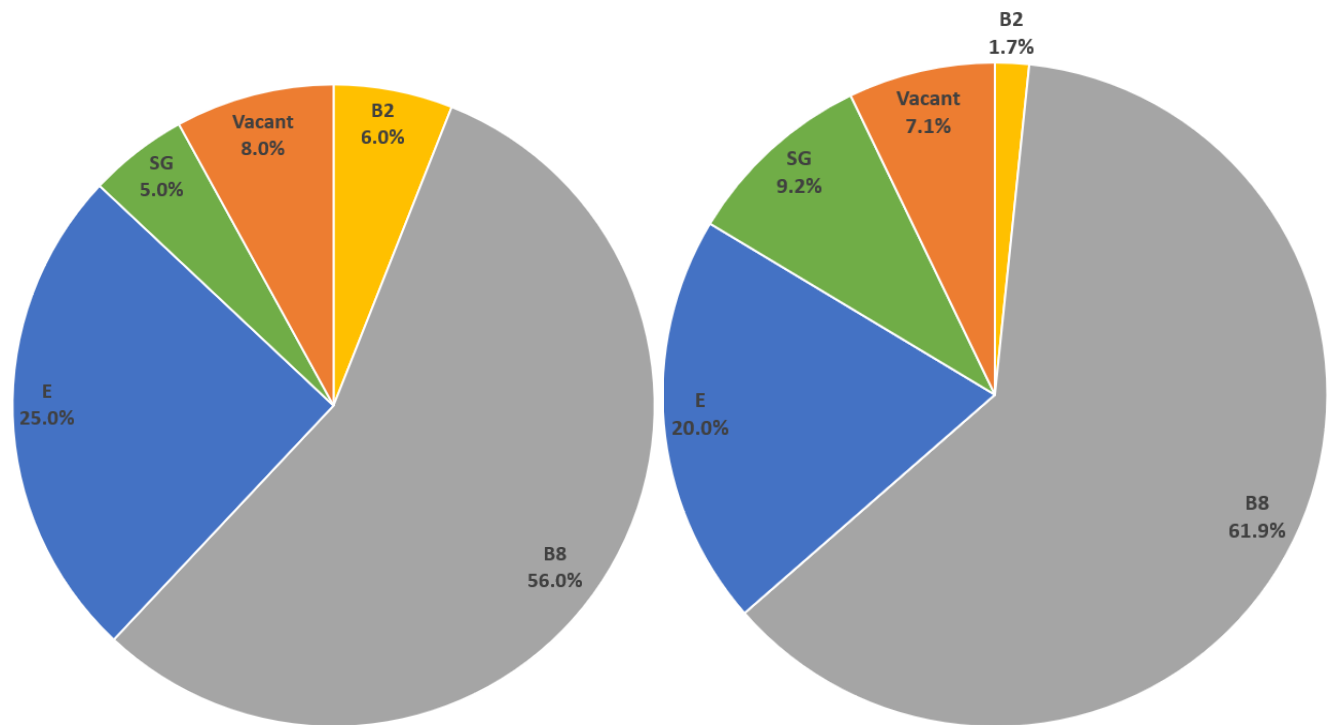
	Total	Vacant	Vacant (%)
Units	100	8	8.0%
Floorspace (sqm)	96,039	6,865	7.1%

Storage and distribution uses occupy the most units and floorspace in the industrial estate, at 50.0% and 67.0% respectively, followed by services, at 30.0% and 20.1% respectively. Manufacturing uses occupy 11% of the units and 4.1% of the floorspace, whilst other units occupy 1% of the units and 1.7% of the floorspace. The remaining percentage of units and floorspace is vacant.

Given its strategic location on the A23 corridor, it is perhaps expected that Salfords is dominated by warehouse and distribution (B8) uses. As seen in Figure 15 below, B8 uses occupy more than half of all units (56.0%) and floorspace (61.9%) within the industrial estate. E use class uses account for a quarter (25.0%) of units and a fifth of floorspace (20.0%). The remaining units are occupied by B2, Sui Generis uses, and vacant units.

Use Classes

Figure 15 Percentage of use classes in Salfords Industrial Estate during the monitoring period, with percentage of units on the left, and percentage of floorspace on the right



Planning and Development Activity

Planning permission 21/03303/F has been approved for the redevelopment of Titan House to provide an additional 3,018sqm net gain of B8 and E use class floorspace at Salfords Industrial Estate. Work on this permission is currently under construction.

Planning permission 23/00929/F has been approved to provide an additional 228sqm of B2 use class floorspace through extensions at the north and south-west elevations of the existing industrial building at 4, Salbrook Road, Salfords. Work has not yet begun on this permission.

3. Breakdown of Use Classes

Table 10 Breakdown of Use Classes in the Industrial Estates (2024) – Number of Units/Premises

Industrial Estate	B2	B8	E	F1	SG	Vacant	Total
Pitwood Park	1	3	10	0	0	0	14
Holmethorpe	14	54	69	2	8	17	164
Wells Place	0	10	2	0	0	0	12
Kingsfield Business Centre	1	5	4	0	2	4	16
Perrywood Business Park	1	3	16	0	0	2	22
Salfords	6	56	25	0	5	8	100
Balcombe Road	3	17	27	0	0	4	51
Total	26	148	153	2	15	35	379
Percentage	6.9	39.1	40.4	0.5	4.0	9.2	100.0

Table 11 Breakdown of Use Classes in Industrial Estates (2024) – Floorspace in sqm

Industrial Estate	B2	B8	E	F1	SG	Vacant	Total
Pitwood Park	740	460	2,230	0	0	0	3,430
Holmethorpe	6,006	30,572	31,214	165	4,688	37,936	110,581
Wells Place	0	26,107	5,280	0	0	0	31,387
Kingsfield Business Centre	2,118	2,355	2,165	0	535	1,080	8,253
Perrywood Business Park	105	2,752.5	20,777.5	0	0	1,055	24,690
Salfords	1,585	59,476	19,238	0	8,875	6,865	96,039
Balcombe Road	930	4,945	8,820	0	0	3,880	18,575
Total	11,484	126,667.5	89,724.5	165	14,098	50,816	292,955
Percentage	3.9	43.2	30.6	0.1	4.8	17.3	100.0

4. New Occupiers and Vacancies

4.1. New Occupiers

Within this monitoring period, 22 new businesses have moved into the borough's industrial estates. 8 of these new occupiers have taken over previously vacant units, whilst the remaining 12 have moved into units previously occupied by other businesses. Against this, 10 units that were previously occupied are now vacant. Five new development units were added in this monitoring period, all in Holmethorpe. A total of 19 units that were vacant in the previous monitoring period remain vacant.

Table 12 New Occupiers and Take-up (2024) - Units

	New Occupiers – Previously Vacant Unit	New Occupiers – Previously Occupied Unit	New Development	New Vacancies
Pitwood Park	0	5	0	0
Holmethorpe	6	6	5	6
Wells Place	0	0	0	0
Kingsfield Business Centre	0	0	0	0
Perrywood Business Park	0	1	0	1
Salfords	2	0	0	2
Balcombe Road	0	2	0	1

4.2. Development Activity

There are currently nine planning permissions across the industrial estates that have either not started or are under construction. These permissions have the potential to deliver

approximately 7,215sqm of additional net gross commercial floorspace once development is completed.

Most notable developments include the redevelopment of Titan House at Salfords Industrial Estate, which is estimated to provide an additional net gain of 3,018sqm of commercial floorspace, the redevelopment of the Horley Gas Holder Station at the Balcombe Road Industrial Estate, which is estimated to provide an additional 4,850sqm of commercial space, as well as the erection 29 residential units at the Kingsfield Business Park industrial estate, resulting in a loss of approximately 1,870sqm of employment floorspace.

4.3. Vacancy Trends

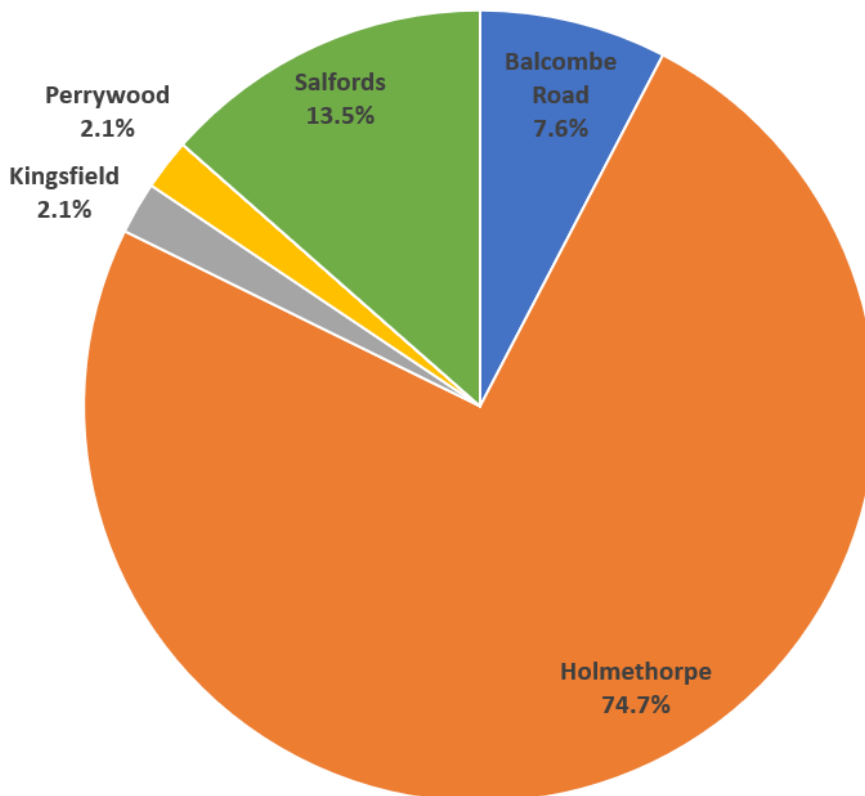
Table 13 below shows the long-term vacancy trends for each of the industrial estates. The table shows that within this monitoring period, three industrial estates increased in vacancy rates, none decreased in vacancy rates, whilst the remaining four industrial estates recorded the same vacancy rate from the previous monitoring period. Of all the industrial estates, only Kingsfield Business Park has vacancy rates over the 15.0% Core Strategy monitoring target. This is due to the departure of the Surrey & Sussex NHS Trust, who formerly occupied all of the currently vacant units. These units are however now under permission to be redeveloped for housing.

Table 13 Individual Industrial Estate Vacancy Trends (2012 – 2024) – Percentage of Units

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Pitwood Park	7.7	14.3	28.6	21.4	14.3	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Holmethorpe	16.2	21.8	23.1	17.4	12.2	13.3	11.2	7.1	6.3	9.5	6.3	8.2	10.4
Wells Place	11.1	11.1	0.0	0.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	0.0	0.0
Kingsfield	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	12.5	12.5	12.5	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Salfords	20.2	20.0	16.8	14.7	12.5	11.5	19.8	14.6	15.6	11.0	11.0	8.0	8.0
Perrywood	9.5	19.0	28.6	28.6	14.3	9.1	4.5	4.5	4.5	9.1	18.2	4.5	9.1
Balcombe	4.8	2.0	8.0	7.8	2.0	9.8	9.8	2.0	0.0	3.9	7.8	5.9	7.8
Borough-wide	14.0	16.6	18.6	15.6	10.4	10.9	11.7	7.8	8.4	9.4	9.1	7.8	9.2

The amount of vacant floorspace varied across each of the individual industrial estates. As seen in Figure 16 below, of the total vacant floorspace, Holmethorpe accounts for nearly three-quarters of the vacant floorspace (74.7%). This is largely due to the five new commercial units built at Slaithwaite Business Park in Holmethorpe which have not yet been occupied. Salfords accounts for the next most total vacant floorspace at 13.5%. Holmethorpe and Salfords having the most vacant floorspace is partly to be expected, as these are the two largest industrial estates in the borough, and are accountable for approximately two-thirds of the total floorspace in the borough’s industrial estates. Pitwood Park and Wells Place are the only industrial estates to have no vacant floorspace.

Figure 16 Percentage of Total Vacant Floorspace by Industrial Estate (2024)



4.4. Use Classes Trends

As can be seen in Figure 17 below, E use class units occupy the most units in the borough’s industrial estates (40.4%), whilst B8 uses occupy the next most units (39.1%). Collectively, both E and B8 use classes account for nearly 80% of the proportion of units in the borough (79.5% of the total units, and 87.5% of the occupied units). The remaining 20.5% of units are occupied by B2 uses, Sui Generis uses, F1 uses, or are vacant units.

In terms of floorspace, B8 use class units (43.2%) occupy a greater amount of floorspace than E use class units (30.6%). Collectively, both E and B8 use classes account for nearly three-quarters of the proportion of floorspace in the borough (74.2% of the total floorspace, and 89.4% of the total occupied floorspace). B8 uses having the most floorspace is generally unsurprising as warehouse/distribution businesses tend to require larger premises. The percentages for the total floorspace for Sui Generis and F1 are all relatively similar to their respective percentages for their number of units. The percentage of vacant floorspace for vacant uses is higher than the total percentage of units (17.3% compared to 9.2%), whilst for B2 uses, the percentage of floorspace is lower than the total percentage of units (3.9% compared to 6.9%).

Figure 17 Graphs showing the Use Class Percentage Breakdown of all Units, with Number of Units of the Left, and Floorspace on the Right

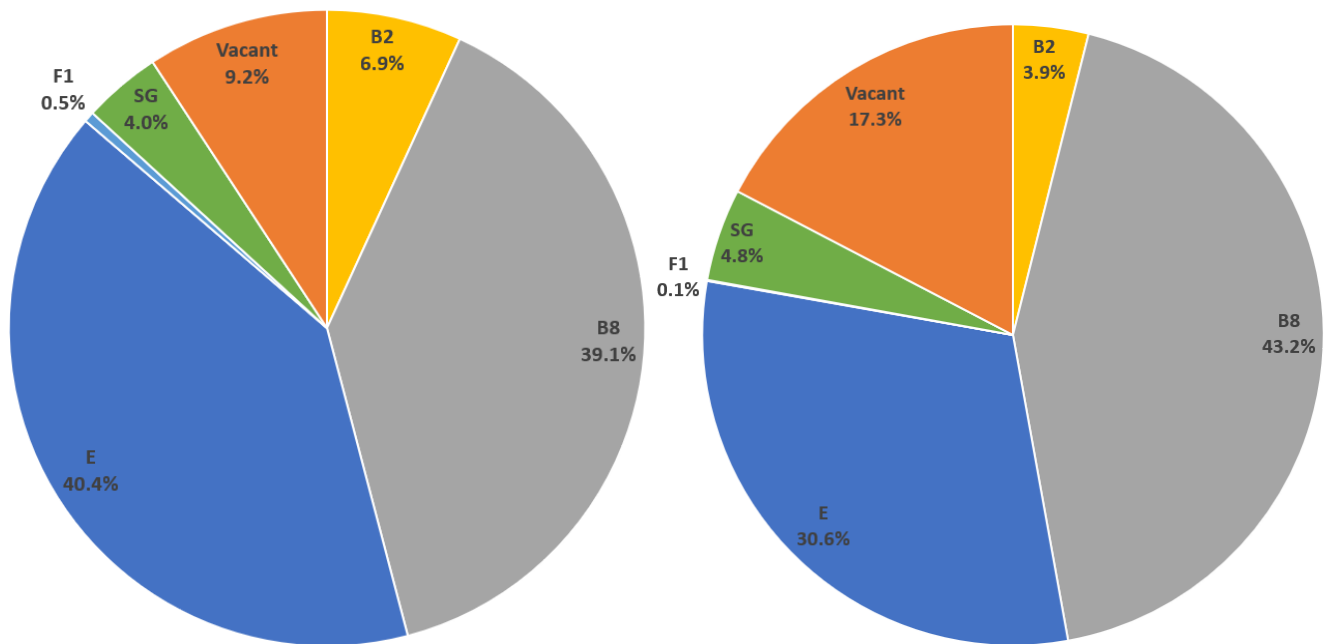
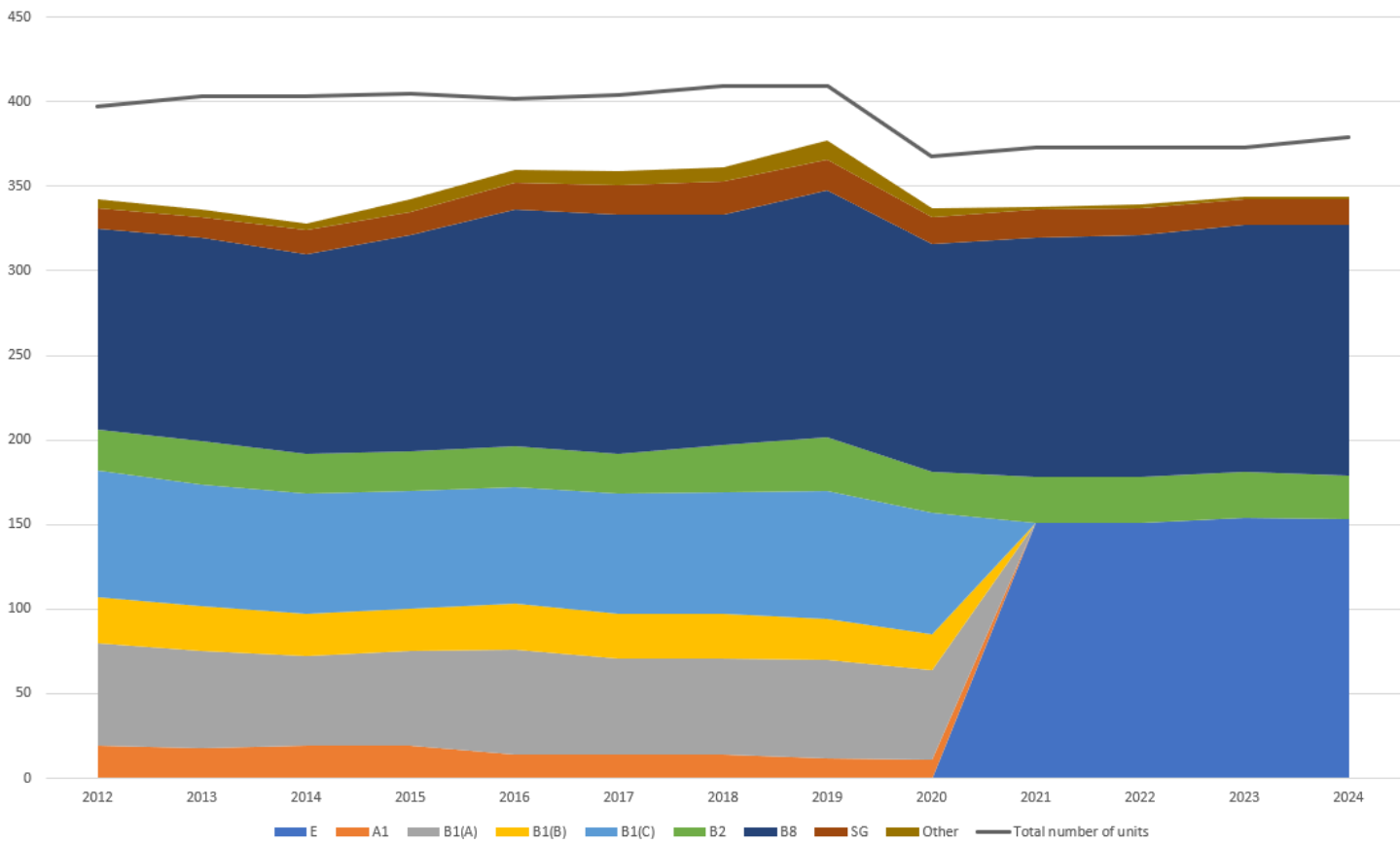


Figure 18 shows the long-term use class trend based on the number of units across the combined industrial estates (this includes the DMP amendments to designated Employment Areas since 2020). The majority of uses have seen an increase in the number of units from their respective 2020 figures pre-Covid. B2, B8 and Sui Generis uses have all increased slightly from their respective 2012 figures. It is worth noting that the A1, B1(A), B1(B) and B1(C) use classes have all been included within the new E use class as of September 2020.

Figure 18 Use class trends based on number of units (2012-2024)



5. Summary of Key Findings

- **Overview** – The borough’s industrial estates contain a total of 379 business premises and provide more than 292,000sqm of floorspace.
- **New Occupiers** – Within the last twelve months, a total of 22 new occupiers have moved into the borough’s industrial estates. In total, there has been a net increase of 12 occupied units within the borough. Holmethorpe had the highest take up of new occupiers, with twelve new occupiers. Kingsfield Business Centre and Wells Place had no new occupiers.
- **Vacancies** – A total of 35 units (9.2%) are vacant in all industrial estates, which accounts for 50,816sqm of floorspace (17.3%). All industrial estate vacancy rates remain below the Core Strategy monitoring target of 15%, apart from Kingsfield Business Park. The majority of vacant units came from the borough’s two largest industrial estates, Holmethorpe and Salfords, with 17 and 8 units respectively. Pitwood Park and Wells Place were the only industrial estates to be fully occupied. This generally reflects a healthy market as some vacancies help to provide options for businesses wishing to expand or downsize their floorspace. For businesses wishing to upscale, the new developments at Slaithwaite Business Park, Holmethorpe, provides units with floorspaces of more than 2000sqm, whilst for businesses wishing to downsize, or new startup businesses, there are numerous vacant units in Holmethorpe with floorspaces between 200 and 600sqm.
- **Planning Permissions** – There are nine planning permissions that are either extant, or are currently under construction, which have the potential to deliver approximately 7,215sqm of additional net commercial floorspace.
- **Land Use Trends** – E use class units are the most dominant use across the industrial estates, accounting for 40.4% of the units, followed by B8 use at 39.1%. B8 uses however occupy the most floorspace, at 43.2%, with E use class units accounting for the second most, at 30.6%.

6. Appendix

Table 14 September 2020 use class changes

Use Class before 1 st September 2020	Uses	Use Class from 1 September 2020
A1 (part)	Shops, retail warehouses, post offices, ticket and travel agencies, sale of cold food for consumption off premises, hairdressers, funeral directors, hire shops, dry cleaners and internet cafés.	E
A1 (part)	Shops not more than 280sqm mostly selling essential goods, including food and at least 1km from another similar shop.	F.2
A2	Banks, building societies, estate and employment agencies, professional services (not health or medical services)	E
A3	Restaurants and cafés.	E

Use Class before 1 st September 2020	Uses	Use Class from 1 September 2020
B1(a), B1(b) and B1(c)	Offices other than a use within former A2 Use Class, research and development of products or processes and business premises for any industrial process (which can be carried out in any residential area without causing detriment to the amenity of the area).	E
D1 (part)	Clinics, health centres, creches, day nurseries, day centre.	E
D1 (part)	Schools, non-residential education and training centres, museums, public libraries, public halls, exhibition halls, places of worship, law court.	F.1
D2 (part)	Gymnasiums, indoor recreations not involving motorised vehicles or firearms.	E
D2 (part)	Indoor or outdoor swimming baths, skating rinks, and outdoor sports or recreations not involving motorised vehicles or firearms.	F.2

Use Class before 1 st September 2020	Uses	Use Class from 1 September 2020
D2 (part)	Cinemas, concert halls, bingo halls and dance halls	Use which no longer falls within a specified use class (Sui Generis (SG) uses)
A4	Pub or drinking establishment	Use which no longer falls within a specified use class (Sui Generis (SG) uses)
A5	Hot food takeaway	Use which no longer falls within a specified use class (Sui Generis (SG) uses)

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Annual Monitoring Report

Summarises the Council's performance against key monitoring indicators

Housing Delivery

Provides information on housing completions and permissions and details the Council's five year land supply position

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Contains the amounts, types and location of all commercial commitments within the borough

Industrial Estates

Contains an analysis of occupational trends in the borough's industrial estates

Local Centres

Provides information on retail provision in the borough's local centres

Town Centres

Provides information on the occupiers, together with vacancies and shop type of all premises within the borough's four town and village centres

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