

Welcome to the Q3 2025 edition of SHW's South East Industrial & Logistics Focus.

2025 to date has continued to be challenging for both occupiers and landlords as global uncertainty is holding back occupier decisions. Property relocation or expansion decisions are often taking 12 months or more from concept / first viewing to reality.

Rents have broadly remained level across the South East, although in some cases have reduced as there has been push-back by many occupiers on rents.

On the whole there has been an uptick in availability across most areas, providing more options for occupiers to consider and it is now an occupiers market. As a result there has been pressure on rents and we have seen more incentives / longer rent frees given as the market focusses on landing the few active occupiers in the market.

ESG remains important for occupiers and investors alike and developer appetite for sites for new build is still high, with speculative schemes going ahead to cater for the demand in new stock. Green buildings with lower running costs remain attractive for occupiers, however the main concern has now switched to affordability especially for small to medium sized companies rather than ESG due to higher operating costs due to business rates and NI increases. This report reviews recent activity and market trends, comparing this with past take-up and availability.



TIM HARDWICKE Partner Head of Agency





UK ECONOMY AND THE INVESTMENT MARKET

- GDP in the UK economy has steadily and resiliently grown since the covid volatility of 2020/2021, despite the impact of covid, Brexit, inflation and higher interest rates.
- With UK domestic interest rates forecast to reduce over the short to near term
- The higher cost of money has reduced the margin between the amount of interest that borrowers must pay for debt and the rent that they hope to collect.
- Some buyers have been seeking higher yields to maintain margins thus reduced sale prices. This is now somewhat ameliorated by some buyers being impatient to invest.
- Despite this, many buyers and sellers are seeking to trade for their own reasons, often driven by factors such as generational change, inheritance tax, project completion, fund life ending, redemptions, lender pressures or crystallising profit.
- Investor demand for sale & leasebacks, which are a convenient way for owners occupiers to raise capital.

INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT YIELDS

Industrial Yields 4.5% - 10%

Depending on:

- Location
- Letting
- Covenant
- ESG credentials
- Parking / site cover
- Specification

FUTURE

- Continued occupier and investor demand from trade counter, warehousing and other use types.
- New build occupier demand is high depending on the cost savings available and total occupational costs, and this is reflected in correlating investor demand for new buildings.
- The changing retail habits will continue to drive industrial demand.

BUYER TYPES

- HNW Individuals
- Family Property Companies
- Pension Funds
- Family Office/Trust
- Property Investment Companies
- SIPP and SSAS entities
- Property Developers

Resilience – Well let, low site cover, asbestos free, great location, good specification and ESG.

Re-Pricing – Short leases, high site cover, poor ESG unknown refurbishment costs.

DEALS DONE



Manford Industrial Estate, Erith Sole Agents

27 unit estate sold by Sole Agent SHW to institutional investor



Lottbridge Drove, Eastbourne

Grahams / St Gobain 40,000 sq ft investment with development potential acquired by SHW for private clients



Tait Road Industrial Estate, Croydon

Investment for sale for property company in Croydon

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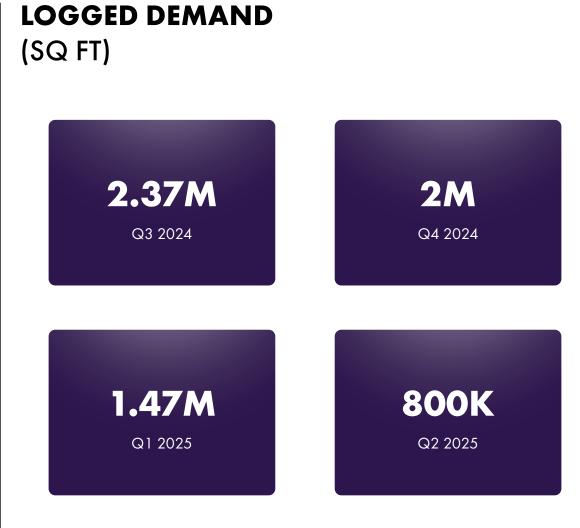
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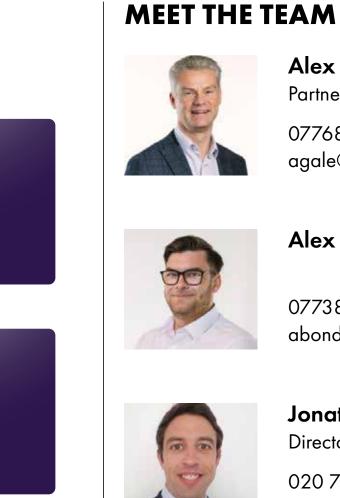


TAKE UP



NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES

(PER QUARTER)





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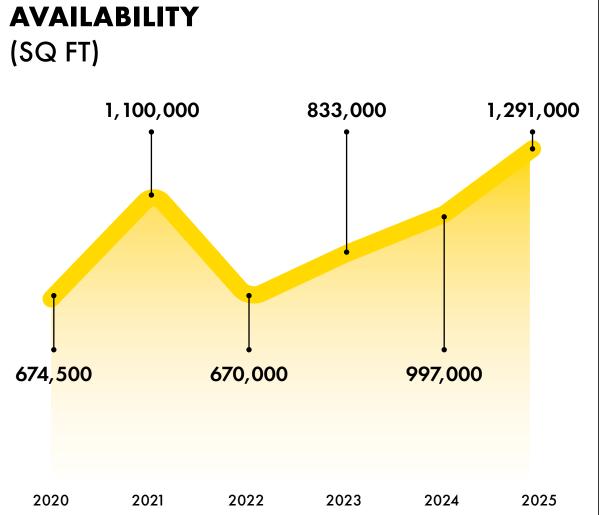
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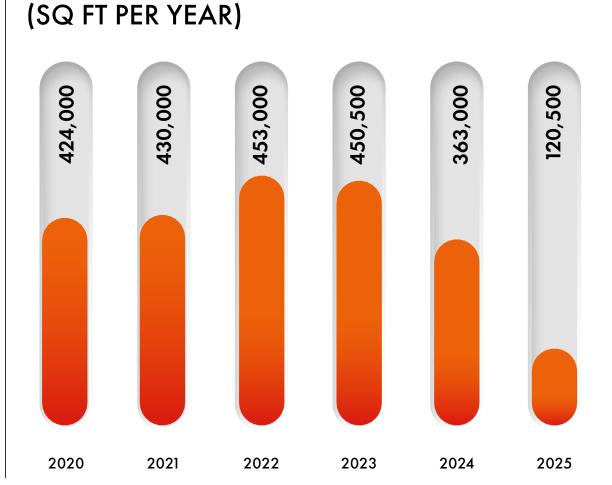


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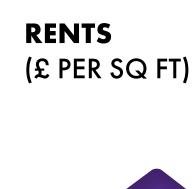
CR1 & CR2 CROYDON

52,500 - 107,770 sq ft AVAILABLE NOW.

PROLOGIS PARK BEDDINGTON

PHASE 2

4 units available now from 15,000 – 46,000 sq ft.





£23 2025

£25

HIGHEST

QUOTING RENT

LOGGED DEMAND (SQ FT)









£20

2023



TAKE UP (SQ FT PER YEAR)

HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED



NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES (PER QUARTER)



Q1 2025

100K

Q1 2025







£21

2023

HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED

£22.50

2024







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NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES (PER QUARTER) 51,250

LOGGED DEMAND

190K

Q3 2024

180K

Q1 2025

16

Q3 2024

13

Q1 2025

(SQ FT)

HIGHEST

QUOTING RENT

£27

11 Q4 2024

110K

Q4 2024

280K

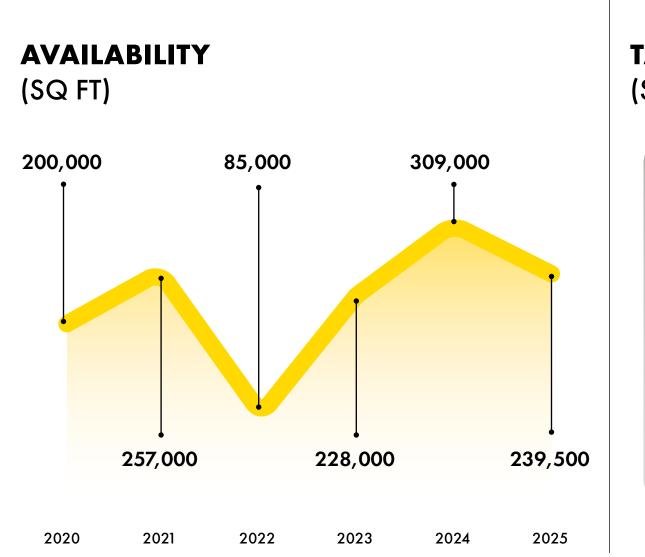
Q2 2025

18 Q1 2025



5.4% VACANCY

Statistics assume 5,000 sq ft and above



£17.50

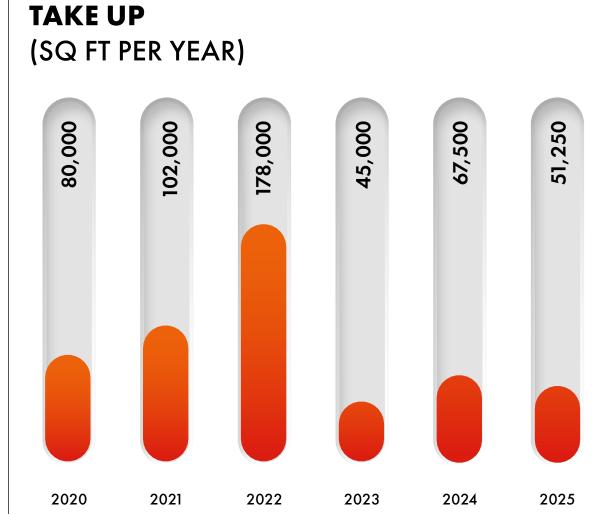
2022

RENTS

(£ PER SQ FT)

£15

2021

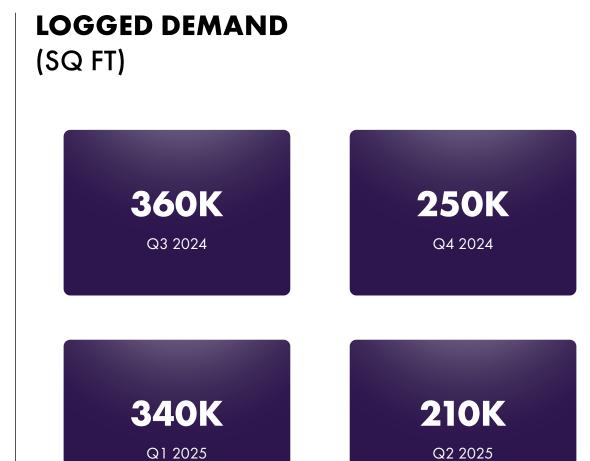


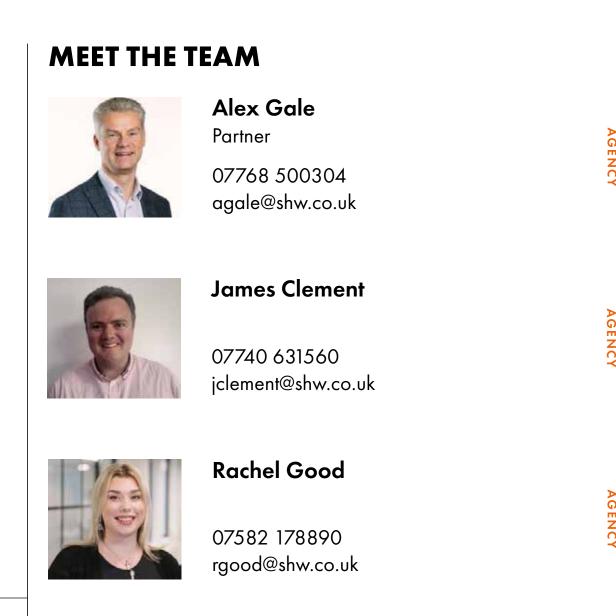
£25

2025







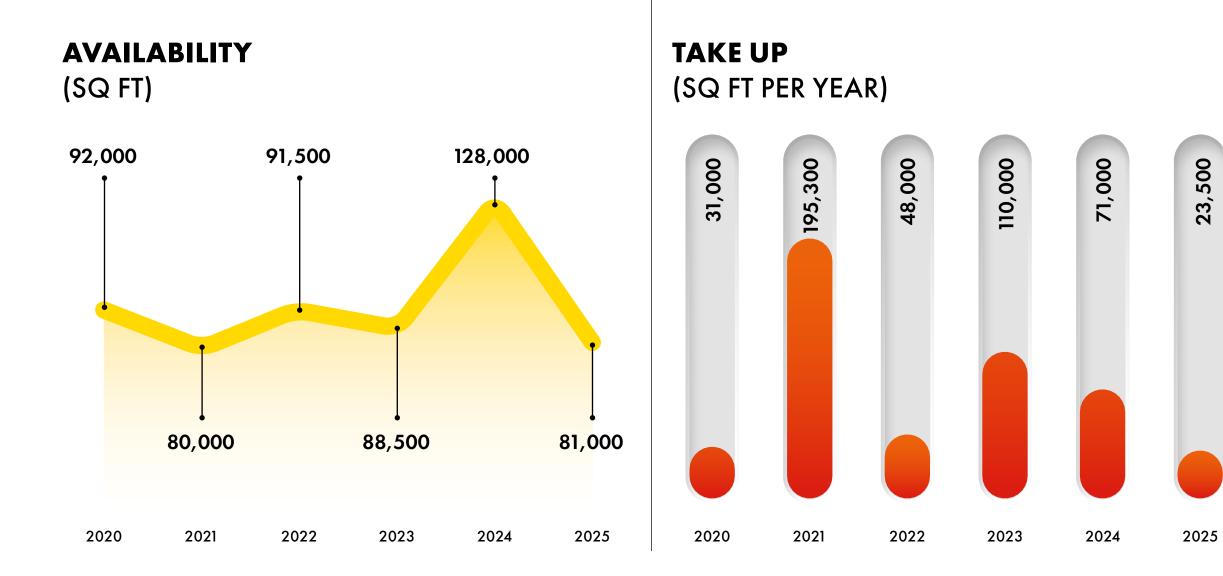


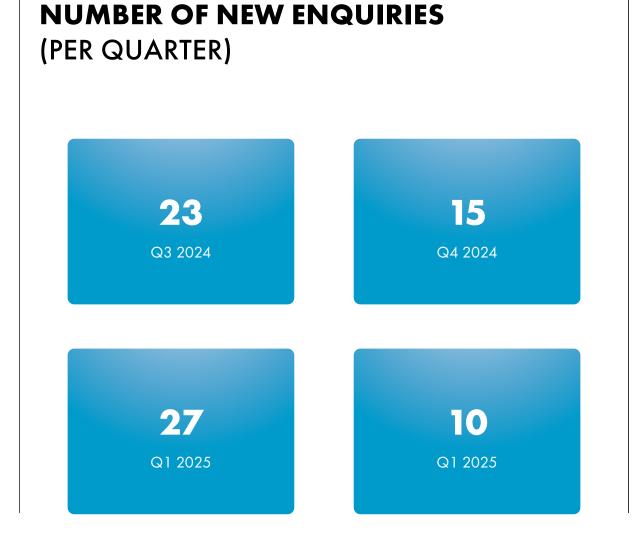
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£14.50

2023

HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED

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2024

RENTS

(£ PER SQ FT)

£12.95

2021

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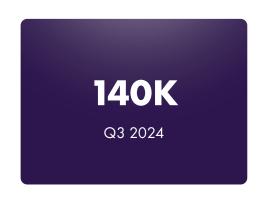
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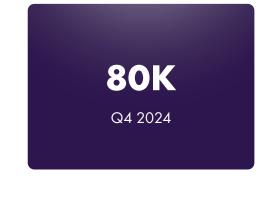
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LOGGED DEMAND (SQ FT)





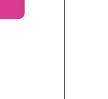












HIGHEST

QUOTING RENT

£17.75









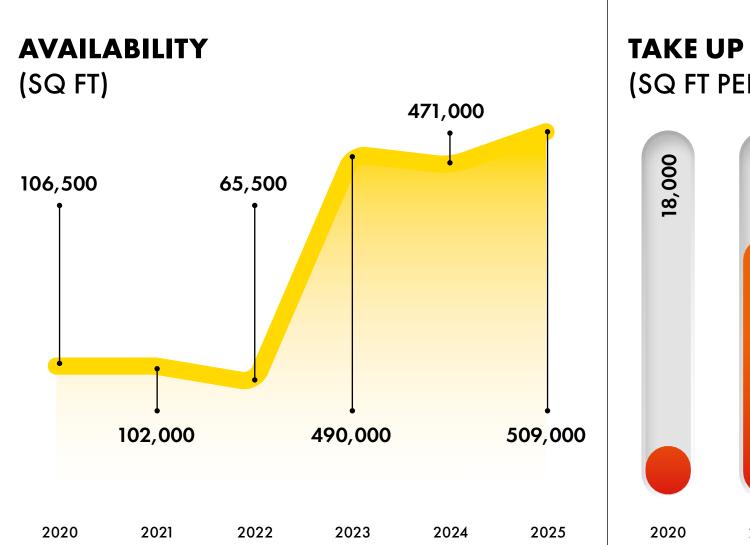






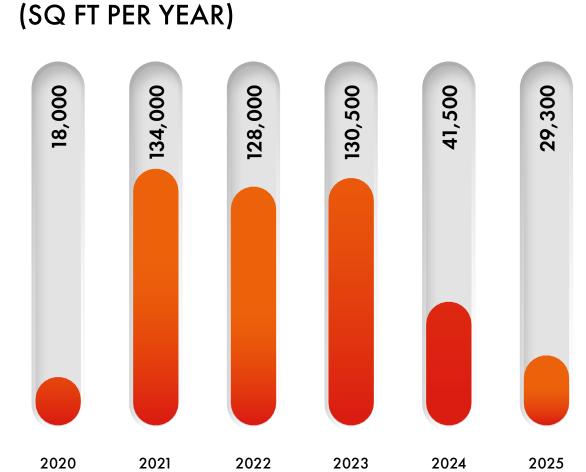
17.3% VACANCY

Statistics assume 5,000 sq ft and above



£13.25

2022



£16.50

2025

PANATTONI PARK BURGESS HILL

14 new units ready to occupy.

From 8, 140 to 147,400 sq ft.

Total scheme totals 457,700 sq ft, 2 Units LET.

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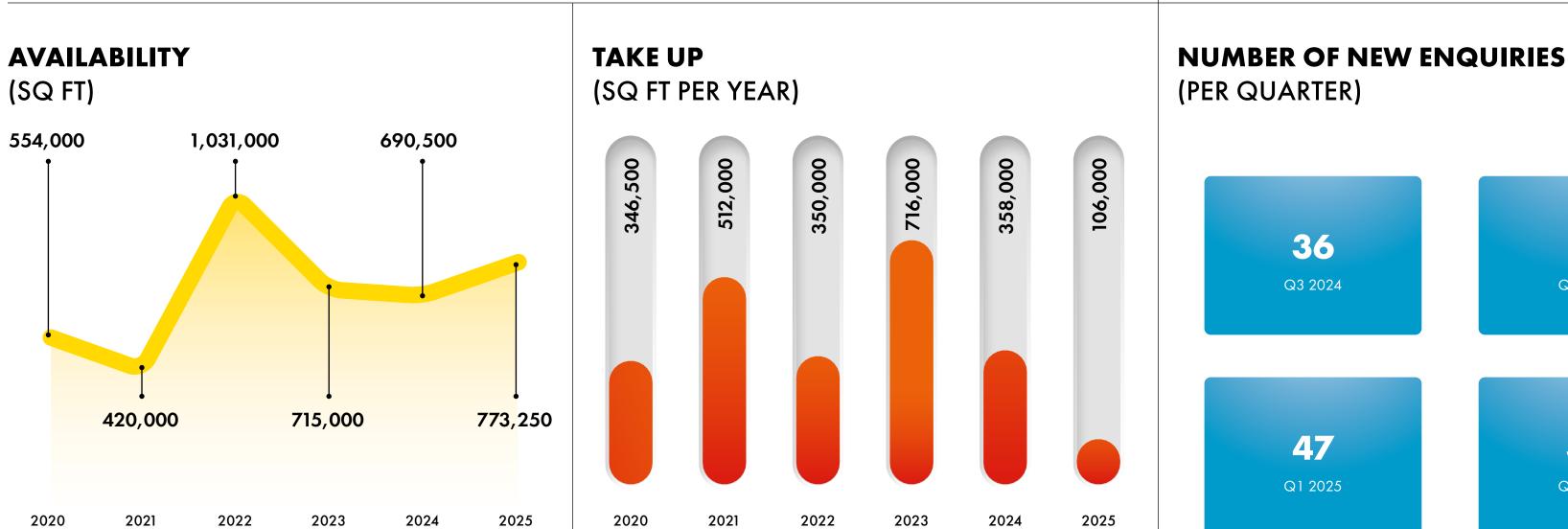
Statistics assume 5,000 sq ft and above



HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED

(SQ FT) 980K 230K Q4 2024 Q3 2024 1.23M 890K Q1 2025 Q2 2025

LOGGED DEMAND





ARROW POINT CRAWLEY

Two very prominent self-contained units. 65,800 sq ft. LET. 18,800 sq ft. LET.

MIDPOINT 23 PEASE POTTAGE / CRAWLEY

7 Unit scheme totalling 76,000 sq ft.

7 Units LET.

1 UNDER OFFER.

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5.9% VACANCY

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HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED





LOGGED DEMAND

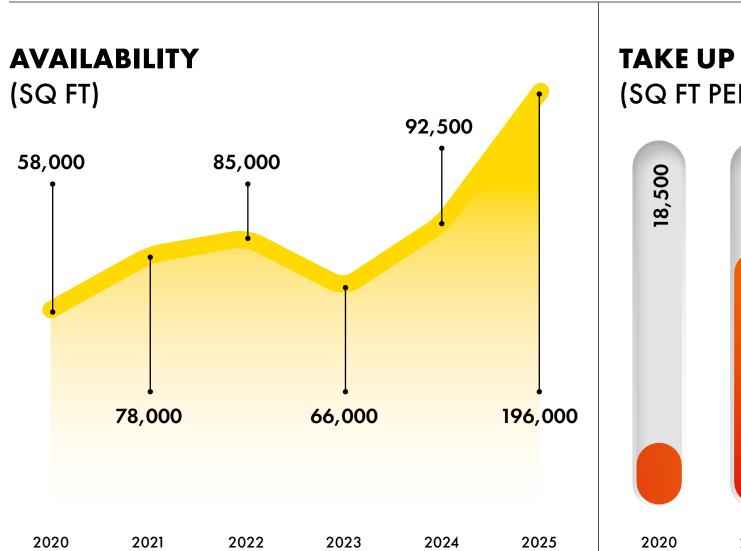
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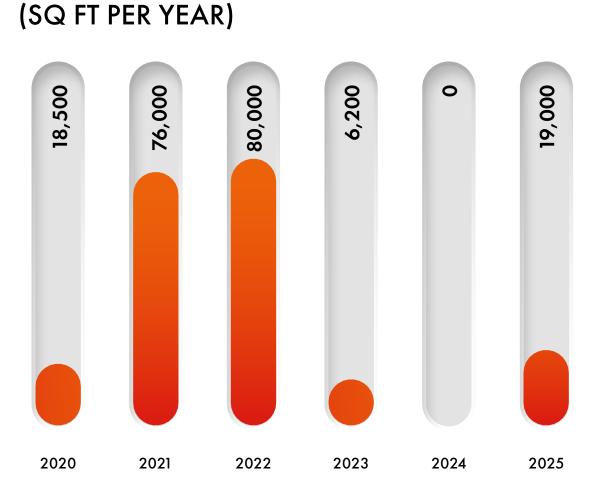




20K

Q4 2024







NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES

(PER QUARTER)

BILLINGSHURST ENTERPRISE PARK NR HORSHAM

New units from 3,000 to 45,000 sq ft site to be constructed FOR SALE / TO LET.

BILLINGSHURST TRADE PARK NR HORSHAM

Great trade selection with Howdens, Screwfix, Toolstation, Easy Bathrooms, Allsaved, NYE's, B&P, Guildford Tyre Co & LKQ Euro Car Parts.

LAST UNIT AVAILABLE.



£12.50

2022

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£11.25 2021

AVAILABILITY

(SQ FT)

2020

2021

RENTS

(£ PER SQ FT)

HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED

£12.50

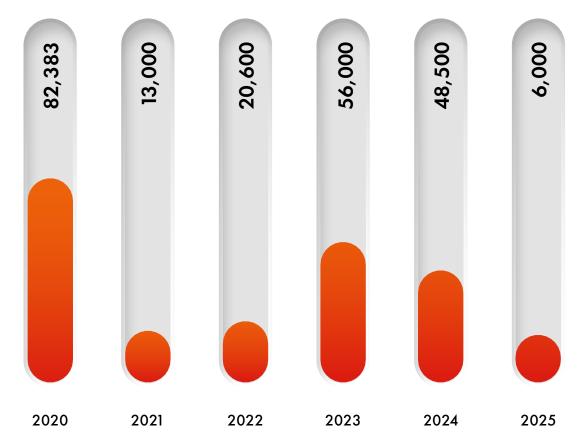
2023

TAKE UP

(SQ FT PER YEAR)

£12.50

2024



£12.75

2025

NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES (PER QUARTER)



LOGGED DEMAND

80K

Q3 2024

1.15M

Q1 2025

(SQ FT)

HIGHEST

QUOTING RENT

£14.70

20 Q1 2025



150K

Q4 2024

2.42M

Q2 2025





0.4% VACANCY

Statistics assume 5,000 sq ft and above

80,204 80,000 99,000 64,000 80,000 24,000

2022

2023

2024

2025



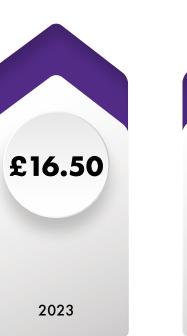
£16.50

2021

RENTS

2022





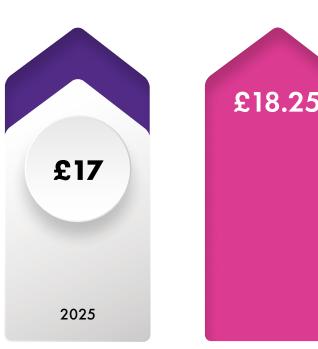
HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED



TAKE UP

2020

2021



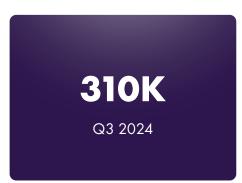
QUOTING RENT £18.25

2025

2024

HIGHEST

LOGGED DEMAND (SQ FT)









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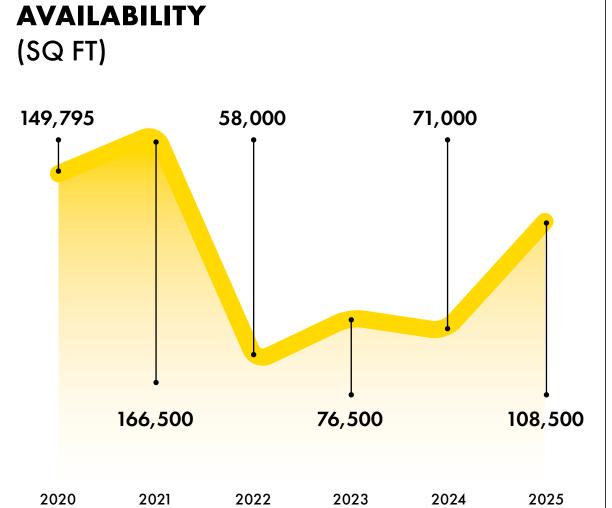
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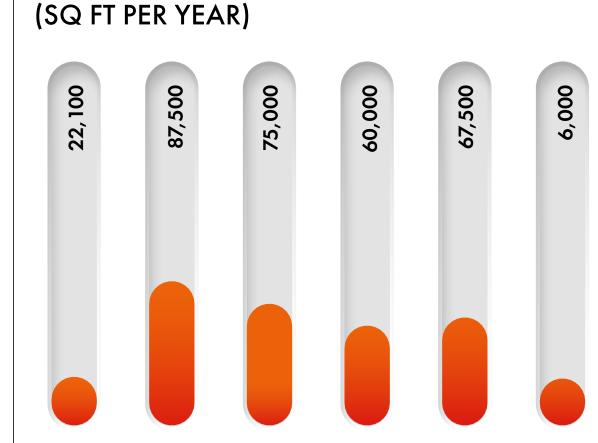


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Statistics assume 5,000 sq ft and above





2022

2023

NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES (PER QUARTER)



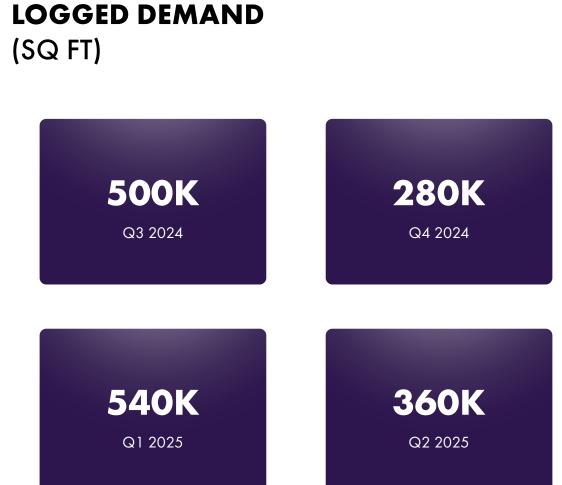












NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES

(PER QUARTER)



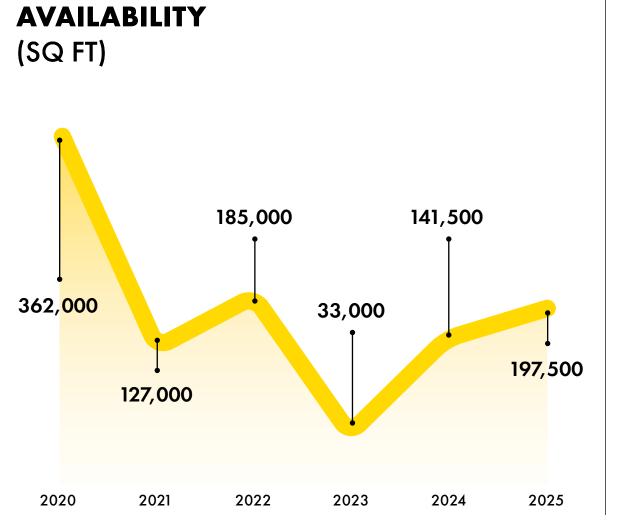


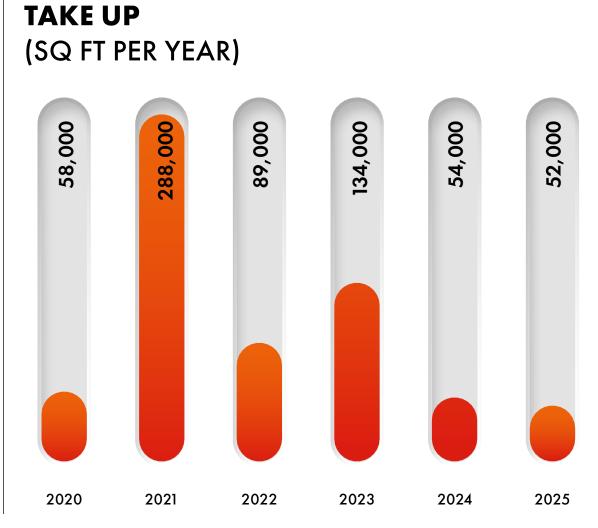
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SWALLOW BUSINESS PARK

HALSHAMI

New Units from 1.000 sq ft AVAILABLE.

RENTS

(£ PER SQ FT)

£8

2021

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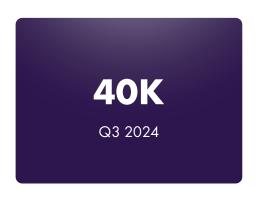
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LOGGED DEMAND (SQ FT)

HIGHEST





NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES

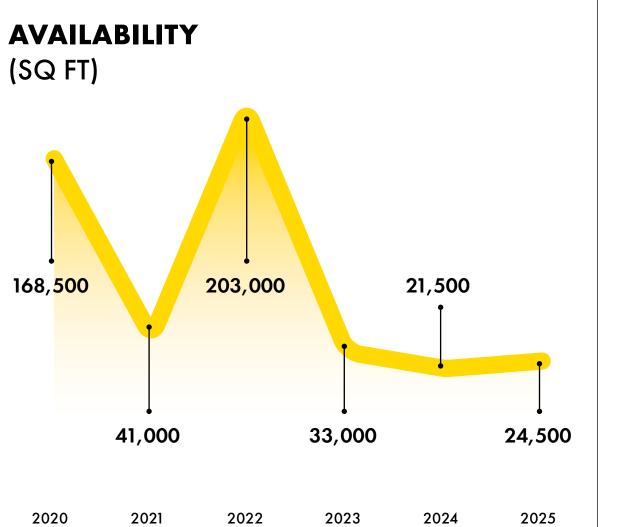


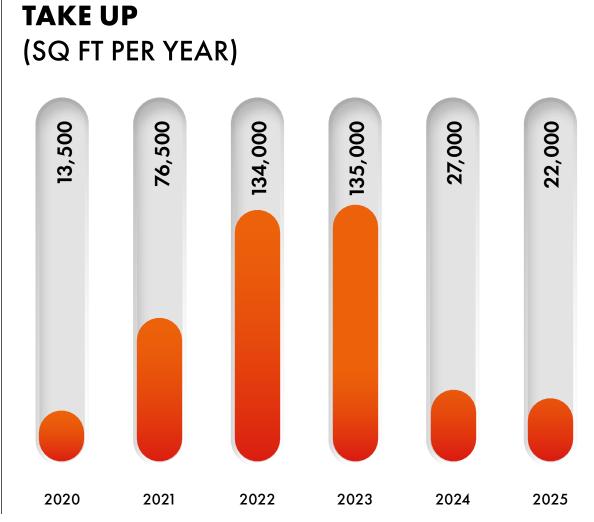
170K

Q4 2024



HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED









Statistics assume 5,000 sq ft and above

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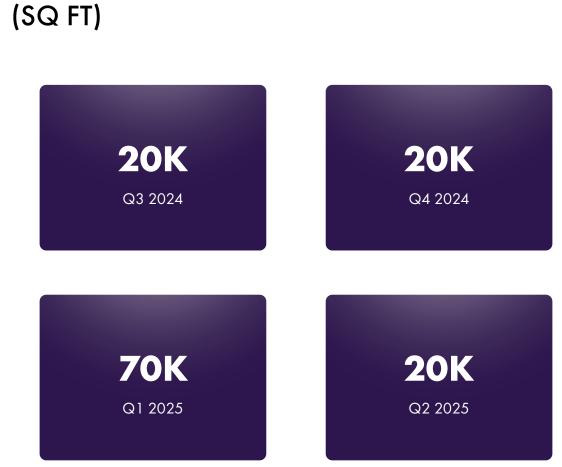
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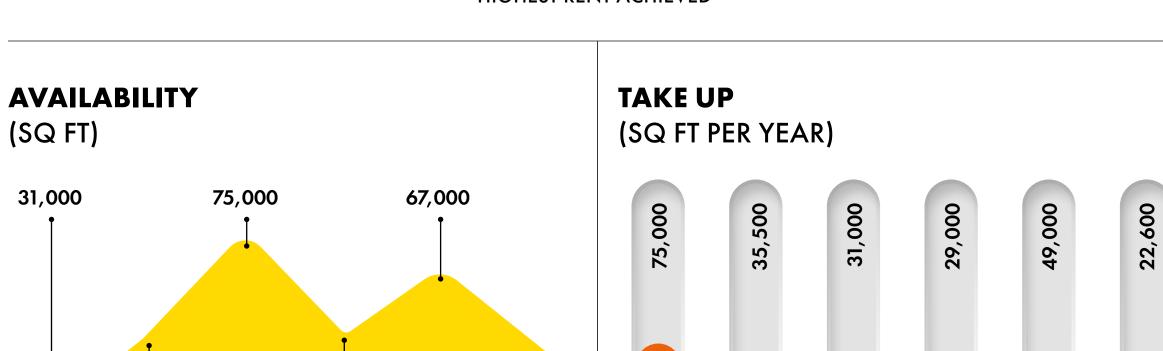


Statistics assume 5,000 sq ft and above





LOGGED DEMAND



47,500

2025

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

50,000

2021

2022

2020

50,000

2023

2024



NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES

£12.50

2023

HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED

£12.50

2024

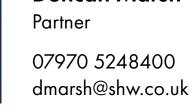
RENTS

(£ PER SQ FT)

£10

2021

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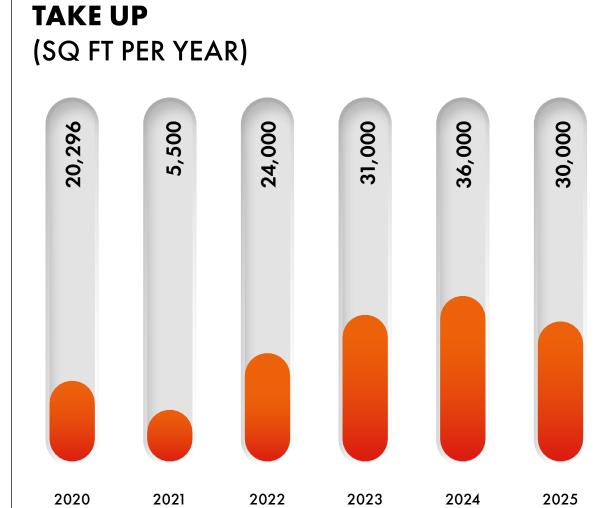
80K

Q2 2025

AVAILABILITY (SQ FT) 26,114 74,000 164,000 **244,**500 184,000 15,000 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

£12.50

2022



£12.50

2025



LOGGED DEMAND

50K

Q3 2024

190K

Q1 2025

(PER QUARTER)

NUMBER OF NEW ENQUIRIES

(SQ FT)

HIGHEST

QUOTING RENT



£11.5

2022

£12

2023

261,000 sq ft of availability

is in one building, out of total

availability of 284k sq ft.

HIGHEST RENT ACHIEVED

£12.50

2024

TAKE UP

(SQ FT PER YEAR)

RENTS

(£ PER SQ FT)

£11

2021

AVAILABILITY

(SQ FT)

2020

2021

2022

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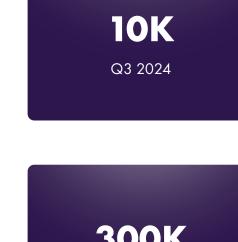


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270K Q4 2024

710K Q2 2025



LOGGED DEMAND

(SQ FT)

HIGHEST

QUOTING RENT

£13.50





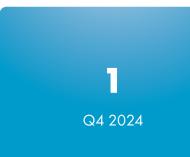




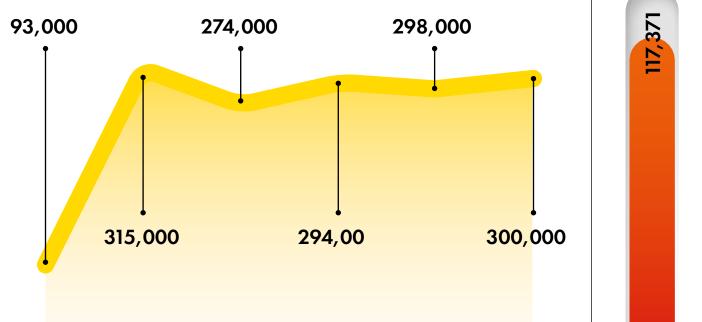


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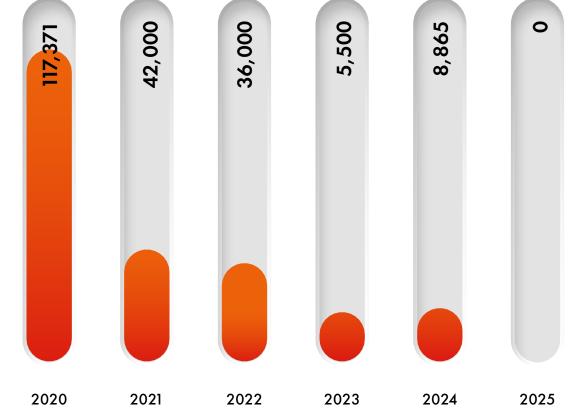




2023

2024

2025



£12.50

2025



12.4% VACANCY



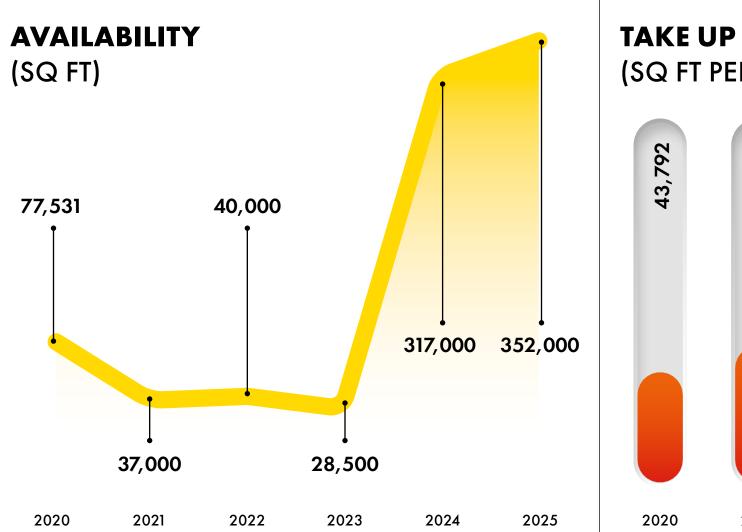
LOGGED DEMAND (SQ FT) 290K **40K** Q4 2024 Q3 2024

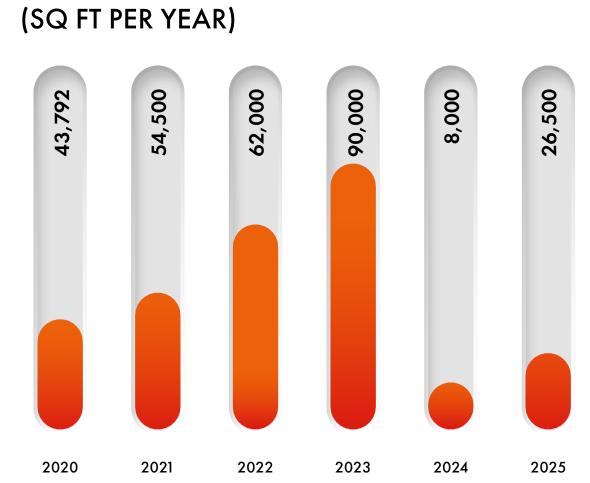
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Statistics assume 5,000 sq ft and above

PANATTONI PARK BRIGHTON

New MULTI-LET scheme ready for occupancy.
Units from 19,500 sq ft (whole scheme totals 267,000 sq ft)
Excellent south coast location just off the A24.

DOLPHIN ENTERPRISE CENTRE

SHOREHAM

Various units refurbished.

Units available from 1,068 – 15,600 sq ft.



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