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AMBITIOUS plans to create more than 6,200 jobs on a vast swathe of new business parks around [Southend Airport](#) have been finalised.

Bosses at Southend Council and [Rochford](#) District Council have finished work on the final draft of their joint area action plan – a blueprint for the future of land around the airport.

The report includes grand proposals to build a new 99,000sqm business park on land off Aviation Way, as well as a public park and a new home for [Westcliff](#) Rugby Club.

Chiefs also hope to persuade up to two more major airlines to follow easyJet's lead and set up a permanent base in the town.

Jonathan Garston, the Tory councillor responsible for planning at Southend Council, said: "The document is the next step forward for the airport area, following all the major expansions.

"It is about agreeing a framework for Southend and Rochford and to ensure we are able to attract new businesses to the area."

The plan, which has been more than five years in the making, outlines Southend Council and Rochford District Council's agreed goals for the airport and its surrounding area.

The blueprint is designed to smooth the way for future planning applications from private firms by setting out what would be acceptable and what would not.

,000sqm office development on fields north of the existing Aviation Way industrial estate, is one of the flagship projects which bosses hope will be mostly completed before 2021.

Chiefs also want to see a smaller business park built in the crook of Nestuda Way and the [A127](#), and the expansion of the Aviation Way industrial estate.

If the proposed developments become a reality, bosses believe they could create thousands of new jobs.

They also want to see up to three airlines with permanent bases at the airport.

The draft is due to be considered by Southend Council cabinet members at their meeting next week.

If it is rubber-stamped by Tory leaders at both councils, it will be sent to Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State for Local Government, for final approval.

Members of the public will be able to launch objections and trigger a public inquiry, but only if they think the plan is legally flawed.