Gastronomica

Grounded in nature rooted in the future

COLWORTH SCIENCE PARK

Part of Pioneer Group

Laboratory & Office Space

Where pioneering entrepreneurs solve global food challenges.

To help the existing foodtech and agri-tech community thrive at Colworth Science Park, Pioneer Group are investing £3m in the creation of a new dedicated space for F&D scientists, entrepreneurs, start-ups, and SMEs in the food industry. We're securing the future for the next generation of entrepreneurs.



Gastronomica | *Reception and Welcome area*

Gastronomica

Gastronomica provides a cost-efficient, resource-rich environment for foodtech ventures to launch, scale, and grow. Located in Colworth Science Park alongside Unilever Colworth R&D Hub, it fosters networking, collaboration, and global impact, making it the ideal home for innovators to revolutionise the food industry.

Key Features:

Cost Efficiency
Designed to lessen capital expenses and operational costs.

Essential Services & Technologies
Providing access to vital resources for growth and innovation.

Networking & Collaboration
Integrated into the physical space, fostering a community of innovators.

Prime Location
Situated in Colworth Science Park, alongside the Unilever Colworth R&D Hub.

Global Impact
Enabling ventures of all sizes to contribute to a global transformation in foodtech.



Gastronomica | *Café and Demo Kitchen*

Gastronomica Events

















Join the forefront of foodtech exploration with workshops, talks, and demos from global food and beverage experts. Engage in live events, streaming content, hands-on activities, and product sampling to tackle global food challenges. Embrace the future of culinary advancement where science meets sustainable entrepreneurship.

speakers and brands subject to change

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The Building

- Small to medium sized dedicated labs
- Tailored workspaces to promote your brand identity
- Kitchenettes, co-working & communal spaces
- Post delivery & collection
- Demo Kitchen
- Café, restaurant & courtyard garden
- Open Access Lab & Utility Lab
- EV charging

The Park

- Gardens & parkland
- Sports clubs & golf course
- 24/7 security & lockable bike storage
- Ample parking on site



Gastronomica | *Café and Demo Kitchen*



Gastronomica | *Laboratories*



Gastronomica Floor Plan

Indicative Space Plan.
Not to scale.



- Suites
- Flexi Labs
- Commercial Kitchen
- Analytical Suite
- Microbiology Suite
- Meeting Rooms
- Conference Space
- Tasting Room
- Open Access Lab
- Utility Lab

Gastronomica Equipment





Utility Room

- Autoclave
- Glasswasher
- Purified Water (Type I and Type II)
- Ice Machine
- Drying Oven

Microbiology suite

- Microbiology safety cabinet
- Incubators (shaking/static)
- Centrifugation systems
- Analytical balances
- pH meter
- Spectrophotometer
- Microscopy

Innovation suite

- Imaging systems
- Bioreactors – small scale
- Chromatography systems
- Drying systems (freeze/spray)
- High-Pressure Homogenisers

Additional specialised equipment to support advanced food innovation is currently being explored, with input from industry partners and site users. Subject to commissioning.

Colworth Science Park
Site Map





Gastronomica | *Work space*



Gastronomica | *Incubator Office*

Connectivity

Colworth offers easy access to London and major transportation hubs, making it an ideal choice for businesses aiming for national and international connectivity.

Key Advantages:

Quality of Life
Picturesque landscapes, historic landmarks, and affordable housing.

Strategic Location
Proximity to London and major transportation hubs, in the Oxford-Cambridge Arc.

Business-Friendly Environment
Supportive local authorities, robust infrastructure, and a diverse economy.

Innovation Research
Focus on fostering innovation with numerous R&D centres and collaborations.

Supportive Ecosystem
Collaborative network of chambers, associations, and government initiatives.

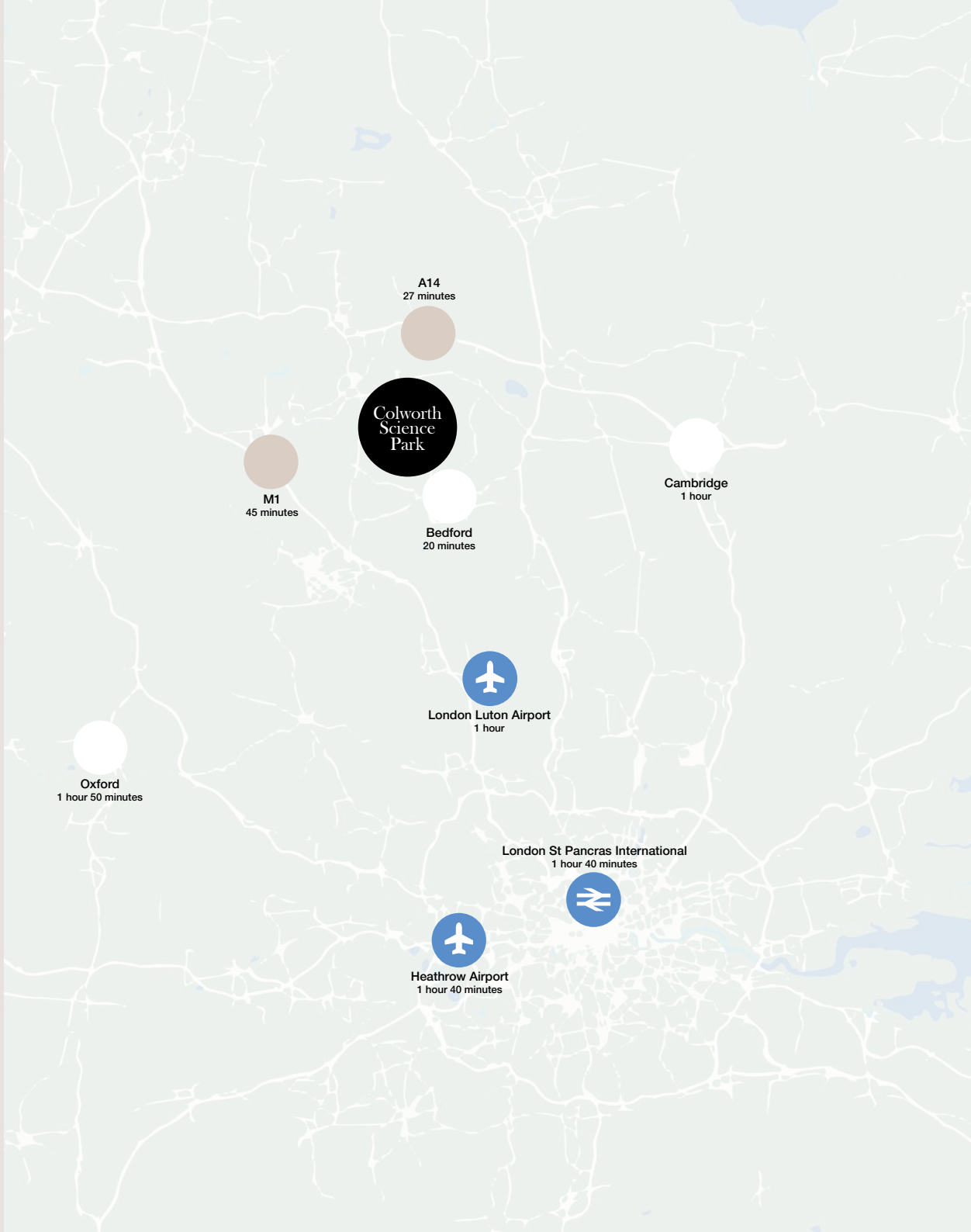
Skilled Workforce
Access to a skilled and diverse talent pool.

Air Links
London Luton Airport to Colworth Science Park - 1 hour (30 miles)
Heathrow Airport to Colworth Science Park will take 1hr 40.

Train
Central London to Bedford - 41 mins (60 miles)
Easily accessed from London St. Pancras International.

Drive
Bedford: 20 minutes (9 miles)
Northampton: 35 minutes (19 miles)
Cambridge: 1 hour (34 miles)
Oxford: 1hr35 (65 miles)
Post code for Satnav MK44 1LQ.
Ample parking.

Bus
Bedford train station to Colworth Science Park
Shuttle bus service.
Two in the AM, two in the PM





Colworth Science Park | Colworth House



Pioneer Group believe in the power of innovation and collaboration, to tackle human and planetary health challenges.

Across the UK and Ireland, Pioneer provides real estate, venture building, and investment expertise to companies tackling human and planetary health challenges.



6,400 people working on sites

300K sqft under development

2.6M sqft of laboratories

10 locations across Europe

2M sqft future development planned

VC investment fund

About Pioneer Group

Real Estate

Pioneer manages over £1 billion of real estate across 12 locations in the UK and Ireland. Our campuses offer a range of specialist laboratory, industrial, and office space to support scientists, technologists, entrepreneurs, and engineers on every step of their journey from R&D to manufacturing. Spaces with the flexibility, functionality, and form to support the science and the people behind it.

Venture Building

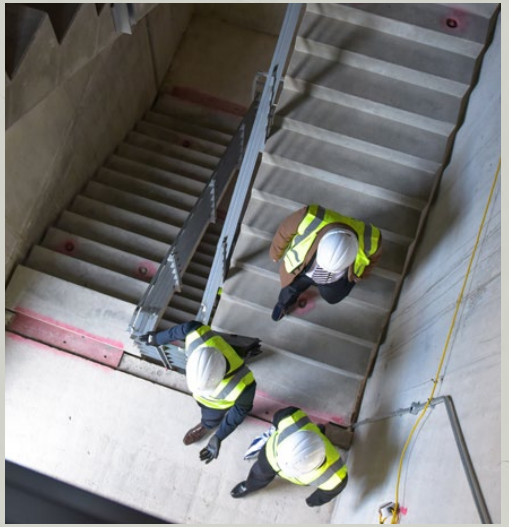
We're here from the beginning and have been for nearly 20 years, bringing our hands-on, tailored approach to getting your business off to the best possible start. Pioneer delivers a comprehensive suite of accelerator and venture building activities, supporting founders to transfer cutting-edge discovery into visionary ventures that scale.

Investment

Pioneer manages various funds that invest in young businesses and specialise in pre-seed and seed funding. The primary focus is on companies with which we have previously worked with on our Accelerator Programme or those based at our sites. This allows us to develop a deeper understanding of the people, technology, and business before making any investment decisions.

Ecosystem

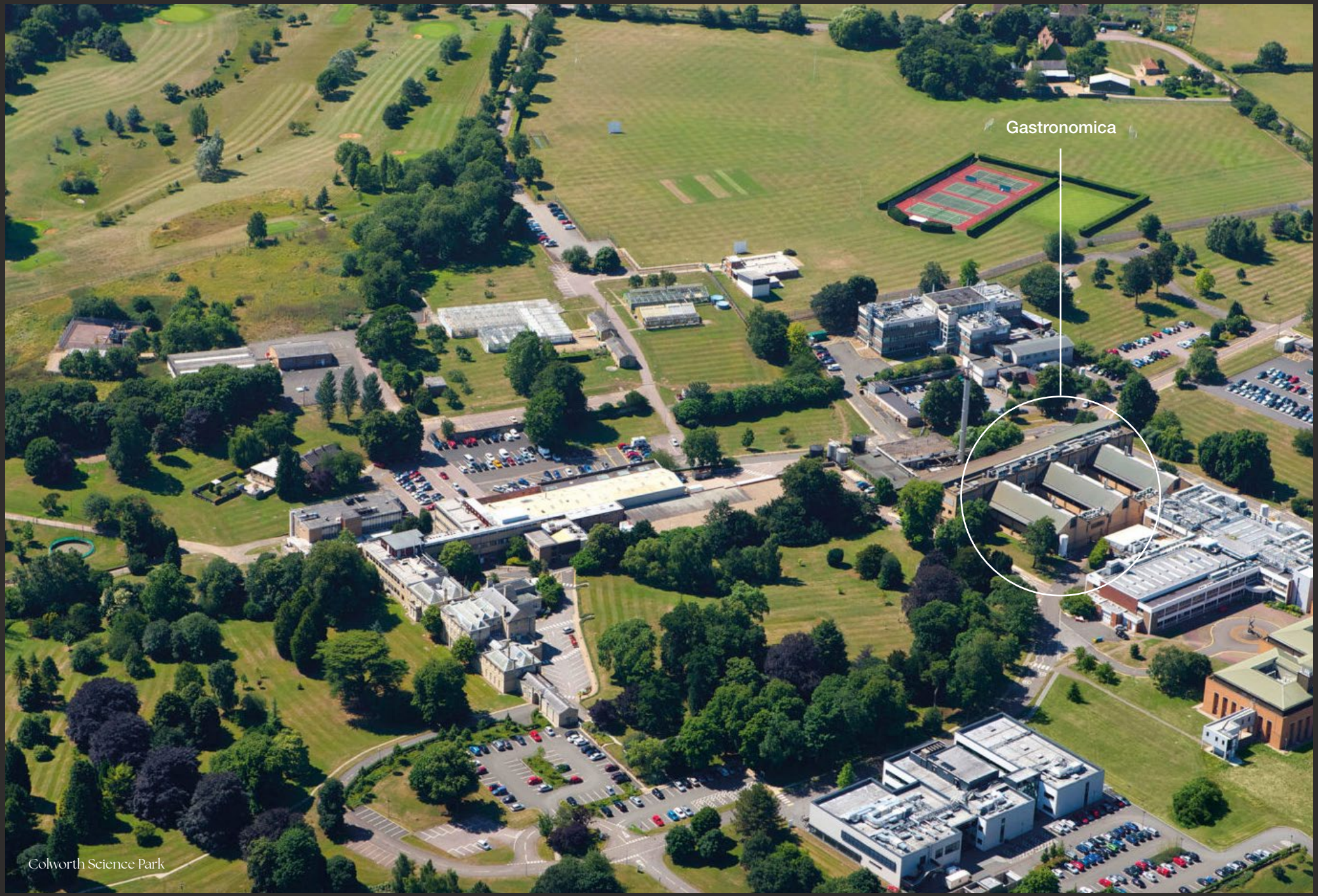
Pioneer stands as Europe's largest collective of scientists, technologists, and entrepreneurs. Our extensive portfolio encompasses hundreds of companies engaged in collaboration with universities, high-growth enterprises, large corporates, healthcare providers, and local government. We're not just a community; we're a dynamic network that believes in making a real impact.










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