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COUNCIL INVITES COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE REDEVELOPMENT OF FOUR OPEN SPACES

Local people and organisations are being invited to have their say on a Council proposal to redevelop four small green sites to help meet the cost of maintaining the borough's parks and open spaces.

The Council believes that the proposals, which would result in the release of 0.37% of Bexley's parkland and 1.44% of Bexley's green highway, are probably preferable to alternative options for raising extra income or making savings.

Bexley expects to have to find at least another £37m of savings by 2018, on top of the £90m it has saved since 2007.

Residents were consulted on the principle of disposing of some open spaces in autumn 2014. The locations of the 27 sites under consideration were made public in February 2015. At that time, the Council explained that the list was subject to detailed technical evaluations of each site.

Technical evaluations of the first five sites have recently been completed. The Council's Cabinet has decided that four of the sites are technically suitable for release and that the Public should be consulted on their possible redevelopment.

The four sites are -

- Eastern part of Old Farm Park
- West Street small park
- Wilde Road East
- Wilde Road West

Residents can find out more and have their say by visiting www.bexley.gov.uk/consultations and clicking on 'current consultation', or by asking for a paper copy of the proposals and survey at their local library.

The deadline for responses is 18 September.

As part of the survey, residents will be asked for their views on alternative options for

making savings or generating extra income.

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