

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

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### **Bexley makes case for more investment in transport**

Council representatives met with London's Transport chief and his top team today (15 June) to discuss a wide range of transport issues affecting the borough and its residents.

Council Leader Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE, two of her Cabinet colleagues and senior Council staff met with Transport for London Transport Commissioner Mike Brown and senior members of his team. TfL are responsible for a multi-million pound investment programme, as well as the delivery of transport services across the capital.

The team from Bexley briefed Mr Brown and his colleagues on the borough's exciting plans for growth and the transport investment that will be needed to make it happen. They set out their case for the extension of Crossrail across the north of the borough and new river crossings, which will be central to achieving the Council's ambition to develop 31,000 new homes and create 17,500 new jobs.

"The meeting was very positive and built on the excellent relationships we are developing with Mike and his team," said Cllr O'Neill. "Improving transport connections and services is a priority for our residents and businesses and at the heart of our plans for the future."

In their presentation, the team from Bexley explained how the borough now has one of the lowest funding allocations from TfL in London, despite the important role it is set to play in the capital's future growth.

The Council's presentation set out the need for investment to improve transport links in and around Erith, as well as the case for improvements to train services, bus services and the local cycle network. The Council is particularly keen that as many parts of the borough as possible can take advantage of the new Crossrail service to Abbey Wood.

It also covered the need for better bus services to local hospitals, the need for more capacity for schoolchildren at peak times, maintenance of the A2 and A20 and provision for electric cars.

Consultation is currently underway on Bexley's Growth Strategy, which was developed in partnership with TfL and the Mayor of London. Visit [www.bexley.gov.uk/growth](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/growth) to find out more and to have your say.

