

London Borough of Bexley

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Exciting plans for new housing at Felixstowe Road

BexleyCo, the Council's new development company, in partnership with Peabody, is investing in a high-quality residential development on Felixstowe Road, Abbey Wood.

The site for development is located within the South Thamesmead Housing Zone, close to the new Crossrail station at Abbey Wood and adjacent to the Harrow Manorway flyover.

Network Rail are currently using the site as a place to locate their temporary offices during the works on Crossrail. Prior to this the site provided public parking. One of the aspirations of the scheme design will be to provide alternative public parking.

The new development will include affordable housing and will complement the work that the London Borough of Bexley and Peabody are already doing, to provide better quality housing and public areas around the new station, and to upgrade the area along Harrow Manorway.

The competitive procurement process to select an architect to design the new homes will be run via the Royal Institute of British Architecture (RIBA) and will formally commence on Friday 16 March 2018.

The Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth, Cllr Linda Bailey said: "This is an exciting time for the Borough. We've set up BexleyCo to ensure residents benefit from growth in the area and that quality developments are delivered. We are confident that working with RIBA we will find an architect with the expertise and design skills necessary to deliver high quality accommodation for affordable housing and private sale at an affordable cost."

BexleyCo Chairman, Richard Blakeway said: "Bexley has significant ambitions for growth and BexleyCo will help deliver these. The site at Felixstowe Road is a good example of how we intend to deliver growth that benefits Bexley's residents and businesses, creating dynamic, quality new neighbourhoods."

Expressions of interest are being invited and must be submitted to RIBA. A review panel will then shortlist five bid teams, who will be invited to participate in the design and tender phase of the selection process.

Peabody's Executive Director for Thamesmead, John Lewis said: "This high-quality development will make a fantastic contribution towards establishing Thamesmead as London's New Town. Thamesmead has the capacity for another 20,000 new homes and thousands of high value new jobs, complemented by a new leisure, cultural and commercial offer."

For more information, or if you are a bidder who would like to express interest, go to the RIBA website at www.architecture.com/competitions
Notes to Editor

1. The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is a global professional membership body that serves its members and society in order to deliver better buildings and places, stronger communities and a sustainable environment.

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2. In 2016, Peabody announced its proposals for a £1bn regeneration programme for Thamesmead over the next ten years. This, together with two Housing Zones which are being led by the London Borough of Bexley and Royal Borough Greenwich and delivered by Peabody with funding from the Mayor of London's office.

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