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Join the discussion on how growth will affect your community

Local people and businesses in the Bexley Riverside growth area are being invited to workshops to discuss their ambitions and aspirations for their communities over the next 20 years.

Bexley wants local people to help develop the Opportunity Area Planning Framework (OAPF) it is producing with the Greater London Authority. This is a formal planning document containing guidance to developers on how the Council will manage growth for the benefit of local people.

The framework will provide a positive plan for development that will help realise the ambitions set out in the Growth Strategy approved by the Council in December.

Four workshops have been arranged to give people the chance to share their views. The Council wants to hear what people love about their neighbourhoods what can change, and how that change can happen. Each workshop will focus on one of four growth areas being considered by the OAPF as follows:

Crayford - Saturday 21 July, 4.30-6.30pm
Slade Green - Sunday 22 July, 2.30-4.30pm
Belvedere - Tuesday 24 July, 6.30-8.30pm
Erith - Thursday 26 July, 2.30-4.30pm

You are welcome to take part in one or more of the workshops. If you would like to attend please email growth@bexley.gov.uk or phone Alex Csicsek on 020 3045 3317.

The workshops are not formal consultation events. The aim is to gather views and ideas to help shape the Opportunity Area Planning Framework.

Councillor Louie French, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth said: "The Growth Strategy set out our long-term ambitions to deliver new homes, jobs and great places for local people to enjoy, but this was a broad vision and we now need to set out the detail for each area. These workshops are giving local people a great chance to get involved very early on in the process, before we have put pen to paper. I encourage residents and businesses to take this opportunity to tell us what they think of their neighbourhood and help shape the future of the borough."

The Council is also planning to hold further workshops later in the year to consider other key growth areas. Details on these will be advertised in due course.

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