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Bexley outlines its vision for Growth to Housing Minister

Housing Minister Kit Malthouse MP visited Bexley this morning (17 January) for an update on the progress of the borough's Growth Strategy.

The Minister was involved in early discussions about the Strategy up to 2015, when he served as Deputy Mayor of London under Mayor Boris Johnson.

Council Leader Councillor Teresa O'Neill OBE and Acting Chief Executive Paul Moore took the Minister on a tour of the growth opportunity areas in the north of the borough. They then discussed how the borough's ambitious plans for growth depend on the extension of Crossrail to Ebbsfleet and the Thames Estuary 2050 Commission's recommendations on infrastructure priorities.

The discussion involved the Rt Hon Sir David Evennett, MP for Bexleyheath & Crayford, Teresa Pearce, MP for Erith & Thamesmead, Councillor Louie French, Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Growth, Councillor Alex Sawyer, Cabinet Member for Communities and the council officers responsible for growth and housing.

"We were delighted the Minister found time to visit Bexley and hear first-hand about the part that we could play in delivering the homes that London needs," said Councillor O'Neill. "We told him about the borough's potential for development and how improved transport infrastructure – particularly Crossrail – could unlock land and make possible the building of 55,000 new homes in north Bexley and north-west Kent."

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Attachments

- Left to right: Cllr Alex Sawyer, Paul Moore, Teresa Pearce MP, Housing Minister Kit Malthouse MP, Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE, RH Sir David Evennett MP and Cllr Louie French.
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