

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **COUNCIL TO REVIEW FUTURE USE OF SIDCUP MANOR HOUSE**

London Borough of Bexley will be reviewing the future use of Sidcup Manor House and developing a new Conservation Management Plan for the building, in view of the likely move of the borough's Register Office to Danson House.

The Conservation Management Plan for Sidcup Manor House will inform a decision about the future of the Grade II listed building, together with the associated offices and other structures to the rear.

The issue will be discussed by Bexley's Cabinet on 17 November.

"We know that Sidcup Manor House is a much loved local landmark and we are keen to see its future secured," said Cabinet Member Cllr Peter Craske. "We want to find a use for the house that preserves its historic character and which ensures that it makes a positive contribution to the town's economy."

"I am sure most people are only too aware of the scale of the financial challenges we face. We are working hard to focus our resources on essential services and those priority areas that will have the maximum benefit to our residents."

The relocation of the Register Office from Sidcup Manor House has been the subject of detailed discussions between the London Borough of Bexley and Kent County Council, which runs the service on Bexley's behalf. If it is agreed, the service is likely to move to Danson House in summer 2016. There are plans to offer some Register Office services by appointment at Bexleyheath Central Library.

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