

EN010128 Cory Decarbonisation Project

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***Paragraph 2 of original submission -***

*In Bexley borough, much open space has already been lost, such as Erith Quarry, now many homes. Berkeley Homes propose to build adjacent to Crayford Marshes. Adjoining Hall Place in Crayford, the BT open storage depot is slated for over 500 homes. Crayford dog track is to close. Crayford Manor House is to be sold off by the council - possibly due to budget constraints.*

**Additional information.**

Adjacent to the Cory site at Belvedere is Thamesmead. Much new apartment building work has been consented by Greenwich and Bexley councils. Planning permission was granted in 2016 for a comprehensive redevelopment of the Thamesmead estate to Peabody Homes for 1,622 units. The second phase of the redevelopment, in conjunction with Lovell Homes was released in 2024. Berkely Homes are developing apartments nearby, at Lombard Square, Plumstead. (In addition to their ongoing development, Royal Arsenal, at Woolwich.) Fairview Homes are currently marketing their apartments, Dock 28, at Woolwich. In the south of Thamesmead, Bexley council granted outline planning permission in 2022, to build up to 1,950 new homes. In 2025 all London boroughs will also be given new targets by the government to increase their annual new home building output.

The extra apartment building works scheduled, would bring a higher population density and higher traffic levels within the same congested area. Greater areas for recreation and open spaces are obviously needed. Existing amenity sites should be preserved, such as the Crossness Nature Reserve, not reduced. However, Bexley has announced proposals for disposal of further open spaces. A notice was published on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 of the intention to dispose of 732 square metres open space land at Sidcup Manor House. On 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 a list of 7 council sites were listed for short term lease disposal with periods varying from 5 to 20 years. This included 9277.6 metres of land at Hall Place, Northumberland Heath recreation ground Bowling Green and Pavilion; along with Manor House Bowls Club at Crayford.

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