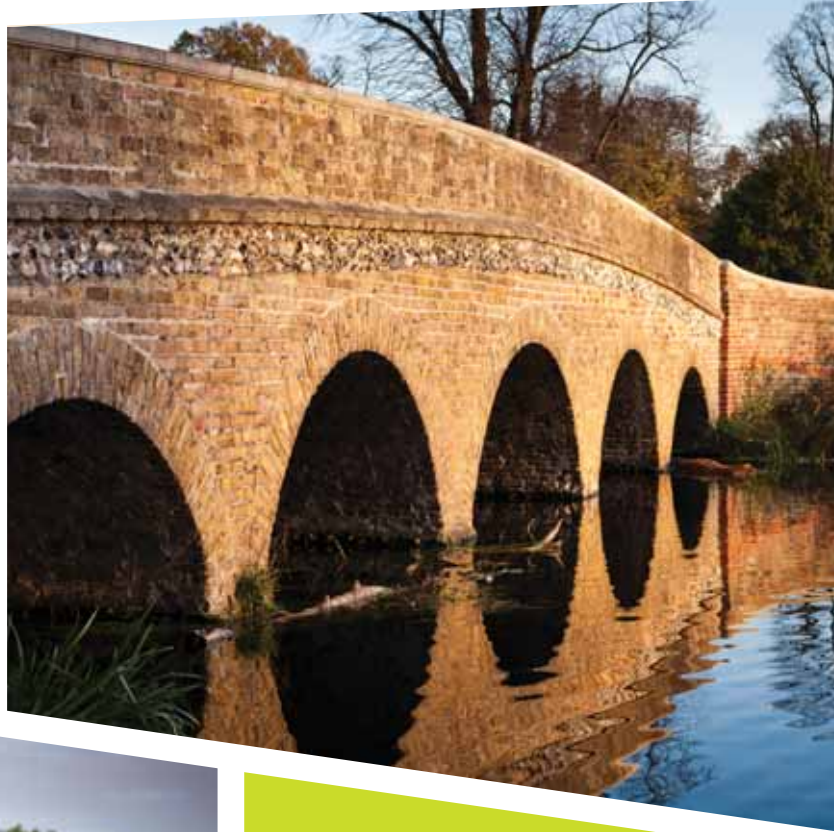




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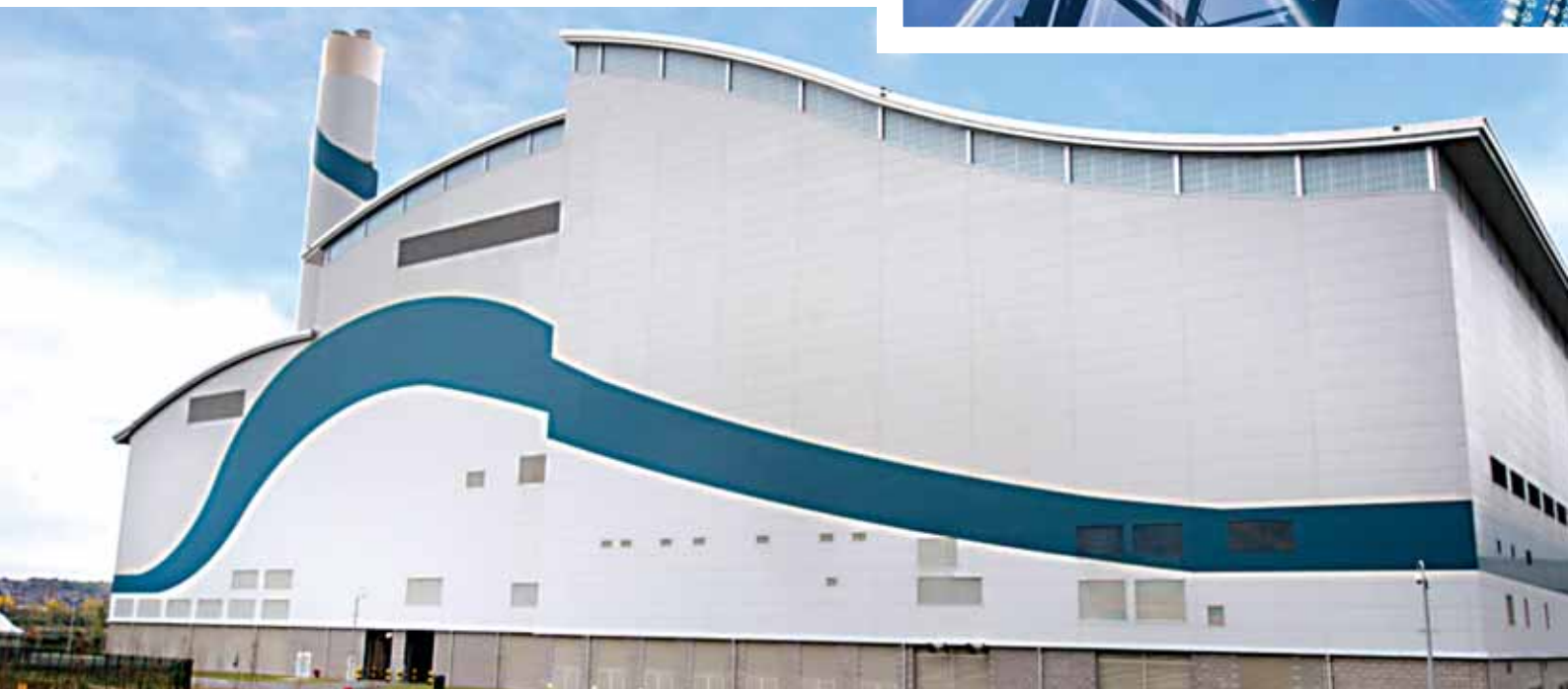
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Please get in contact with us for further information on any of the following:

**EmploymentSkillsSales@lesoco.ac.uk**  
**020 3757 3050**

**Southwark Campus:**  
**25 The Cut, London SE1 8LF**

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The College offers a wide range of apprenticeships, short courses, bespoke courses, online courses, international students full and part time courses, evening courses, and a wide range of short courses in both CPD and hobby-based subjects.

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# BEXLEY FOR BUSINESS

The Bexley for Business team provide free support to businesses based in or moving into the borough.

- Advice on business growth
- Recruitment and training
- Understanding business regulations
- Commercial property searches
- Linking to business networks
- Updates on business news, funding, events and awards
- Signposting to Council services

We also hosts free and low cost events and training at the Thames Innovation Centre, Bexley's business hub.

The full schedule is listed at [www.thamesinnovationcentre.com](http://www.thamesinnovationcentre.com)



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# THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BEXLEY: A GREAT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS

**Bexley is a great place to do business. It is home to a wealth of diverse and dynamic businesses, providing high quality products and services to the local community, London and throughout the world.**

Through the Bexley for Business initiative, the Council is supporting local businesses and promoting the borough to new and expanding companies. We have many strengths: great connections to London, the south east of England and Europe; good value business accommodation; a dedicated business support team; quality housing and open spaces; and a strong sense of community. We want to build on those strengths to ensure Bexley continues to thrive.

## The Council works with businesses in a variety of ways, including;

- encouraging start-ups, entrepreneurs and growing enterprises
- helping companies to recruit and train employees
- ensuring that our community has the right skills and opportunities to learn
- encouraging apprenticeships and traineeships
- providing flexible, affordable business facilities at the Thames Innovation Centre (TIC)
- helping companies to find commercial property
- advising on business rates, licensing and regulations
- promoting environmental sustainability and providing advice
- providing resources and information on [www.bexleyforbusiness.co.uk](http://www.bexleyforbusiness.co.uk)
- encouraging local business partnerships and networks
- supporting local companies wherever possible through the 'Think Local First' initiative
- providing socio-economic data and analysis
- promoting the borough as a location for business and investment
- enabling high quality regeneration and infrastructure

### BEXLEY FOR BUSINESS:

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Whatever stage you're at – starting up, expanding or established – and whether you are a retailer, manufacturer, service provider, restaurant or any other kind of business – we want to help you. Contact details for all the key services and departments within the Council can be found in section 6. There is also a list of national and local organisations that can provide support in section 7.

# Bexley is the Best!



**The Cory Group's "Riverside Resource Recovery Limited" (RRRL) is the proud owner and operator of one of the largest, cleanest and most efficient Energy from Waste (EfW) plants.**

Situated on the banks of the River Thames in Bexley, RRRL uses modern technology to first recycle, then recover energy from London's municipal waste – making a significant contribution to London's green energy needs by producing enough electricity from the waste each year to power around 110,000 homes (larger than Borough of Bexley!).

RRRL's process not only generates electricity, but also heat, both of which the company anticipates will be used to help power and cool/heat the modern data centre to be built alongside the facility on Norman Road, for which outline planning approval was granted in July 2016, as well as offering a sustainable heat offtake to future housing stock as part of the Bexley Energy Master Plan scheme.

Before treatment at Bexley, opportunity is taken to recycle as much waste as possible at our Smugglers Way facility in Wandsworth, to recover paper, plastics, metals, tins and glass. The residue which remains is compacted into containers and transported down the River Thames by tug and barge to the Riverside plant before processing into electricity and heat.

Finally, not wasting anything, in the last part of the process, up to 200,000 tonnes of ash produced is transferred by Cory's barges across

the river to the Port of Tilbury, where it is recycled into road building and construction aggregates – saving virgin aggregates.

By processing three quarters of a million tonnes of waste a year and generating 520,000 MWh of electricity per annum, Cory's RRRL team save the UK consuming an equivalent 200,000 tonnes of coal or 100 million m<sup>3</sup> of gas. Better still, this process completely avoids the waste simply being thrown straight into a landfill site.

In addition to processing local waste from Bexley, the facility serves six other boroughs - Lambeth, Wandsworth, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, the City of London and Westminster, as well as a range of business customers.

By choosing to move material by the River Thames, Cory removes over 100,000 lorry movements from London's congested roads each year, further reducing carbon emissions by up to 75% compared to moving the equivalent amount of material by road.

**All in all – Cory is proud to contribute to London's sustainable economy, generating energy and producing materials important for London's infrastructure and home building programme.**



# THE IDEAL LOCATION

**Bexley businesses benefit from great connections to central London and the south east of England by both road and rail networks.**



The M25 orbital motorway and the Dartford River Crossing can be accessed in just 10 minutes. The A2 passes through the heart of the borough, offering a direct connection between London and the south coast ports and Channel Tunnel. From here, you can do business with all of Europe.

Three railway lines also pass through the borough, offering connections to Victoria, Charing Cross and Cannon Street. They pass through key interchanges at London Bridge and Lewisham which connects to the Docklands Light Railway (DLR).

The capital's airports are all within easy reach of Bexley. London City Airport is just 30 minutes away and London Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and Southend can be reached in just over an hour.

Future planned investment will boost these connections, offering new routes into London and increased capacity on existing routes. Elizabeth line services are scheduled to start from Abbey Wood in December 2018, and will offer easier, quicker and more direct connections to Canary Wharf, the West End and Heathrow Airport. Journeys from Abbey Wood to Canary Wharf will take an estimated 11 minutes, and just 23 minutes to the West End.

Bexley is working hard to attract further investment to improve local road and transport connections around Abbey Wood, to ensure the benefits of Crossrail are maximised. The extension of the Elizabeth line eastwards to Gravesend/Hoo Junction is a continuing priority for the Council, as are capacity improvements to the local road network.



Visit [www.bexleyforbusiness.co.uk](http://www.bexleyforbusiness.co.uk) for more information about doing business in the borough.





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## THE THAMES INNOVATION CENTRE (TIC)

**Bexley's business hub, the Thames Innovation Centre (TIC), offers high quality office space, co-working space, virtual office packages and meeting rooms for hire.**

Space is available on flexible terms, providing an excellent opportunity for businesses of all shapes and sizes to grow in an affordable, attractive area of London.

The TIC's meeting facilities are ideal for a wide range of events, from formal meetings to staff training and recruitment, conferences and more, all complemented by an onsite café, free parking and reception services.

It is just 15 minutes' walk from Belvedere train station and 15 minutes' drive from the M25.

The TIC is also home to the Bexley for Business team, who provide onsite advice and support, and host a variety of free and low cost events and training.

TIC:

☎ 020 8320 1000

✉ [info@thamesinnovationcentre.com](mailto:info@thamesinnovationcentre.com)

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# BA BEXLEY Business Excellence AWARDS

*The Bexley Business Excellence Awards  
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Register for the Bexley for Business newsletter at [www.bexleyforbusiness.co.uk/register](http://www.bexleyforbusiness.co.uk/register) for information on launch dates and how to enter.

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# RESOURCES PLUS

**Resources plus is the London Borough of Bexley's employment and skills service.**

The team provides a high quality recruitment service to help businesses find the right people for their job vacancies. Resources plus can:

- provide free recruitment support, with no agency fees
- support all industry sectors
- offer a large pool of candidates
- verify applicants qualifications
- provide interview facilities and support
- give advice on relevant Government programmes and funding
- host open days and employer events

The team co-ordinates a range of other services including work tasters and work placements, enabling businesses to provide opportunities for local job seekers to improve their skills, and give something back to the community. Resources plus can also deliver pre-employment training to improve the skills of job seekers.

## RESOURCES PLUS:

- ☎ 020 3045 3800
- ✉ [resourcesplus@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:resourcesplus@bexley.gov.uk)
- 🌐 [www.resourcesplus.org.uk](http://www.resourcesplus.org.uk)
- 🐦 @BexleyRp





## THE SKILLS CHALLENGE IN BEXLEY

**The Council is committed to working with local businesses, to help them succeed and grow.**

Ensuring there is a highly skilled and motivated workforce in Bexley plays a key part in achieving this.

We are also committed to making sure every resident and employee in Bexley has the chance to take part in education and learn new skills, in order to achieve their full potential.

However, there are significant challenges facing Bexley and authorities across the country: a national shortage of teachers, funding cuts and major reforms to the government's education and skills policy. As well as addressing these challenges, at a local level we also need to engage more effectively with businesses in the region, expand and improve the education and training

opportunities available, and provide high quality careers information and enterprise support. In doing so, we will support the growth of local businesses and improve access to new opportunities for our residents and employees.

Meeting this challenge will require all partners to work with the Council: schools, colleges, work-based learning providers, other employment and skills providers and businesses.





We hope that local businesses will welcome the opportunity to give their ideas and opinions. In shaping the education and training opportunities available in Bexley, they can help to ensure their workforce has the

qualifications and skills necessary for the business to succeed.

We are also asking businesses to show their commitment to improving the skills of their employees and to support initiatives to provide learning opportunities for local people including jobseekers.

If you would like to get involved in the development of a Skills Charter for Bexley, please contact us.

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# CONTACTS AT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BEXLEY

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## Business Rates

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## Emergency Planning & Business Continuity

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☎ 020 3045 5176  
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## For further information

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# BUSINESS SUPPORT

## British Library Business and IP (Intellectual Property) Centre

The British Library Business and IP Centre can help businesses with business planning, market research, protecting intellectual property and networking.

- ☎ 020 7412 7901
- ✉ Customer-Services@bl.uk
- 🌐 www.bl.uk/bipc
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## Carbon Trust

The Carbon Trust advises businesses on how to increase profits by cutting carbon emissions, save energy and commercialise low carbon technologies.

- ☎ 020 7170 7000
- ✉ info@carbontrust.com
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## Centre for Engineering and Manufacturing Excellence (CEME)

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## Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

BEIS is the government department responsible for developing and delivering a comprehensive industrial strategy and leading the government's relationship with business. The website is a useful source of information on business regulations and government policies.

- ☎ 020 7215 5000
- 🌐 www.gov.uk/beis
- 🐦 @beisgovuk



## Enterprise Nation

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- ☎ 020 7257 9525
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## Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)

The FSB represents the small business community throughout the UK. Members get a package of services including advice, financial products and support. These cover a wide range of benefits such as tax, legal and HR, local network groups, business banking and mentoring.

- ☎ 0808 2020 888
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- 🌐 www.gov.uk/business
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The ICAEW's Business Advice Service (BAS) provides a variety of professional support to SMEs and start-ups, including one-to-one advice, business guides, articles and events. Businesses can receive a free initial consultation with an ICAEW Chartered Accountant and access a variety of practical help online.

- ☎ 020 7920 3561
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## The Learning Centre Bexley

Bexley's adult education college offers a range of courses to help employees learn new skills and job seekers to get into work. Industry recognised qualifications and short introductory courses are available on sites in Bexleyheath, Erith and Sidcup. The college also co-ordinates traineeships for local businesses, helping young people aged 16-24 to gain valuable work experience.

- ☎ 020 3045 5176
- ✉ business@tlcbexley.ac.uk
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### MiddletonMurray

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### National Enterprise Network

National Enterprise Network is a membership body representing the enterprise support sector including a variety of enterprise agencies and Chambers of Commerce. Its members provide independent advice, training and mentoring to new and emerging businesses.

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### The Prince's Trust

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### Skills for Growth

Skills for Growth is a charity specialising in education and training for young people. It co-ordinates apprenticeships and traineeships in a wide range of business sectors for local employers, and can help businesses to access funding to support the role.

- ☎ 020 8221 0500
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- 🌐 www.skillsforgrowth.org.uk
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### Skills Training UK

Skills Training UK is a skills and employability provider which co-ordinates apprenticeships and traineeships, and provides tailored training. It helps employers meet their business needs and to develop skilled and productive employees.

- ☎ 020 8903 4713
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- 🐦 @SkillsTrain\_UK



### South East Enterprise

South East Enterprise is a not-for-profit enterprise agency which offers a range of courses and services to established businesses, start-ups, or individuals who want to update their business skills.

- ☎ 020 8305 2666
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### South East London Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber represents businesses in Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham. It holds regular networking events to promote business between its members, provides assistance to enable them to develop their business and campaigns on strategic issues such as the environment and skills.

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An artist impression of Southmere Village which will be the first phase of the Abbey Wood and South Thamesmead Housing Zone to be built.

Earlier this year 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 of Greenwich and delivered by Peabody, with more than £45m funding from the Greater London Authority, has made Thamesmead one of the UK's leading regeneration projects.

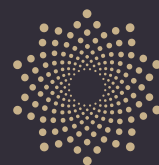
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Working with investors, we want to make Thamesmead an area of opportunity for all and with the Elizabeth line opening in 2018, not only will it make jobs and opportunities in the capital more accessible to Thamesmead residents, but it will help to bring new businesses and amenities to Thamesmead, making it a more attractive place to live, work and visit.

We are working with the London Borough of Bexley and the Royal Borough of Greenwich to look at how we can make the most of the Elizabeth line. This includes extending the public realm improvements that they are carrying out around Abbey Wood station and along Harrow Manor Way to create a gateway into Thamesmead.

We are also looking at how we can make the most of the DLR extension that is in the pipeline for Thamesmead and are working with Transport for London to see how we can bring further transport improvements to the area.

Find out more about Thamesmead by logging on to [www.peabody.org.uk/thamesmead](http://www.peabody.org.uk/thamesmead) or contact us to find out how you can get involved, 020 3828 3545.



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'It's Local Bexley' is an online business directory, built for today's mobile generation, that accompanies this Business Guide. At **[Itslocalbexley.co.uk](http://Itslocalbexley.co.uk)** you can find business services by keyword or company name. It is fully integrated with Google maps, directions and Streetview and includes direct links to businesses' websites and social media including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+ and Youtube.

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