

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **Optimism over future of Sidcup Manor House**

Positive progress is being made with plans to take the Manor House Sidcup forward to the next exciting stage in its history.

Following a successful marketing campaign, the Council has identified a preferred partner and is working with them to develop a boutique hotel and spa, which will ensure a positive future for the much-loved Grade II Listed local landmark.

The proposal will involve significant investment in a scheme that is appropriate to the building, its location and the history of the area.

“As someone who used to work in the town centre, I am really pleased we have found a partner to work with that will help us secure the future of the Manor House, boost the local economy and create new jobs for local people”, said Cllr Linda Bailey, the Council’s Cabinet member for Regeneration & Growth.

A spokesperson for Sidcup BID Partners said: “We see securing the investment in the Manor House as a clear indication that Sidcup is an attractive and viable location in which to trade. We are very keen to support sympathetic development and are looking forward to being involved in the consultation once the planning process begins.”

The Council hopes to be able to share more details of the scheme by the early summer, after which public engagement will take place. The final scheme will also be subject to planning approval, which will provide an opportunity for interested parties to review the plans in detail and have their say.

Sidcup Manor House was used by the Council’s Registry Service, before it moved to Danson House in July 2016.

It was built in the late eighteenth century as a country house and is set in just over an acre of land.

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