

BEXLEY LABOUR GROUP PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 2026

BexleyCo fails to deliver

At this week's full council meeting, Labour councillors further exposed the failure of Bexley Council's housing development company BexleyCo. Erith ward Councillors Nicola Taylor and Chris Ball have continued to raise concerns about the West Street development not delivering the housing local people in Erith need or can afford. This development has removed a much-needed green space on West Street.

Bexley Labour Group are clear that we believe BexleyCo should focus on delivering more affordable homes and council housing that Bexley residents need and would also increase the council's asset base that has been decimated by Conservative-run Bexley Council. This would help the council's long term financial sustainability. It is time to change course and provide a better business plan. At a recent meeting Bexley Council leader, Cllr. David Leaf stated he sounds like a broken record, but the only broken thing is their promise to deliver for Bexley residents.

Cllr. Stefano Borella, Bexley Labour Group Leader said:

'Bexley Co is not working for Bexley residents. We have urged the Conservative council to review and change the Bexley Co business plan to deliver more affordable housing, affordable rentals, and council housing. It has failed to deliver any affordable housing in West Street or the old Sidcup library site and if the Conservatives had accepted the Labour group amendment in 2018/19, they would not have needed to build on green spaces in Old Farm Park, Sidcup, and West Street.

Below is the link to the latest BexleyCo business plan published at the Public cabinet meeting on the 1st July

<https://democracy.bexley.gov.uk/documents/s125382/1%20BexleyCo%20Business%20Plan%20Review%20Covering%20Report%20JUNE%202026.pdf>