

Working with Basildon Council's Economic Development team to ensure maximising the use of local labour and apprenticeship schemes

Developers/Owners should be advised that in line with Basildon Borough Council's employment and training priorities, as outlined in the Basildon Council's corporate plan, the Council requests that:

- Contact is made with Basildon Council or the Council's nominated agent, prior to commencement on site, to ensure that any apprentice opportunities are identified and advertised to the local community;
- Detailed information on the schedule of works for any construction project is made available to Basildon Council;
- Information on recruitment needs of contractors and sub-contractors is offered, in the first instance, to Basildon Council or the Council's nominated agent, Jobcentre Plus.
- A written statement is offered to all prospective contractors and sub-contractors at the tendering stage and to prospective tenants of the commercial/business element of any Development setting out the above commitment.

Compliance with the above will ensure that Basildon Council's Economic Development team are able to work with the developer to understand their approach to employment and training, together with any current provision or activity they are involved with, as well as giving the potential to identify apprentice placements and ensure that the local community is aware of these through relevant forums and steering groups.

Securing the detailed information on the schedule of work will provide information on the likely recruitment needs of contractors and sub-contractors thus enabling specific and appropriate training opportunities to be scheduled with key stakeholders, in particular developing Sector Based Work Academies with Jobcentre Plus.

The schedule of work information will also allow the ED team to make local businesses aware of potential tendering opportunities.

The importance of requesting written statements to prospective contractors, sub-contractors and end users of developments is key to promoting the Council's priorities and ensuring early engagement to capture any potential community benefits.

For further support and information please contact the

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