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Longcross; The vision for a new Surrey village and business park

Crest Nicholson and JV partners Aviva have produced a vision for the development designed to create what will amount to a new Surrey village and one of the country's leading mixed use schemes **aimed at stimulating growth** and meeting a wide variety of housing need.

The Runnymede Borough Council emerging Core Strategy, published for consultation in February 2013, identifies the former DERA site at Longcross as a **major employment and residential development site**.

With an existing planning consent to create **over 5,000 jobs** in 80,000m² of **new offices** abutting Longcross Halt railway station, the Core Strategy also identifies the remaining 80 Hectares of the site for 1,500 new homes together with supporting community uses, a **primary school** and **substantial new open spaces** and areas to roam.

This will be the topic of our next breakfast forum meeting, on **Friday 22 March**, at the runnymede-on-thames, Egham.

Chris Tinker, Board Director and Regeneration Chairman, will give the presentation, which provides an opportunity for Crest Nicholson to share the vision with the local business community and to take questions and feedback 

Delegates will also have the opportunity to take part in the current consultation on the **Runnymede Borough Local Plan**, by talking to the Council Planning Policy team, before and after the meeting. (See page 3 for full details)

Book your place without delay; see details on the back page. The event is sponsored by Crest Nicholson Plc and the runnymede-on-thames.

To book your free place at this meeting, please see the details on the back page.



Your Views Count report

Shaping the Borough

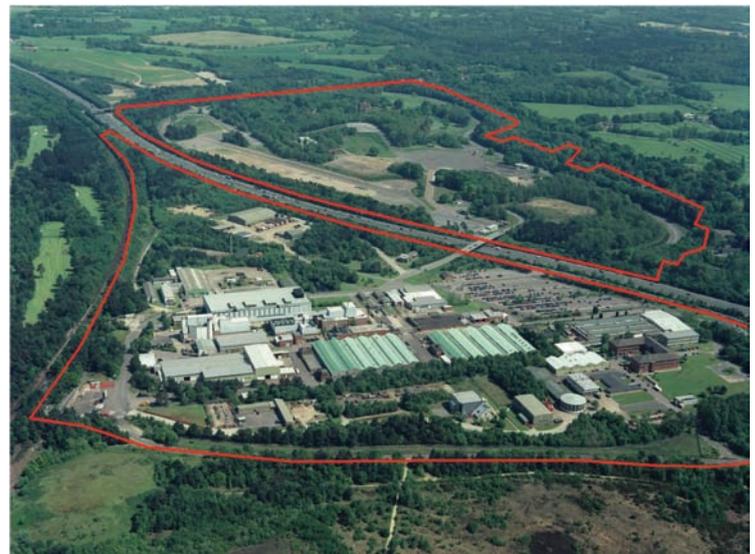
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Your Views Count!

Sixty delegates attended the popular annual RBP budget event, which was hosted and presented by Runnymede Borough Council (RBC) at the Civic Centre, Addlestone.

Paul Turrell, Chief Executive and **Peter McKenzie, Head of Corporate Finance**, gave an outline of the Council's budget strategy for the next three years and the major changes the council is going through to reduce costs and continue to deliver the high quality services residents and businesses expect. RBC has made efficiency savings of over £4 million over the last four years and has not increased council tax or cut services. This transformation strategy should result in savings of £5.5m by the end of 2013/14. By 2015/16, the Council will be operating with 40% less than in 2007/8. The views of the business community are an important part of the process to help the Council to shape services, and develop our town centres.

There are a number of significant government initiatives planned for 2013 including significant reductions in welfare benefit spending which may affect local economies, local councils will be able to retain some of the business rates they collect, incentives to minimise council tax increases and the ongoing impact of the austerity measures. If councils increase Council Tax by 2% or more they would have to hold a referendum 

Adele O'Sullivan of the National Apprenticeship Service gave a brief outline of the grants which were available to employers for new apprenticeships.

The deadline for application is 31 March 2013, to see if you can apply visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk/employers/steps-to-make-it-happen/incentive.aspx



L to R Peter McKenzie - Head of Corporate Finance RBC, Chris Edge THORPE PARK, Paul Turrell CEO RBC

Investing in your Future

For the last 14 years, the Spelthorne & Runnymede Education Business Partnership has held a November awards evening celebrating the co-operative work between local schools and businesses. The competition features cups for each of the Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form winners with a range of cups recognising best presentation, best display and innovation.

Three of the cups were donated in 2004 by Runnymede Business Partnership members Barton Wyatt, Gemini Cars, and HSBC Bank, but to ensure that the event continues, we are looking for sponsorship for the running costs. Just £100 from several companies would make a huge difference and sponsors are identified in all promotion material. Join Gemini cars in becoming a proud sponsor of this worthwhile event.

If you wish to sponsor, or you have a current project working with a school that could be entered for the competition, please contact Pauline Hedges (Pauline@satro.org.uk).

News Bites

Check the new Business Bulletin on www.runnymedebusinesspartnership.org.uk for information on business events, grants, seminars etc

Let the Yellow School Bus take the strain of the school run...if your children are or will be attending Fullbrook, Jubilee High, Magna Carta or Salesian school ask at the school for details. The service has been running for 11 years!

Get more exposure for your business; put an entry on **our app**, iRunnymede!

Put your business on the bus and promote it all around Surrey and neighbouring areas, ask for Yellow Bus sponsorship costs.

For further information on the above email: joanna.swatridge@runnymede.gov.uk

How safe do YOU feel in Runnymede?

Residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to visit www.runnymede.gov.uk to give their views for the Community Safety Survey between 4th March & 7th April.

The information will be used to inform the plans and set the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership over the next 3 years. The results of the survey will be published on the Council website from October 2013.

find out more with your smart phone



Best wishes Bob!

Bob Etheridge, Policy & Implementation Manager will be retiring in April after 23 years at Runnymede Borough Council.

He was heavily involved with the establishment of the Runnymede Business Partnership in 1998, and also with the setting-up the American-style Yellow School Bus scheme over 11 years ago.

His hard work and support over the last 15 years will be greatly missed by all in the Business Partnership.

Happy Retirement Bob!



Last chance to have your say on the future shape of Runnymede!

Runnymede Planning Policy team want to hear from you - if you live, work or visit the Borough. They have taken into account the comments received, from the other stages of consultation, to prepare the current draft document - so this is the final stage.

This is your last chance to have an input to the Plan that will help shape the Borough for the period to 2026.

The Key Elements of the Local Plan are:

- To provide at least 2400 new homes;
- To provide more local jobs;
- To encourage reinvestment in our town and local centres;
- To create a new community providing new homes and jobs on the former DERA site;
- To accommodate the expansion needs of Royal Holloway UoL;
- To guide development to ensure that buildings are well designed and in the best location;
- To protect and improve the natural environment and local heritage
- To improve accessibility to the services and facilities needed by the community.

The current planning policies are documented in the Runnymede Borough Local Plan second alteration 2001 (saved policies 2007). This can be viewed on the Council website: www.runnymede.gov.uk/planningpolicy.

Many of these policies will be carried forward into the Local Plan, but they will be reviewed separately at a later stage.

Visit www.runnymede.gov.uk/planningpolicy for more information and to make your comments. From the website you can also download/request a response form. Alternatively, email ldf@runnymede.gov.uk or call one of the following numbers to request a copy or obtain assistance: 01932 425278 / 425274 / 425252 / 425267.

Don't delay - the deadline is end of day on Thursday 28 March 2013!

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£10m available to create new jobs and houses from the Growing Enterprise Fund!

The Growing Enterprise Fund was established last year by Enterprise M3, the Local

Enterprise Partnership for the wider M3 corridor, including Runnymede Borough, to kick start infrastructure and other projects that will drive economic growth.

Does your organisation have a potential project that may be eligible for a loan from the Fund?

If so, please download the Growing Enterprise Fund Prospectus and supporting documentation now available on the Enterprise M3 website. You are also encouraged to email Rachel Barker at funding@enterprisem3.org.uk as soon as possible to discuss its suitability and what they can do to support your application.

Deadline 21 March 2013

The first closing date for expressions of interest is Thursday 21 March, with additional dates throughout the year until the fund is allocated. Details at

www.enterprisem3.org.uk/growing-enterprisefund/.

Sponsor Dinner Snaps, with thanks to the runnymede-on-thames for hosting the event.



Geraint Rees
Steve Dennett
Chertsey Chambers



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Breakfast Forum Meeting Longcross; The Vision

Friday 22 March 2013

Venue: the runnymede-on-thames

Egham

Time: 7.45 am

Presentation by

Chris Tinker

Board Director & Regeneration
Chairman
Crest Nicholson Plc

To reserve your free place email

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