

## OVERVIEW OF JOB ROLE: Director, Planning Consultancy

### BACKGROUND

Be First is a pioneering urban regeneration company wholly owned by, but operating independently of, the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (LBBB). Its mission is to accelerate growth and capitalise on the borough's position as London's hottest investment and development opportunity.

We are a developer and property consultancy, and provide planning and other statutory functions for LBBB. We also work with commercial partners who share our core values of delivering high quality development which benefits local people. The financial return that we generate is reinvested back into providing key council services.

The Planning & Building Control Team has undergone significant transformational change, with the intention of delivering a commercially astute, pragmatic and professional planning super service. This role reports directly into the Chief Planning Director and heads up the Planning Consultancy mini-team.

### KEY REQUIREMENTS: DUTIES

Key responsibilities will be (but are not limited to):

- **Managing a growing team of capable individuals, all with private planning sector experience.**
- **Ensuring the team delivers profitably on Be First Business Plan objectives, providing consultancy advice on LBBB's site portfolios and to 3<sup>rd</sup> party developers, developing planning strategies, managing planning applications and overseeing masterplans and development briefs.**
- **Undertaking imaginative and innovative business development.**
- **Building excellent relationships with other Be First and LBBB teams, and other key stakeholders, internal and external.**

### KEY REQUIREMENTS: ATTRIBUTES

Ideally, we are looking for an individual who is / has:

- **Results-orientated and devises strategies that are simple and effective.**
- **The ability to cut through the noise and get to the nub of an issue, to ensure problems are resolved, competing objectives balanced, and projects delivered efficiently.**
- **Confident and professional, with excellent communication skills.**
- **Proactive self-starter who takes the initiative and can prioritise.**
- **Excited about the opportunity to grow the planning consultancy service.**
- **Demonstrable experience working within the private planning sector at a senior level.**
- **Technical planning knowledge, combined with a strategic, 'bigger picture' approach.**
- **IT literate.**

### JOB SALARY

Competitive salary plus company benefits including pension and eligibility for performance related bonus.

***Please submit a covering letter and CV to [Kirsty.Forbes@befirst.London](mailto:Kirsty.Forbes@befirst.London) by January 20 2021***