

OVERVIEW OF JOB ROLE: Principal Development Management Officer

BACKGROUND

Be First is a pioneering urban regeneration company wholly owned by, but operating independently of, the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (LBBD). 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 LBBD. 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 sits within Development Management and you will work closely with the Deputy Chief Planner, colleagues in Transport, Infrastructure & Policy Planning, Members and LBBD's Head of Planning Assurance.

KEY REQUIREMENTS: DUTIES

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

- **Lead on all types of development management projects including pre-application, application and appeal work, particularly in respect of complex major development schemes.**
- **Preparation of written and oral reports and briefings, including some evening work.**
- **Make high quality planning assessments having regard to relevant planning policy.**
- **Manage a complex workload alongside daily allocation and supervision of work to junior employees and support to senior colleagues.**
- **Liaise with the public, developers and a wide range of public and private bodies, providing technical and procedural advice that problem-solves and 'adds value'.**

KEY REQUIREMENTS: ATTRIBUTES

Ideally, we are looking for an individual who:

- **Contributes to a results-orientated, customer-focused working culture that embraces a 'right first time' approach.**
- **Demonstrates relevant experience in the planning and / or development and property sector.**
- **Loves the built environment and recognises that good planning is not driven solely, or even primarily, by the words on a page.**
- **Is a motivated, self-starter with a willingness to learn.**
- **Has a keen attention to detail whilst being flexible and solution-driven.**
- **Is a team player who works effectively with others.**
- **Has good IT skills.**

JOB SALARY & LOCATION

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 by January 20 2021