



Policy Planning Officer

Employer

Be First

Location

Maritime House, Barking with flexible and remote working arrangements possible

Salary

£35,000 - £42,000

Closing date

9 July 2021

Job Details

We are seeking to a forward thinking, Policy Planner, looking for a career progression as part of our growing policy, Infrastructure and transport planning. This is an exciting progression opportunity suitable for a graduate, junior planner with over two years experience to join one of London's most dynamic and ambitious regeneration teams.

Our local plan sets out a 30 year vision for 50,00 new homes and 20,000 new jobs - we have masterplans, Local Development Orders, local policy documents coming forward and are in the process of unlocking swathes of industrial land to deliver new sustainable mixed use neighbourhoods. We want to tunnel the A13, support new economic sectors like film studios and food markets, enable a Freeport at Dagenham Dock.

We need an ambitious policy focused planner who can work across the team on the full range of planning activities including the local plan, SPDs, assisting with policy development and all aspects of infrastructure funding and monitoring. You will also need a key interest in sustainability and digital planning as we make our plans more user focused and accessible.

This is an exciting and challenging opportunity coming at the right time as we take forward our new local plan into examination and put forward new policies to deliver housing, jobs and supporting infrastructure.

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 Infrastructure, Transport & Planning Policy. You will deliver the full range of planning policy work on behalf of LBBD, with a heavy forward-looking and strategic focus.

This is a position ideal for someone with over two years policy experience, including ambitious graduates who want to work in a growing regeneration environment. Candidates should have experience working in a planning policy role in a local authority or consultancy setting and have obtained or working toward RTPI membership.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- Producing spatial policy, putting in place planning policy tools that shape and deliver the Borough's development and regeneration objectives.
- Assisting with evidence preparation and project management of our Local Plan, as well as mechanisms like Article 4 Directions, Local Development Orders, masterplan SPDs (etc).
- Providing policy advice, including representations to regional and central policy / legislation.
- Assisting shaping our sustainability policies including, Zero carbon, biodiversity and green infrastructure
- Working on the Borough's infrastructure delivery plan, including developing strategies for Waste, Flood prevention, utility planning and managing the Duty to Cooperate Process with key stakeholders.
- Preparing Housing Delivery Reports and AMR reports
- Sustainability Appraisals of development sites

KEY SKILLS and OUTCOMES

Ideally, we are looking for an individual who is / can

- Contribute to a results-orientated working culture that embraces a 'right first time' approach.
- Build strong relations with colleagues, Members, internal and external stakeholders and the public.

- Promote Be First with professional, with excellent communication skills.
- Proactive self-starter who takes the initiative and can prioritise.
- Demonstrate a passion for championing established and innovative policy levers to support the Borough's ambitious objectives.
- Demonstrate strategic thinking and the impact this has on shaping future outcomes.
- IT literate and can contribute to implementing best practice GIS and data systems.

FURTHER JOB DETAILS

Competitive salary range of £35,000 - £42,000 plus company benefits including 30 days annual leave, pension and eligibility for performance related bonus.

Right now, we are working from home and are committed to provide remote and flexible working arrangements on an ongoing basis.

Our office is at Maritime House, Barking.

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In order to apply, please submit by 9th July 2021 a CV supported by a covering letter of no more than 2 sides of A4 outlining your motivation for applying and highlighting how your skills, knowledge and experience meet the requirements of the role.

Please email your application to: