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## Residents can have their say on Beckenham Glaxo site

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Residents are set to have their say on a multi-million pound transformation of the former GlaxoSmithKline 10-acre site in Beckenham.



The former research facility off South Eden Park Road has been bought by investors and once developed is estimated to be worth Â£150 million

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The pharmaceutical giant's former research facility, off South Eden Park Road, was bought by investors in December from GlaxoSmithKline and — once developed — is estimated to be worth £150million.

Project managers Altessen want to transform the site into a mixture of leisure, residential and community projects which could create up to 200 jobs.

They are planning to hold a community planning day next Saturday, from 11am to 4pm, in The Pavilion, Langley Court, Beckenham.

A spokesperson for Altessen said: "Our aim is to create a balanced mix of employment, leisure, residential, community and other uses, whilst preserving and enhancing its character and creating community amenities in the form of a cricket pitch and pavilion.

"The range of employment uses may include affordable office accommodation, community or care provision.

"The site benefits from an abundance of mature trees and greenery, so our vision is to create an attractive residential environment that will harmonise perfectly with the greenery of the site and allow for prestigious homes set in lush landscaped grounds with sweeping lawns, mature trees, hedges and plant life."

Workshops and hands-on planning groups are being planned to discuss key issues such as community facilities, landscape design, sustainability, getting about and the local economy.

Another meeting is being held at the same venue on Wednesday, May 25, at 7pm, when residents will be given the lowdown on the decisions following the consultation.

Planning permission for the site is expected to be submitted by the end of the year and if approved, development is due to begin next year as part of a phased three year building programme.

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