

HORKESLEY PARK

HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION CENTRE

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Please read the following information in conjunction with the letter overleaf

- * **The Planning Application.** The Proposed Horkesley Park Heritage and Conservation Centre (known simply as Horkesley Park) was registered by Colchester Borough Council on 18th February 2009 as Planning Application N^o. 090231. This, including its supporting documentation, can be inspected at Colchester Borough Council Offices, Angel Court, High Street, Colchester, Essex CO1 1FL, (telephone 01206 282222) between the hours of 08.30 – 17.30 weekdays, or on Colchester Borough Council's website: www.colchester.gov.uk.

Copies of the Planning Application, either as hard copy or on CD, can be obtained from LDA Design, lead consultants to Bunting & Sons. To obtain a copy, for which a charge will be made to cover the costs of production and dispatch, please contact: Carol Walsh, LDA Design, Worton Rectory Park, Oxford OX29 4SX, (telephone 01865 887050), e-mail carol.walsh@lda-design.co.uk.

- * **www.horkesleypark.co.uk.** This website provides full details about the Horkesley Park proposals. It expands upon the information set out in the grey information sheets given out by Bunting & Sons to provide an overview of the Main Content, Key Aims and other information about Horkesley Park, some of which has been refined and improved in respect of the suggestions, feedback and support received over the years from many people, for which Bunting & Sons is most grateful.

- * **Location.** The Horkesley Park site, extending to just over 47.4 hectares (117 acres) lies within the Colchester Borough in the Parish of Great Horkesley on the Essex-Suffolk border. It is easy and convenient to get to and from, being situated right alongside the A134 just 2½ miles north of Colchester town outskirts bordering the A12.

- * **Jobs.** Horkesley Park will provide, directly or indirectly, jobs for as many local people as possible during the restoration, creation, construction and fit-out pre-operational phases. Following these phases Horkesley Park will be an important source of ongoing rural employment, creating directly or indirectly once Horkesley Park is fully operational, at least 270 full-time and part-time jobs.

- * **Unique Opportunity.** The Horkesley Park proposals demonstrate how an innovative and exciting visitor attraction can be sensitively integrated into the Essex landscape and how it can successfully contribute to wider regional as well as local planning and economic objectives. Subject to Planning Permission being granted during 2009, it will be possible for Horkesley Park to open to the public in 2011 in advance of the London Olympics and Paralympics in 2012. Horkesley Park will provide an unrivalled experience in which to celebrate the English countryside.

- * **Support.** As for most planning applications nationwide the opinions of the "silent" majority are usually not voiced and therefore Bunting & Sons appeal to everyone who wishes Horkesley Park to be created to make sure their views are known, in order to counterbalance anti-campaigns of misinformation and scaremongering. Bearing this in mind letters of support in addition to the postcards enclosed will be most welcome.



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