

BECKENHAM: GlaxoSmithKline site would be redeveloped

Property companies unveil £150m plans

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PLANS for a £150m development on the old GlaxoSmithKline site in Beckenham have been unveiled.

Property firms Essential Land and Altyon, in partnership with Delancey, propose to tear down all the buildings formerly used by the pharmaceutical company.

In their place they hope to build a mixture of housing, offices and leisure facilities on the 26.6-acre site.

Plans for the grounds include preserving the existing trees and greenery while creating a cricket ground with pavilion and lawns set in six acres of open space with the River Beck running through the estate.

Essential Land spokesman Martin Bellinger said: "The site is in a fantastic setting, providing us with the opportunity to create a scheme which will enhance its surroundings.

"We are delighted to be working with companies which have a vast range of experience and expertise."

He added: "We will work with the planners and community to ensure we provide a balanced mixture of uses across the site; employment, community,



The old GlaxoSmithKline site in Beckenham could be redeveloped in a £150m scheme

housing and excellent leisure and youth facilities."

The developers are expected to apply for planning permission from Bromley Council at the end of the year following a public consultation.

This will include an

exhibition of ideas where people living near the site can voice their opinions on the project.

If planning permission is granted by the council, building work would take place between 2012 and 2015.