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Planning

Soft Market Testing - Coppins

Essex County Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Extending the opportunity due to an error on Procontract

Scope

Reference

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Description

We recognise that the design of extra care accommodation has evolved significantly in recent years. Essex County Council (ECC) is preparing to launch a competitive tender to identify a suitable Developer-Landlord to develop Coppins Court in Clacton-on-Sea.

In preparation for this , we are keen to engage with experienced Developer-Landlords in the sector to discuss how evolving design standards may influence the scheme's development. Coppins Court was originally designed in 2016, and full planning permission was granted in 2017. ECC have undertaken the necessary material operations and satisfied the required pre-commencement conditions to ensure that the planning permission remains valid.

The approved designs for Coppins Court were based upon the 2016 Extra Care Design Guide. However, ECC updated the design guide in 2023 to reflect current best practice. Any redesign of the proposed scheme would need to be in line with the Extra Care Design Guide 2023 which can be found here:

<https://www.essexproviderhub.org/media/hetbmbej/ecc-extra-care-design-guide-2023-accessible.pdf>

Contract dates (estimated)

- 25 November 2025 to 1 February 2028
- 2 years, 2 months, 7 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45400000 - Building completion work

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 July 2025

Engagement process description

Please complete the questionnaire on Procontract and provide contact details if you consent to The Independent Living Team at Essex County Council arranging virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams. The deadline for answering the questionnaire is 30/07/2025

Project information on Procontract: DN779588

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 July 2025

Contracting authority

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