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Land at Oxpens goes on the market

A large area of land in central Oxford has been put up for sale by the British Rail Board (Residuary).

The 7.9-acre site, formerly a goods marshalling yard, is located off Osney Lane in Oxford's West End. It lies to the south of the railway station with the southern boundary fronting the River Thames.

The adjacent five-acre Oxpens site is largely owned by Oxford City Council with a smaller adjoining area belonging to Royal Mail.

The area as a whole is recognised in the West End area action plan as the foremost housing and regeneration opportunity in the area.

Colin Cook, Labour councillor with special responsibility for city development, said: "This is a significant development site in the heart of the city.

"We would be keen to work with a buyer to regenerate this part of Oxford, including the five acres at Oxpens which we own, in a holistic way."

Possible uses for a redeveloped Oxpens include residential flats and houses, amenities to support new housing, such as play areas and health care facilities, a hotel and concert hall, and a public square.

Expressions of interest are sought from potential developers by the 30th September, 2011, however work is unlikely to commence on site until 2014 at the earliest.

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