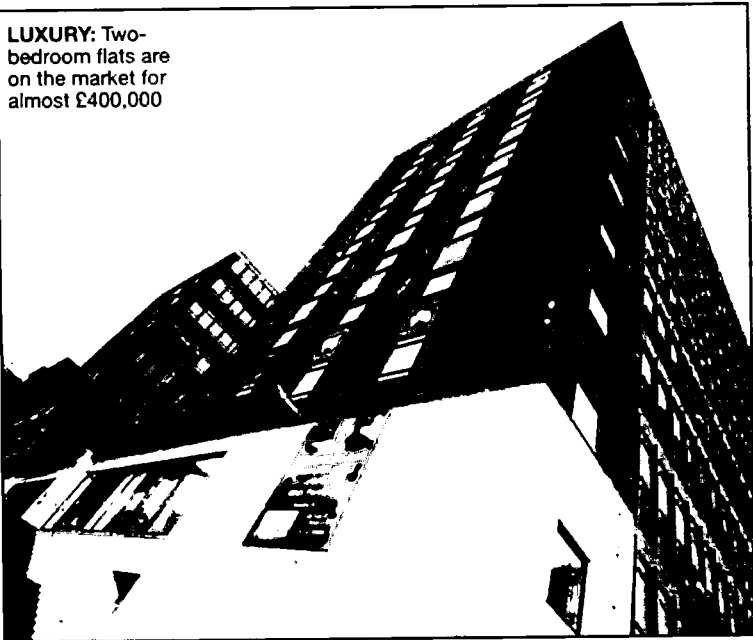


Questions over developer's speedy commute claim

LUXURY: Two-bedroom flats are on the market for almost £400,000



A PROPERTY developer has come under scrutiny after claiming Sevenoaks commuters can travel to London Bridge in under 26 minutes.

Commuter Steve Shaw disputed the information in an advert by Prime Place, which is currently building a block of luxury flats in the former Tubs Hill office blocks on London Road.

Mr Shaw, who founded Bishopsgate Copywriting in London Road, told the Chronicle: "I saw this property advert in the Metro while sitting on a train to London and just thought... It has been a long, long time since I was last able to get from Sevenoaks to London Bridge in under 26 minutes."

Sevenoaks town councillor Oliver Schneider tweeted in response: "Perhaps by helicopter?!"

Direct journeys from Sevenoaks to London Bridge usually take between half an hour and 45 minutes, and there are a few services at peak times which take 27 or 28 minutes.

There is only one service, the 8.08am, which takes 26 minutes, and no journeys are faster than that.

Mark Ottley, senior sales manager at Prime Place, said: "Prime Place, Sevenoaks is in an enviable position for commuters - minutes from Sevenoaks station.

"When purchasers move into the luxury flats, anticipated early next year, they will have a good choice of direct peak-time trains to London Bridge taking less than half an hour, and the 08:08 service takes only 26 minutes.

"What's more, it's recently been announced that the Oyster system will be extended to Sevenoaks from June 2018, which is expected to reduce fares and will further enhance the excellent travel links."

The new flats will have a foyer and business suite with private parking and a landscaped communal garden, and are located a three-minute walk away from Sevenoaks train station.

Two-bedroom flats cost from £399,995.