



Benefits: this two-bedroom flat in Avignon Road is for sale at £254,950

East London line delivers property boom

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THE opening of the East London Tube line has boosted property prices and demand for homes in previously isolated areas of south-east London.

Estate agents along the route linking Dalston to Croydon through the Docklands say more young professionals and City workers looking for quick transport links into central London are suddenly booking viewings.

One agent in Crystal Palace said the past week since the line had been up and running had been the "busiest in three years".

Polly Ogdon, associate director of Pedder Wates, said: "The reality of having the line open has encouraged huge interest. We were run off our feet and sold eight properties by Wednesday. Prices are back to levels seen at the end of 2007."

A two-bedroom Victorian conversion garden flat in Avignon Road, half a mile from Brockley station, recently sold for £250,000. Jonathan Keegan at Rocodells estate agents said it would have achieved only £230,000 18 months ago.