

**Ebbsfleet Development Corporation Board Meeting
29 November 2023**

The following public questions for the EDC Board and the responses can also be found on the Corporation's website at www.ebbsfleetdc.org.uk

Question 1:

Concerning Enforcement; the criteria should not prevent the current number of "planning enforcement investigations" being reported in Part 1.

Response

Planning enforcement is a discretionary service and by its nature any investigations must be treated sensitively and confidentially. The Local Planning Authority maintain a public register of all formal enforcement action taken of which a paper copy is held in our office at The Observatory and viewable by appointment. Complainants can contact the Planning Team for updates on individual cases.

Question 2:

Re New Website and transfer of previous material: -

There are 5 Residents Guides; Four are pdf downloads. The odd one is "Whitecliffe (also known as Eastern Quarry)". File is named [Whitecliffe Residents' by Mark Templeton - Flipsnack](#) It doesn't download, but instead takes you to an external web address: - <https://www.flipsnack.com/ebbsgc/whitecliffe-residents/full-view.html>

a) Why can't the Download Button download a pdf copy?

b) Does selection of Essential Cookies Only on EDC website stop *flipsnack* passing users information via the many Cookies they use?

Response

a) The file size of the original Whitecliffe Resident Guide was so large that it could not be uploaded to the new website and presented in an accessible way to users. To ensure that residents could still access the information in the short term, we signposted to an online PDF presentation platform whilst we worked to redesign the document. The revised Whitecliffe Guide has now been reduced and can be downloaded. If you are not able to download the guide we recommend purging your cache for an improved experience.

b) HTTP cookies are used to store information from your visit to websites online. There are many types of cookies, with essential cookies required on the Ebbsfleet website which removes third-party cookie access to your data. However, if you choose to visit the Flipsnack website directly, or any other third-party site signposted on the Ebbsfleet Garden City website (e.g. YouTube, social media links, Local Authority websites) you will be required to review their own cookie policy.

Question 3:

Why does the Planning Applications Weekly List allow Agents and Applicants to 'hide'? For example, EDC/23/0149 shows Gregory Evans as both Applicant and Agent whereas digging deeper it is Bellway and Savills.

Response

The weekly list compiles information that is included on the planning application forms submitted by or on behalf of the applicants. The form requires the applicant's name to be specified when submitted by them or on their behalf. Depending on its nature, an application may be made invalid if this information is not provided. To clarify the requirement additional text has been added into the EDC's planning application validation checklist that is currently being updated.

Question 4:

Excellent report by Lara Pool, Inclusive Growth Manager and Kevin McGeough, Head of Strategy and Placemaking. Even mentioned Bean visit! An EDC presentation to the 23-Nov-2023 Bluewater Community Forum included a slide saying: - "It will be the qualities of Ebbsfleet's streets, parks and public spaces that will define Ebbsfleet"

"Streets account for 22%"

"Parks/ Open Spaces 43%".

Are these ambitions? What are the current percentages at circa 25% completion and do the figures include Bean Triangle?

Response

The statistics for streets and parks / open spaces remain the expectation for delivery across Ebbsfleet, and reflect the 2016 Ebbsfleet Implementation Framework. We do not have an accurate figure for delivery to date, however part of one of the seven strategic city parks – the 'Platinum Jubilee Park' at Castle Hill - together with a number of pocket and neighbourhood parks are currently open, with two allotment sites, two community gardens and a further neighbourhood park at Northfleet due to open over the next 12 months. Bean Triangle is not counted within the above statistics for open space.

Question 5:

RE: Social Value Update. It is hoped that the Board will Agree to continued monitoring of progress using the Social Value Portal and Papers to Board Meetings.

Response

Subject to EDC Board approval we will continue to measure social value generated in Ebbsfleet and report on progress annually.