

**Ebbsfleet Development Corporation Board Meeting
8 May 2024**

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

Is there an update on EDC exploring forward funding opportunities to improve connectivity from the grid site and new primary substations?

Response

The Corporation has agreed the necessary 'forward funding' to enable UKPN to connect the Ebbsfleet Grid site and the proposed new Primary Sub-Stations in Ebbsfleet Central and Northfleet Embankment East. The required work on these infrastructure elements is already underway, including required land purchases and detailed design. The physical work will occur over the next 18-24 months.

Question 2

[Re: End of Year Performance Report] Explain need for full strategic alignment with the NHS Integrated Care Board requirements and providing assurance regarding delivery and funding.

Response

It was necessary for the Corporation to understand the requirements of the health providers, as defined by the Integrated Care Board (ICB), before it was possible to complete our own Strategic Outline Case (SOC) for potential investment in the proposed Health and Well-being Hub. We needed to understand the scale of space the ICB would require, as this would determine the size of the building required and therefore potential overall project cost. It was not logical to prepare our own SOC until we had confirmation that the ICB needed and wanted space.

Question 3

Website says EDC and partners are exploring several opportunities to extend the Fastrack route to serve residents to Whitecliffe residents (those who live in Ashmere, Alkerden and Castle Hill). What does this mean?

Response

We have been discussing options with KCC to deliver bus services into Whitecliffe ahead of the more formal launch of the Fastrack service connecting Ebbsfleet International and Bluewater late this year. We expect to make an announcement on this aspect shortly. We have also explored options with Arriva Click as to how their current, temporary, 'on demand' service could be expanded to fill more of the demand ahead of the Fastrack services launching. Unfortunately, these discussions have not resulted in any expected change to the Arriva Click service.

Question 4

[Re: *Planning, Design and Delivery Report*]. What was the decision on application to increase EQ housing from “Up to 6,250 dwellings” to “Up to 6,600 dwellings” and proposed 64% reduction in business (office) floor space from 120,000 sq m to only 43,000 sq m?

Response

The scoping opinion referenced in the report was decided on 2nd May. The decision letter is available to view online. The scoping opinion was accepted subject to a series of comments from EDC officers and consultees. Consultation with communities will be carried out on any subsequent planning application in the usual way. This application is expected in late June/July.

Question 5

[Re: *Ebbsfleet Living Report*] We look forward to hearing more at Garden City talk in Bean Village in June.

Response

EDC officers look forward to meeting with Bean residents in June to discuss issues around highways and infrastructure specifically. We also look forward to returning in September to the Bean Resident’s Association AGM to share progress across wider issues with delivery of the garden city.

Question 6

Can you expand these items in most recent, Feb 2024, Transparency Report?

Date	Payment	Amount	EDC Response
09/02/2024	Kent County Council GRANT	£1,000,000.00	Funding contribution for the Bath Street Fastrack works
28/02/2024	LDA Design Consulting Ltd	£34,800.00	Landscape Architect fees for RIBA Stage 1 design work for Ebbsfleet Central
13/02/202	Gbolade Design Studio Ltd	£5,400.00	Sustainability Assessment Guide fee – a tool and design guide for planning applicants
06/02/2024	Gbolade Design Studio Ltd	£3,000.00	Sustainability Assessment Guide fee – a tool and design guide for planning applicants
28/02/2024	Blueprint Arts Foundation GRANT	£25,000.00	Funding contribution for the Creative Exchange Community Led Cultural Programme
06/02/2024	Blueprint Arts Foundation GRANT	£3,754.80	Funding contribution for the Creative Exchange Community Led Cultural Programme