

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

The article in 01.09.24 Observer entitled, "Could new towns solve the UK's housebuilding crisis?" has a comment that Ebbsfleet Garden City build is unlikely to be complete until about 2040. Is this compatible with a current delivery at a *run-rate* described as about 700 a year?

Response

During 2023-24, 680 homes were completed within the Ebbsfleet urban development area boundary. We expect housing delivery to be broadly 600-650 homes per year in future years but the exact figure depends on many factors including site specific matters and the market. We currently have 4,589 homes completed and forecasts show that 13,000 – 14,000 homes will be completed overall.

Question 2

Do EDC have any regrets that the article also highlights that a couple that moved to Ebbsfleet in 2019 have decided to leave because of lack of facilities?

Response

Of course, if that were the main reason why the couple have chosen to move from Ebbsfleet that would be disappointing. It was also apparent from the article that the couple were choosing to move to a more rural location so it is unclear, without further enquiry, what their main motivations for moving are. Having said that, the Corporation absolutely appreciates the importance of providing the right amenities at the right time as the Ebbsfleet community grows. This is a constant challenge, bearing in mind that delivery of the wide range of amenities required involves numerous partners and other service partners, but one that we are striving hard to meet.

Question 3

Is the Board aware that the opening of a Delmergate pharmacy in Garden City has led to the closure of the only pharmacy serving Bean Village patients. NHS says the alternative is only about 1 mile (as the crow flies) distant. In practice they are nearer 2.5 miles apart as the Watling Street access is for the long term reserved for construction traffic. Are EDC willing to explain this to NHS?

Response

We are sorry to hear of the closure of the pharmacy that has been serving Bean village residents, however, we are not aware that there is a proven direct link between that and the opening of the pharmacy in Castle Hill.

If the residents of Bean would find it helpful for the Corporation to explain to interested parties about the availability of the access roads into Whitecliffe, we would of course be happy to do this.

Question 4

How much have Developers contributed towards EDC £40 contribution to the £127m A2 Bean & Ebbsfleet Junction improvements?

Response

EDCs investment in the A2 junction improvements totalled £45 million. To date £16.5 million has been billed to Developers.

Question 5

Bean RA welcomed a Garden City Update on 2nd September by Kevin McGeough and Mary Rouse. Could we have a copy of the Power Point presentation?

Response

A copy of the presentation has been provided via separate correspondence.