

Annex B Community Engagement, Paul Boughen

Cherry Orchard School, Eastern Quarry

The Community Building Manager is working with Leigh Academies Trust and Castle Hill residents to develop plans for a community fun day event to mark the opening of the new Cherry Orchard School in Eastern Quarry in September. The Community Building Manager attended a site visit to the new Cherry Orchard community centre.

Age UK NWK

The Community Building Manager has met with Age UK North West Kent and will be engaging with the older people's community through them as a prominent provider of day care facilities in the Dartford and Gravesham areas. Engagement going forward will focus on delivering a lifelong city which will be usable and accessible for all age groups; particularly in relation to city parks, green corridors and community spaces.

Manor Community Primary School

Paul Boughen met with the headteacher and attended the School Summer Fair. Parents were keen to discuss the central area and the facilities it will feature in the future; also education provision across the Garden City. Paul will look at ways to engage the young people in the school in the September term.

EDC/Gen2 Volunteering half-day

The Community Building Manager in coordination with Gen2 is organising a half-day of community work for the EDC and Gen2 teams. Staff who are able to can spend half a day working for community benefit, clearing a public footpath in Swanscombe and helping a local charity, No Walls Gardens, to deliver a new community garden in Northfleet. Chartway Group and Countryside Properties provided kit on the day.

Churches Together for Ebbsfleet

Paul Boughen attended a meeting which brings local church leaders together to give a Garden City update. The group were particularly keen to hear about community spaces and where they were to be developed. The group were very excited by the potential to create a new community in Ebbsfleet and were keen to play their part in making a new place.

Annex C - Meetings

Paul Spooner and Julia Gregory attended a BT Openreach day at its research facility in Ipswich and discussed opportunities to work with BT to improve provision of fibre optics to Garden City homes and to explore new technology applications to both homes and businesses in the Garden City.

Kevin McGough presented the ambitions of the Ebbsfleet Garden City Healthy New Town Programme to the AGM of Dartford Postgraduate Medical Association at Darent Valley Hospital. The event helped to raise awareness of the programme amongst senior consultants and staff at the hospital, and to identify further opportunities to engage with the wider staff audience.

Paul Spooner attended a meeting of the Dartford Council scrutiny committee. The issues raised by the committee included ensuring adequate provision of infrastructure in advance of development including health and education provision as well as utilities and transport.

Kevin McGeough represented EDC on a panel debate 'next generation New Towns' in Milton Keynes to mark International New Town Day. The event generated a lively debate on the potential future role of new towns and garden cities and the lessons we should take from our predecessors.

Simon Harrison held a day long event for the Water Resilience Research Consortium with 45 academics and industry specialists discussing management of water within the Garden City. The consortium have committed to

- 1) Undertake a comprehensive hydrological modelling of the River Ebbsfleet corridor and catchment area, testing the Environment Agency's flood modelling.
- 2) Provide a team of international expertise to peer review strategic infrastructure projects within Ebbsfleet, and identify opportunities for 'Smart' multi-functional water management techniques, systems and devices to be employed to reduce risks and associated capital / maintenance costs.
- 3) Use Ebbsfleet as a test-case to demonstrate best practice in integrating flood resilience and water management within the planning and design of green infrastructure projects.
- 4) Work with EDC to engage communities within Ebbsfleet with the planning, design and ongoing management and maintenance of green infrastructure, and establish best practice for national dissemination.

The EDC hosted the board of the Homes and Communities Agency on 13th July. Details in the Interim CEO's report.