

## Annex B – Community Engagement

Paul Boughen met with Swanscombe Tigers FC and will connect them into Castle Hill, particularly as the community centre and games area open shortly.

We invited the Construction Youth Trust to attend a developer's group meeting so that they could present to Garden City developers about a school partnership programme which the Trust will be delivering focussing on Ebbsfleet. The Trust aims to inspire young people into careers in construction and will be following up with each of the Garden City developers to see what support they can lend going forward.

We met with Clarion Housing Association and their community investment team who are very keen to work with EDC to deliver events and activities in Castle Hill.

Paul met with the Communities Manager from Land Securities and will continue to work with them to deliver a public arts project on Castle Hill. Paul has engaged with Ebbsfleet Academy and Cherry Orchard School with a view to asking pupils to produce some public art for display on the developers' site hoardings.

Paul took a group of artists from Gravesend, The Gravesham Art Salon, on a tour of the Garden City and showed them various points including the Henley building at Northfleet Embankment East, Ebbsfleet International Station and the new community centre at Castle Hill. There was a high level of interest in the area as a potential venue for arts and cultural events and Paul will attend a meeting of the Salon in January to follow up. Further to this Paul has also met with officers from Gravesham and Kent to discuss their respective emerging arts and culture strategies. It was clear from this discussion that activating the riverfront at Northfleet as an arts and culture destination is a key driver going forward.

We attended a meeting to discuss public engagement around the A2 junction improvement project with Highways England. Paul has suggested a number of venues for the next round of consultation.

Paul Boughen attended the Cherry Orchard Christmas Fair which was very successful with over 200 people attending.

Ian Piper and Paul Boughen attended a meeting of Bean Residents' Association to give an update to the group. Residents asked about the A2 junction improvements, GP and other health provision and affordable housing.