

Public Questions and EDC Response

EDC Board 16 March 2016

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

Questions are reproduced as received.

Relating to Item 2a and 2b: Chief Planning Officer's Report

- 1. Will EDC be sending out Weekly Planning Lists for their area or will they continue to be on DBC & GBC lists? Will decisions, including those taken under delegated powers be promptly available online?**

Response

The EDC will produce its own weekly list. The EDC will advise on delegated matters online through the EDC website.

- 2. Can the Board update on the delivery of a more direct footpath linking the Castle Hill estate to Ebbsfleet? It has already been approved by DBC (ref 15/00357/CDNA) but the development has been stalled by Land Securities for over a year. The reliance on the current unreliable bus does not seem to fit in with the plans for a connected development with good walking links and it is an expense commuters who live in Castle Hill could do without on top of the £4200 train fare. The current walk from the development is longer than the train into London and many people drive to the station because of it.**

Response

Although the footpath in question was not a requirement of the Outline Planning Consent, the EDC has approved an application by Camland Developments to provide this much needed facility for residents. The EDC fully recognises the importance of direct and attractive routes for walking, cycling and public transport.

The EDC has sought an update from Camland Developments. They have confirmed that they are working with the land owners and High Speed 1 to get the necessary legal agreements in place in order to start on site in around four weeks' time.

Relating to Item 3: Comms and Engagement Update

- 3. What is EDC response to the Lower Thames Crossing consultation?**

Response

The EDC Board is currently considering its response to the consultation and this will be submitted by the 24 March consultation deadline.

Relating to Item 5:

Finance, Programme and Operations Report

- 4. At the 16 September Board a year-end underspend of £422,527 was forecast and the Corporation were considering options for positively using this. Can you update?**

Response

The current financial position of the EDC is as outlined in Paper 016 / 020. This continues to indicate an outturn underspend for 2015/16, although at a lower figure than forecast in September.

The EDC remains committed to supporting projects which benefit local communities. We are working with the local authorities to utilise their existing grant funding mechanisms with a view to funding these types of projects. Any funding of this type will be subject to DCLG approval.