

# Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

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<b>Title of paper</b>	<b>Healthy New Town success and Kent Neuroscience interest</b>
<b>Presented by</b>	<b>Louise Wyman Director of Strategy</b>
<b>Sub-committee</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>

<b>Purpose of paper</b>	To update the board on EDC's Healthy New Town status and Kent Neurosciences' interest
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p><b>FOR INFORMATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To note EDC's success if securing Healthy New Town status from NHS England.</li> <li>• To note Kent Neurosciences' interest in locating in Ebbsfleet Garden City</li> </ul>
<b>Delegation</b>	Not applicable

<b>Financial impact</b>	None
<b>Legal impact</b>	There are no legal implications associated with this paper
<b>Stakeholder impact</b>	EDC's Healthy New Town bid was prepared in partnership with Dartford, Gravesend and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group
<b>Sponsor impact</b>	None

## 1. Healthy New Town status for EDC

EDC bid in partnership with Dartford, Gravesend and Swanley CCG to secure Healthy New Town status from NHS England. This involved a written submission prepared by the Strategy Team and a presentation and interview at The Kings Fund in February made by Su Xavier from the CCG and Louise Wyman from EDC. 116 places across England bid to be a Healthy New Town and Ebbsfleet was successful

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in being selected as one of 10 places to secure the award. We are the biggest settlement in the Healthy New Towns (HNT) Programme, the other 9 places are:

- [Whitehill and Bordon, Hampshire](#) – 3,350 new homes on a former army barracks.
- [Cranbrook, Devon](#) – 8,000 new residential units.
- [Darlington](#) – 2,500 residential units across three linked sites in the Eastern Growth Zone.
- [Barking Riverside](#) – 10,800 residential units on London’s largest brownfield site.
- [Whyndyke Farm in Fylde, Lancashire](#) – 1,400 residential units.
- [Halton Lea, Runcorn](#) – 800 residential units.
- [Bicester, Oxon](#) – 393 houses in the Elmsbrook project, part of 13,000 new homes planned
- [Northstowe, Cambridgeshire](#) – 10,000 homes on former military land.
- [Ebbsfleet Garden City, Kent](#) – up to 15,000 new homes in the first garden city for 100 years
- [Barton Park, Oxford](#) – 885 residential units.

Being part of the HNT Programme will provide Ebbsfleet with access to expertise across Government on how to design our built environment for the health benefits of current and future residents. NHS England were impressed by EDC’s **close partnership working with our local CCG**, our **comprehensive Masterplanning approach**, our **strong focus on community engagement** and **on improving the lives of our existing and future population**.

EDC will be part of a **National Programme for Health and Placemaking** that will deliver long term benefits for communities. EDC will be expected to develop our parks network and green infrastructure, to provide cycle routes, footpaths and trails, encouraging exercise as part of daily life and access to Kent’s fantastic nature.

EDC will be asked to adopt the **Government’s Happi Standards** to encourage better accommodation for our aging population and enable people to stay in their homes for longer in later life. **On-line diagnostics, smart technology and innovation** are important aspects of the Healthy New Towns Programme and EDC’s Masterplanning work is already focused on a smart city, smart utilities approach, which is a positive start.

**Annex 1 and 2** provide copies of EDC’s Press Release on our Healthy New Town success and our substantial press coverage as the announcement was made. Ebbsfleet was the location for ITN and BBC South East to lead the national and local

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announcements. Jeremy Kite and Louise Wyman led the media coverage for EDC supported by EDC's new Head of Communications Mark Templeton. We received strong online coverage, boosting our social media profile.

## **2. Kent Neurosciences (KNS)**

EDC has received good interest from Kent Neurosciences who would like to locate in Ebbsfleet close to Ebbsfleet International. KNS's requirement is for 30-36 acres for:

- A Primary Treatment Centre - a sophisticated hospital with GPs and consultants working closely together. It will be a joint venture between KNS and the Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust.
- A University – for medical and dental students, graduate and post graduate, with a research component and KNS's headquarters.
- A Neurovillage - assisted housing for people with neurological conditions such as dementia.

EDC has set up a meeting for KNS to meet the Ebbsfleet Central landowners EIGP on 18 March to progress this interest.

The Strategy team have led tours of Ebbsfleet Garden City for KNS and their financial backers.