

## Public Questions

### EDC Board 21 Oct 2015

The following questions and responses can also be found on the Corporation's website at [www.ebbsfleetdc.org.uk](http://www.ebbsfleetdc.org.uk).

#### September Board

At the 16<sup>th</sup> September Board, EDC were awaiting information from KCC on the size of the STIP fund. DBC & GBC also 'bank' agreed STIP contributions.

- How much STIP money does KCC hold and what is the maximum expected?
- How much have DBC and GBC and what is the maximum expected?
- How much will be available to EDC and Highways England?

#### Summary of Funding for Kent Thameside Strategic Transport Programme (STIP)

Funding Received	£13,000,000	HCA Grant
	£1,727,800	Developer Contributions
Expenditure to 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	£1,093,000	Excludes £271,300 expenditure funded from KCC revenue sources
Interest	£535,200	
<b>Balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015</b>	<b>£14,170,000</b>	
Funding Held by Dartford BC	£831,500	Developer Contributions
Funding Secured but not Received <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	£33,809,300	Secured through s106 Agreements
Local Growth Fund Allocations <sup>(3)</sup>	£5,200,000	
	£4,200,000	
<b>Total Expected Funding</b>	<b>£58,210,800</b>	
Notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding Secured includes £24.7m contribution from Eastern Quarry.</li> <li>The level and timing of contributions that will materialise from the Funding Secured but not Received will depend on the progress of development and indexation.</li> <li>Funding is subject to the approval of a business case for each scheme.</li> </ol>	

#### Finance & Operations

In the Finance and Operations report to the 16<sup>th</sup> September Board (Paper 044) there was provision for "Contingent Use of Forecast Underspend" for "Paramount Proposal EDC Costs (15/16)" of £100,000? Please explain.

This was an estimated amount to cover any potential EDC activity resulting from the Paramount proposal.

**Has the provision of £250,000 for “Community Infrastructure Micro Projects” been approved? If so, what is the procedure and ‘window’ for bids?**

At the last Board meeting, EDC proposed pump priming community infrastructure projects within and around the EDC area. There were concerns raised regarding the ability to achieve this aim within the current financial year. Work continues with DCLG on refining the proposal. A business case submission for some specific project investment in 15/16 is being progressed.

**On 21<sup>st</sup> September LRCH announced they had deferred, for a second time, the submission of the Paramount Development Consent Order application until “Mid-2016”. What effect does this have on Ebbsfleet Garden City? For example, on completion of the Site Wide Strategic Highway Modelling.**

**Paramount London has put back its planning application submission date, and its eventual opening date. How does this affect EDC plans, and what are the views of the EDC on this unexpected delay?**

In many ways the delay is helpful to the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation as it lets us progress our wider Master-planning work ahead of London Resort Company Holding’s National Strategic Infrastructure Programme application.

#### A2 Bean & Ebbsfleet Junctions: Highways England

**Our information is that Highways England (HE) will be presenting some traffic scenarios to Local Authorities at the end of October 2015. HE won’t share information with us until after this. Please explain EDC involvement.**

The EDC is attending a Highways England stakeholder meeting on 26th October 2015, at which we will be given an update on the latest timetable for Bean and Ebbsfleet Junction Improvement proposals.

#### Planning Applications

**The Dartford Planning Portal shows 27 Applications in the Garden City: -**

**9 REM Reserved Matters Applications, all “Awaiting Decision”  
16 CDNA Conditions Submissions of which only 2 are “Decided”  
2 ECFUL Applications, both “Decided”.**

**Can you provide a progress report on Planning Applications within the Ebbsfleet Garden City Boundary, under the transitional arrangements with KCC, DBC and GBC? Are any coming before an EDC Planning Meeting open to the Public?**

All EDC planning applications are included within the weekly lists of the three local planning authorities of Dartford, Gravesham and Kent County Council. The decisions made by the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) under the Chief Planning Officer’s delegated powers are reported for information to the EDC’s Planning Committee. The first meeting of

the EDC Planning Committee will be taking place on 21 October 2015 starting at 6:30pm at Ebbsfleet Academy. These meetings are open to the public and the agenda and officer reports are available to view on the EDC's website. The delegated decisions report is Item 5 on the agenda for 21 October Planning Committee meeting.

### Land Securities

**Land Securities has announced that it is selling a huge chunk on the Eastern Quarry site (interestingly it has also just pulled out of a development planned for the Hoo peninsula). Reports say Savills is advising, and the asking price is around £40m. How will this affect the garden city development, and what is the EDC's views?**

Although we have seen the media reports we are not involved in any discussions. This is a matter for Land Securities. We will however continue to work with the current and any future owners to ensure that the development potential for the site is optimised.

**There are strong rumours Land Securities was asking for more funding, and did not want to carry out any infrastructure work. In answer to our questions last time round we were told LS were making no such demands, and EDC was working with LS. Would you clarify this, please?**

Land Securities have made no demands on the EDC for funding and, as already stated, we are not involved in any current discussions around the future of their holdings.