



## £3.4 million for an improved bridge and walkways connecting Northfleet with Ebbsfleet Garden City

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Millions are to be spent on a new bridge and improved walkways among improvements to connect existing communities with Ebbsfleet Garden City.

The £3.4 million outlay will go towards pedestrian and cycle links around Northfleet, including the replacement of the pedestrian bridge at Church Path Pit and improving the path from Granby Road to the riverside.

New routes will also be created from Northfleet to Ebbsfleet International Station, with all the changes to be made over the next two years.

The Granby Road route will be one of the first projects, to deal with severe litter and overgrown vegetation.

The route will be resurfaced and improved with lighting, creating a safer walk for residents down to the riverside and for people who work on the industrial areas around Crete Hall Road to walk to work from Northfleet.

Church Pit Path, a bridge about 60ft from the ground, will be replaced with a modern, wider bridge, and the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) is asking for their design ideas.

No Walls Gardens, a community interest company in Northfleet, has already had volunteers improving the routes either side of the bridge.

Director Gary May said: "We've been working very closely with ED and we're pleased that Northfleet and, in particular, the Church Path Pit bridge will now see some enormous benefits.

"That bridge is a lifeline to many but in its current state can be a daunting experience.

"To have it replaced will be fantastic and for the community to have their say on how it could look is a bonus."

The bridge is the second to be approved for the area. In July a £12 million pedestrian and vehicle bridge was approved linking Springhead Park with the high speed station.

A new primary school in Eastern Quarry was also approved in March, which is under construction and will open to pupils in September 2017.

**"A well-connected garden city is vital to its success and with our programme of improvements, approved by government, we will start to see the real signs of how we will connect existing and new communities" Paul Spooner**

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## £3.4m package announced for bridge and cycle links in Ebbsfleet Garden City



A new £3.4m package has been rolled out for a bridge and improved walking routes in Ebbsfleet Garden City.

Over the next two years pedestrian and cycle links around Northfleet will be replaced including the existing pedestrian bridge at Church Path Pit and an overhaul of the path at Granby Road.

Routes between Northfleet and Ebbsfleet International Station have also been put forward for improvements.

The Church Path Pit bridge, which stands about 60ft from the ground, links residents from The Seven Avenues to Northfleet High Street.

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A busy pedestrian bridge in Northfleet is set to be replaced as part of a multi-million pound development at Ebbsfleet Garden City.

The bridge at Church Path Pit is expected to be replaced with a wider, modern bridge under plans to connect communities surrounding the development.

Developers replacing the 60ft high bridge which links the Seven Avenues to Northfleet High Street will hear the public's ideas for designs.

New cycling and pedestrian routes between Northfleet and Ebbsfleet International Station are also expected to take place, as well as improvements to the path from Granby Road to the riverside.

The connections come as developers try to build around 15,000 homes at the garden city over the coming years.

No Walls Gardens, a community interest company in Northfleet, has already had volunteers improving the routes either side of the bridge.

"We've been working very closely with Ebbsfleet Development Corporation since it was set up and we're pleased that Northfleet and in particular, the church path pit bridge, will now see some enormous benefits" commented director Gary May.

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A £3.4 million project to improve pedestrian and cycle links around Northfleet and Ebbsfleet is to get the go-ahead in an attempt to connect communities.

The two-year plan includes replacing the existing pedestrian bridge at Church Path Pit, improving the path from Granby Road to the riverside and a series of new routes from Northfleet to Ebbsfleet international station.

Seven developers are in the process of creating 860 homes across the Garden City and Keepmoat has recently announced plans to build up to 700 new homes at Northfleet Embankment East.

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Currently the Granby Road route to the riverside is overgrown and suffers with severe litter problems.

Under the plans the route will be resurfaced and improved with lighting which will create a safer walk down to the riverside. It will also allow people who work on the industrial areas around Crete Hall Road to walk to work from Northfleet.