



Annex B, Community Engagement carried out by Paul Boughen, Communities Building Manager

We attended the opening of Dame Kelly Holmes' new café at the Cyclopark cycling centre in Gravesend and spoke to Dame Kelly about future Ebbsfleet Garden City projects she could be involved in, mainly around our Healthy New Towns project.

The EDC is today (June 21) delivering an Ebbsfleet Garden City day with year 7, 8 and 9 pupils at Ebbsfleet Academy looking at a wide range of topics including healthy living, the environment, ecology, construction and masterplanning. Pupils will also get to meet Dame Kelly Holmes after she was invited by the EDC as well as representatives from Ebbsfleet United.

Discussions were held with Land Securities and Redrow to host community events this summer Castle Hill, Ebbsfleet Green and Swanscombe. The EDC is also working with Eastgate Centre on a community day in July. The EDC will have a presence and attend all community events to engage with residents and update them on future plans.

Kent County Council hosted an Ebbsfleet Garden City arts and culture workshop with representatives from the arts and culture sector. It was decided to further explore the possibility of looking at a new centre which could be a home to many artists from across North Kent.

The EDC has engaged with local schools on the Silk River project, which is an arts project which looks at relationship between towns with links to the River Thames and the Hooghly River in India. The EDC has worked with Gravesham Council in developing a banner to represent Gravesham which will eventually form part of a tapestry created by children.

Annex C - Meetings

Paul Spooner met with New Crest and Henley Camland and was given a tour of the new Cherry Orchard Primary School in Eastern Quarry which will be complete in weeks and open for its first pupils in September.

Julia Gregory gave a presentation to the Town and Country Planning Association Conference on Connecting Utilities to Ebbsfleet Garden City.

Our Chairman spoke at the National Infrastructure Conference in London.

Members of the planning team attended the official launch of Redrow's Ebbsfleet Green development with civic dignitaries.

Simon Harrison gave a presentation on Ebbsfleet Garden City to the Kent Construction Focus Group to ensure local companies are aware of the opportunities in the Garden City.

Simon Harrison attended a meeting of the Environment Agency for its Quarterly review and the EA are now more engaged in our planning of the Grove Road area.