

## Annex B – Community Engagement

Paul Boughen met with Bart Woodhouse who is a Methodist minister currently based at the Bridge development in Dartford. Mr Woodhouse will be relocating to Ebbsfleet and is interested in opening a community café facility here, as he has done at The Bridge. We have connected Mr Woodhouse to Land Securities regarding the Castle Hill Community Centre which is due to open shortly and conversations are ongoing.

Paul Boughen met with the Dartford and Gravesham Cycling Forum regarding active travel in the Garden City and subsequent to this the forum will be attending a stakeholder engagement event on walking and cycling which is to be held at the end of November.

Paul Boughen met with Gravesham Art Salon which is a group of local artists. There was a high level of interest and enthusiasm in delivering art in the Garden City and subsequent to this Paul will host the group on a visit to Ebbsfleet at the end of November. This will include a visit to the Castle Hill community centre. Group members suggested a 'pop up' art studio facility in Ebbsfleet using the Kent Baton as a base; Paul is making enquiries with KCC.

Paul Boughen continues to attend the Hive Library once a month to talk with residents and update on plans and projects. Phase one of the Green Corridors project has now commenced in the Northfleet area and residents in the local area are pleased to see improvements to local walking routes.

Paul Boughen is working with the Parents and Teachers Association at Cherry Orchard School to organise a Christmas Fete. Paul is approaching the Garden City developers to ask for their support to deliver an event for residents and children.

Paul Boughen is continuing to work on a proposal to see skills training delivered to local people in the Ebbsfleet area and Clarion Housing continue to indicate an interest in investing in this.

## Annex C - Meetings

Ian Piper has continued introductory meetings which have included Locate in Kent, London Resort Company Holdings, Clarion Housing, Cherry Orchard School and Kent County Council.

Ian Piper and Kevin McGeough met with the Diocese of Rochester to discuss diocese future investment and work in the Garden City.

Simon Harrison gave a presentation to South East Consortium (social housing procurement organisation) and made contact with five housing associations / extra care providers.

Simon Harrison gave a tour of Ebbsfleet Garden City to delegates from Neumunster City Council in Germany which is twinned with Gravesend.

Simon Harrison gave a tour of the Garden City to the University of Westminster Architecture Department. 16 students will focus thesis projects in the Garden City, developing ideas for cultural strategy for Ebbsfleet. Students will also develop solutions for managing health and safety/ access around Blue Lake.

Mark Pullin met with the Kent Planning Officers Group, a county wide planning forum to share updates.

Mark Pullin visited officers involved in the Otterpool Garden Town to discuss lessons learnt so far at Ebbsfleet.

Mark Pullin hosted a visit from Runnymede Garden Town with officers involved in the project to explain the planning and healthy new towns work.

EDC staff attended Garden City Developers and were updated developers on progress around the Garden City and gained feedback from the housebuilders on key issues and the market.