

## Annex B – Community Engagement

We met with a local Methodist Minister who will shortly be moving to Ebbsfleet. The church is keen to undertake community based activities in Ebbsfleet and we will continue to work to support this.

We met with Genny Jones who is a local resident who currently delivers school holiday activity projects in the Northfleet area as the Confident Children project. Ms Jones is working to develop a 'Happy Bus' project with the intention that a multi-purpose vehicle would tour around the new and existing communities of Ebbsfleet, engaging with local people, promoting activities, building community cohesion and tackling isolation.

We met with Claire Cardy, Chief Executive of Ellenor, a local charity which cares for people with terminal illnesses. Paul updated on the delivery of the Garden City and discussed Ellenor's plans for the future. Ellenor attended the community collaborative event to look at the Ebbsfleet Health hub in late 2017 and will remain engaged in future consultations on this. They also had a strong interest to be active at the local level in Ebbsfleet's future communities.

We took part in a visit to Ebbsfleet by Clarion Housing Association's community investment wing, Clarion Futures. They are keen to work with local communities and new Clarion residents as their new homes come on stream in Castle Hill. EDC will be working closely with Clarion Futures going forward.

Paul Boughen and Ian Piper met with Gravesend Futures to update on recent progress on the Northfleet Embankment East and West developments. Gravesend Futures were keen to work with EDC going forward and EDC will continue to engage them.

We attended the first public consultation session in the latest round of engagement around the A2 junction improvement works. The session was well attended and the Highways England team had several staff on hand to answer questions.

We attended a visit to the Northfleet Big Local by Adam Holloway MP. Several Big Local volunteers were in attendance and this was a valuable opportunity to update on the Big Local's plans for the year ahead.

We met with Ebbsfleet Basketball Club who are keen to bring training sessions and games to Ebbsfleet.