

**Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
Board Meeting – 16 May 2018**

The following questions, received from the public, and responses issued on behalf of the Board of EDC can also be found on the Corporation's website at www.ebbsfleetdc.org.uk

Question 1

Q1 We understand that you had a meeting with Highways England in April concerning A2 Bean & Ebbsfleet junctions improvements and with LRCH and others on 8-May-2018 about the London Resort and impact on Garden City Central Area and existing businesses. Can you reveal what was discussed and matters agreed?

Response:

The EDC meets regularly with Highways England to discuss progress on the junction improvement schemes. At the April meeting Highways England provided an update on the consultation process and their work on the design of the junctions.

The EDC did not meet with Highways England or LRCH on 8th May 2018.

At the recent meeting with Bean RA we fed back the above from the April meeting with HE.

Question 2

The GDPR regulations coming into force 25 May reveal some external connections with EDC. It is claimed that "EBBSFLEET magazine, website, e-newsletter, video and events are produced by 3Fox International, working with and on behalf of the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation". Is this correct? Residents asking to be on the EDC mailing list for these media are apparently agreeing to be sent marketing information by external parties. Is there any agreement between EDC and 3Fox International Ltd and MailChimp to prevent or restrict the sharing of personal information?

Response:

3Fox has produced the Ebbsfleet Garden City magazine in partnership with the EDC for the last two years. 3Fox has its own website, e-newsletter, video and events.

The EDC runs its own website and a Garden City newsletter separately from 3Fox. The newsletter is provided by MailChimp and subscribers sign up to their terms and conditions and privacy policy when joining the mailing list. Both of these are available on their website and at sign up stage.

The GDPR applies to processing carried out by organisations operating within the EU. It also applies to organisations outside the EU (like MailChimp) that offer goods or services to individuals in the EU.

Question 3

We are pleased to note that the Alkerden Farm demolition application by Henley Camland was formally withdrawn on 2-May-2018 following over 360 Objections. Do EDC plan any discussions with the Applicant to encourage recognition of the Heritages value and potential of Alkerden Farm for community use?

Response:

Following the withdrawal of the application we understand that the applicants are considering the future approach to the buildings. EDC will be discussing the local heritage asset value and possible viable future uses with the applicants in due course. EDC has been advised that Historic England has decided not to List any of the Farm buildings as national heritage assets.

Question 4

What is the breakdown of the £40m 2018/19 Capital Budget?

Response:

A breakdown of the 18/19 Capital budget has been provided in this months (May 2018) Board finance paper

Question 5

What are the plans to address the ongoing sewage plant issues in terms of lack of capacity and continuing poor odour.

Please confirm

1. Current issues with plant v capacity and mitigation

2. Long terms capacity issues and mitigation

Response:

The provision of waste water treatment is the responsibility of Southern Water to the East of the River Ebbsfleet and Thames Water to the West of the River Ebbsfleet. The Northfleet Waste Water treatment site comes under Southern Water's area.

Southern Water have confirmed that:

1. There are no current issues with the plant in respect of capacity.
2. The odour recorded does not exceed the accepted levels. However, Southern Water are aware of concerns regarding odour and have instigated further measures to minimise its impact on the wider community. They have indicated that most severe odour is related to the tankering of sludge into tankers, which is currently a necessary part of the water treatment process. They have introduced mandatory measures to ensure all drivers use odour control equipment when loading the sludge.
3. Southern Water are integrating new process controls and efficiencies in the treatment of waste water for the Ebbsfleet Garden City, both now and as part of the long term plans.

The EDC has raised the wider community concerns with Southern Water at the most senior level regarding the location and impacts of the current site at Northfleet. We will continue to actively work with Southern Water to address this. We are keen to see a more modern facility in an appropriate location which has minimal impact on the community.