

**Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
Board Meeting – 17 July 2019**

The following public questions for the EDC Board and the responses can also be found on the Corporation's website at www.ebbsfleetdc.org.uk

Question 1

At the 15-May and 19-Jun-19 Board Meetings there was little confidence that that the new London Resort Team would resolve the Station Quarter delay. Does the appointment of Pierre-Yves Gerbeau change anything?

Response

The announcement of the new Chief Executive is very recent, and we have not yet had an opportunity to meet, although a meeting with EDC's Chief Executive is planned for later this month. PY Gerbeau clearly has a track record of involvement with major leisure destinations, so we would expect his appointment to be a benefit to the scheme.

Question 2

A 15-Apr-19 SELEP statement says, "*The agenda for the Thames Gateway is now no longer simply about being a place where thousands of new homes will be delivered. Today, the focus is on how to create a balanced economy, one built upon high quality jobs ...*" Do the Board agree and if so, how will this be achieved?

Response

The Board certainly agree with that statement as an ambition for the whole of the Thames Gateway, and our role is to ensure that Ebbsfleet Garden City plays its full part in delivering that vision for the wider area. The Central Area offers significant potential within the Garden City to make a major contribution to high quality job creation, and that is one of the reasons why the Board and EDC executive team have focussed a good deal of time and resource on examining ways to unlock delivery in that location.

Question 3

On 18-Jan-19 the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport announced, "*The Thames Estuary will receive £4.3 million to help develop a globally-significant creative production corridor. Through a programme of cultural R&D, training and mentoring for local organisations, and new arts commissioning, ...*" Has any of that "Investment in Culture" filtered through

Response

The University of Kent has led a successful £4.3m multi-partner bid for Kent and Essex to the Cultural Development Fund, funded by DCMS and managed by Arts Council England. EDC supported the bid and has undertaken to work with partners across Kent and Essex to champion the next generation of cultural and creative talent, and to deliver world class events and activities over the next 4 years.

The programme is made up of a number of workstreams, and the EDC will specifically work with partners in Essex to explore how cultural facilities can be co-located with other uses, and co-designed with local communities as a model process. We will also be proposing ideas as to how we can contribute to the Estuary 2020 festival.

Question 4

Is the article “£12.2 million tunnel linking bus route between Ebbsfleet Garden City and Bluewater” from KCC? Both have errors in Whitecliffe boundaries.

Response

The article this question refers to is a Kent County Council press release about Fastrack and the tunnel between Ebbsfleet Garden and Bluewater. The observations highlighted by the author of the question have been referred to KCC.

Question 5

The 19-Jun Planning Committee, approved Master Plans and Codes for Ashmere and Alkerden Villages, including very detailed designs for internal, signalised, junctions, but without dependant external junction designs. KCC say, “Detailed design for both the Hedge Place Roundabout and the Watling Street junction will form part of future Applications”. Will building start without them?

Response

Construction of Ashmere and Alkerden is to be phased in a general north to south direction. While the lake in Ashmere is still being drained, access for construction of the early phases will not be possible from the Watling Street junction. It is therefore planned for early phases of Ashmere to utilise an access from Mounts Road access until the lake is drained and all construction traffic will then be switched to the Watling Street Access.

Question 6

Can more information be provided on the following payments:

- 30/04/19 £33,647.58 Pinsent Masons LLP Advice on Waste Water Treatment?

Response

This payment relates to legal advice in relation to Waste Water Capacity/provision.

- 26/04/19 £28,296.00 Avison Young Professional Advice?

Response

This payment relates to commercial advice in respect of the Central Area and mechanisms to unlock delivery.

- 03/05/19 £12,042.12 Pinsent Mason LLP Professional Fees?

Response

This payment relates to legal advice in respect of the Central Area and mechanisms to unlock delivery.

- 03/05/19 £14,887.80 Pinsent Mason LLP Professional Fees?

Response

This payment relates to legal advice in respect of the Central Area and mechanisms to unlock delivery.

- 30/05/19 £45,846.00 Avison Young Professional Advice?

Response

This payment relates to commercial advice in respect of the Central Area and mechanisms to unlock delivery.