

**Ebbsfleet Development Corporation  
Board Meeting – 15 July 2020**

**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](http://www.ebbsfleetdc.org.uk)**

**Question 1**

Were EDC aware that London Resort intend to include "Related Housing" in their DCO application *comprising up to 500 apartments for Resort workers* and that *a site has been identified in an abandoned chalk pit, known as Craylands Lane Pit?*

**Response**

Yes, the EDC has been informed of the housing component within the London Resort plans.

**Question 2**

Can you expand upon the following actions in response to the *Life under lockdown* survey results?

- We are going to empower local people to shape the development of the Garden City in the future through a new digital engagement platform
- We are going to support our environment by bringing more trees into the Garden City ... and drive forward the delivery of new parks and open spaces and make sure that new facilities and shops open as soon as possible, particularly in Castle Hill
- We are going to support our local economy and bring jobs and training opportunities to local people, working with regional partners and institution

**Response**

The EDC is committed to involving our residents in the design of their Garden City. We have held a number of public events over the past years to get input from local residents, however as this approach is now restricted by social distancing guidelines we will procure an on-line tool which will enable them to engage with, and to make meaningful contributions to projects as they evolve.

The EDC Implementation Framework sets out our ambition for 7 new strategic city parks, and a number of neighbourhood centres. Our recent lockdown survey reinforced the importance of these facilities and we will work with our partners including New Crest, the developers of Castle Hill Neighbourhood Centre, to support them to ensure that the development can be opened as quickly as possible.

The EDC is working with partners, including the Local Authorities, the South East Local Enterprise Partnership, contractors and businesses to develop an apprenticeship programme that links job opportunities in the Garden City to education providers.

### **Question 3**

Last month it was stated that *The EDC's new procurement portal is now live on the EDC website*. Is this EDC's Portal or one provided by "in-tend Ltd" procurement services? If the latter, what is the cost?

### **Response**

Following a procurement exercise, the EDC's procurement portal was purchased from In-Tend Ltd. The cost for the set up and the first year amount to £24,650 plus VAT (the payments for these were disclosed in the November 2019 and December 2019 Transparency reports). Future years software costs for running the portal are £15,150 (+VAT) per annum.

### **Question 4**

Are EDC commenting on the 1,011-page June 2020 London Resort – EIA Scoping Report or is it a matter for the Planning Inspectorate?

### **Response**

The EDC has been consulted on the EIA Scoping Opinion by the Planning Inspectorate and we will be commenting by the 20 July 2020 deadline.

### **Question 5**

Can you provide more information on the 13-Mar-20 payment of £1,500,690.00, Professional Charges, to Abacus Playgrounds Ltd, Gravesend?

### **Response**

This relates to the acquisition of the site (including VAT), owned by Abacus Playgrounds Ltd, as part of EDC's Grove Road project.