



To: The Appointed Programme Officer Ian Kemp

Re: Latest Dartford Local Plan Policy Response to Questions from Dartford Gravesham Swanley Health Care Partnership

Dear Mr Kemp

Please find below the response from the Dartford Gravesham Swanley Health Care Partnership:-

Matter 8

Q126 - Does the plan adequately identify other key supporting infrastructure including, but not limited to, healthcare, waste, community facilities? *The LDP Plan currently is void of a detailed health infrastructure plan and does not identify current or future council assets that are available to support the delivery of health care. Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley (DGS)Health and Care Partnership (HCP) is undertaking a review of the larger non-GP based facilities and have already identified lack of clinical space to deliver community and out-patient based clinical priorities. DGS HCP continues to work with all it's partnering organisations to maximise current assets but wishes to highlight the current gaps especially following the pandemic. There is a need to support the local DGT hospital in managing delivery of care, which includes reducing an unprecedented backlog that will take years to reduce. DGS HCP together with the Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (KMICB) is planning to reduce inequalities across the health system.*

Policy E2 – Ebbsfleet Garden City Development Principles

Q78 - Is the policy sufficiently clear as to the infrastructure requirements that will accompany any remaining phases of the Garden City? The policy does not have a defined infrastructure plan for other phases of the Garden city.

The DGS Health & Care Partnership projects significant future demand resultant from all the planned and any future additional housing developments to this area and note work is underway to establish population projections and population profiling for health to have a clearer understanding of the new cohort of people likely from the housing developments in Ebbsfleet. DGS HCP need to plan for all the other new housing that DBC plans to deliver which may sit outside of the EDC Garden City Proposal



Policy E4 – Ebbsfleet Central Allocation

Q86- What are the requirements for infrastructure and are these justified? What funding mechanisms are in place to support the timely delivery of the required infrastructure?

DGS HCP has been working with Ebbsfleet Development Corporation's plan to support the need for EDC's Ebbsfleet Health and Wellbeing hub proposal which is currently at business case development stage (SOC) as part of EDC submitting a formal business case application to seek national financial funding for the whole of the Ebbsfleet Master plan Development. Health is expecting a contribution from EDC to help mitigate the NHS pressures on the whole health system resultant from all the new housing developments. Similar to the grant funding allocations for non-health elements i.e. schools.

Policy E5 – Alkerden and Ashmere Allocation

Q93 - What are the requirements for infrastructure and are these justified? What funding mechanisms are in place to support the timely delivery of the required infrastructure? *Through our continued partnership working with EDC, DGS HCP supports the Alkerden development proposal for a new health care facility. The health provision will support out of hospital out-patients provision including a wide range of clinically led services supporting management and treatment of long-term conditions.*

Q.169 – Policy M18 (Community Uses)

Are areas safeguarded for community uses, including those in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan identified in the plan and shown on the policies map?

DGS HCP current understanding is that there is not insufficient health care space to meet future demand across the system especially to meet new population growth. Therefore, would see protection of community buildings that are key for delivery of clinical and place-based care. The Kent and Medway ICB is working very closely with DGS HCP and all its partners to understand the future estate requirements needed long term for the appropriate delivery of health care for the whole system.

Kind regards

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