

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Peter Osborne, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

25/00050

For publication

Key decision: YES /NO

EDC Highway Landscaping Enhancement

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree to give approval to accept the capital grant from Ebbsfleet Development Company (EDC) and to take the EDC Landscaping scheme through the stages of development and delivery specifically for:

- i) Approval to enter into a funding agreement with EDC subject to the approval of the Corporate Director of Finance, Corporate & Strategic Services;
- ii) Approval to progress the detailed design and surveys for the project.
- iii) Approval to progress all statutory approvals or consents required for the schemes;
- iv) Approval to carry out any additional consultation with stakeholders required for the schemes;
- v) Approval to enter construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the schemes;
- vi) Approval for any further decisions required to allow the scheme to progress through to delivery to be undertaken by the Corporate Director of Growth Environment and Transport under the Officer Scheme of Delegations following prior consultation with the Cabinet Member.

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC Landscaping are working with Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) to enhance the habitat and planting at highway verge and roundabout sites across Ebbsfleet Garden City. The scheme is fully funded by Ebbsfleet Development Corporation with Kent County Council (KCC) acting as the delivery arm for the project.

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Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal is being considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 17th July 2025.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Not accept the funding and forego the opportunity to enhance the habitat and planting at highway verge and roundabout sites across Ebbsfleet Garden City

EDC considered a number of site options for the sites to be investigated as part of the landscaping programme. The long list of sites comprised several off-highway and developer sites, which are not being delivered by KCC. This list was reduced to a shortlist by removing all sites which are expected to come forward through developers or Ebbsfleet will directly deliver.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date