



Delegated Report

EDC Consultation Application

Planning Application No: 20240212

Location: Former Northfleet Cement Works The Shore Northfleet Gravesend

Description: EDC Re-Consultation EDC/23/0100 - A Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Condition 2 of Outline Planning Permission (OPP) reference EDC/16/0004 for the creation of Fastrack Bus Road West Route.

Applicant: Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

Introduction

This is an application submitted to the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) as the determining authority (EDC ref EDC/23/0100) and is a re-consultation in respect of the reserved matters application pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for the creation of Fastrack Bus Road West Route.

Submitted Documents/Plans

The applicant has submitted the following in support of the application:

Re-Consultation letter dated 5th March 2024.

Relevant Planning History

Reference	Description	Decision	Decision Date
20231176	EDC Consultation EDC/23/0100 - A Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Condition 2 of Outline Planning Permission (OPP) reference EDC/16/0004 for the creation of Fastrack Bus Road West Route.	Observations Sent	06.12.2023
20231163	EDC Consultation EDC/23/0086 - Reserved matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land north east of College Road (Phase 3A) comprising the erection of 273 no. dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to finished floor and site levels, noise attenuation measures, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy, and schedule of public open spaces (condition 9), renewable energy, water conservation and carbon reduction technologies (condition 11), community facility (condition 14), design and maintenance of the public realm and other areas with a public amenity function, provision of and timetable for installation of public art and heritage	Objections Raised	11.12.2023

	interpretation(condition 15).		
20231161	EDC Consultation EDC/23/0051 - Discharge of Condition 13 (Parking Management Plan) pursuant to reserved matters approval EDC/21/0081.	Observations Sent	15.01.2024
20231009	EDC Consultation - Application to discharge condition 6 of planning permission EDC/21/0206 in relation to a temporary landscaping scheme.	Observations Sent	23.10.2023
20230997	Application to discharge condition 3 of planning permission EDC/21/0206 in relation to the installation and finish of boundary treatment.	Observations Sent	17.10.2023
20230996	Application to discharge condition 5 of planning permission EDC/21/0206 in relation to a soft landscaping scheme.	Observations Sent	17.10.2023
20230823	EDC Re/consultation EDC/21/0222 - Reserved matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land north and west of Factory Road (Phase 2B) to create a heritage park and playing pitch including public realm together with details relating to site levels, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy, noise attenuation, details of design and maintenance of public realm (Condition 9), soft landscaping, boundary treatments, furniture and play equipment, lighting strategy, public art and heritage interpretation including timescale's for commissioning and installing public art, provision for heritage interpretation and deployment of artefacts (condition 15).	Withdrawn	26.02.2024
20230798	EDC Consultation EDC/23/0097 - Reserved Matters Application (matters relating to access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for the employment land at the Triangle Site and Vineyard Pit comprising the erection of industrial and logistics units (Use Classes E(g)(iii) and/or B2 and/or B8) with ancillary office accommodation, external yard areas, staff and operational vehicle parking, servicing and associated works.	Observations Sent	15.08.2023
20230731	EDC Consultation EDC/23/0086 - Reserved matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of Outline Planning Permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for Land North East of College Road (Phase 3A) comprising the erection of 273 no. dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to finished floor and site levels, noise attenuation measures, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy, and schedule of public open spaces (condition 9), renewable energy, water conservation and carbon reduction technologies (condition 11), community facility (condition 14), design and maintenance of the public realm and other areas with a public amenity function, provision of and timetable for installation of public art and heritage interpretation (condition 15).	Observations Sent	17.08.2023

20230718	Reserved matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land south of the River Thames (Phase 3B) comprising the erection of 40 no. dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to finished floor and site levels, noise attenuation measures, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy, and schedule of public open spaces (condition 9), renewable energy, water conservation and carbon reduction technologies (Condition 11), design and maintenance of the public realm and other areas with a public amenity function, provision of and timetable for installation of public art and heritage interpretation (condition 15).	Observations Sent	15.08.2023
20230639	EDC Reconsultation - Reserved matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land east of College Road (Phase 2) comprising the erection of 130no. dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to finished floor and site levels, noise attenuation measures, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy and schedule of public open spaces (condition 9), renewable energy, water conservation and carbon reduction technologies (condition 11), design and maintenance of the public realm and other areas with a public amenity function, provision of and timetable for installation of public art and heritage interpretation (condition 15) and scheme for the re-interpretation of the College Road flint wall (condition 40(ii)).	Observations Sent	12.07.2023
20230638	EDC Consultation - Application for the Partial Discharge of Condition 28 (Vineyard Pit Road Re-Alignment) Attached to Planning Permission Ref: EDC/16/0004.	Observations Sent	04.07.2023
20230637	EDC Consultation - Discharge of condition 18 (Contamination) pursuant to outline planning approval EDC/16/0004.	Observations Sent	03.07.2023
20230528	EDC Consultation - Application for the discharge of condition 7 attached to outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a detailed Phasing and Implementation Plan.	Observations Sent	14.06.2023
20230511	Application for the approval of condition 4 attached to planning permission reference number EDC/22/0015 relating to contamination pursuant to reserved matters approval.	No Objections	09.06.2023
20230495	EDC Consultation Letter - Discharge of condition 9 (Street Lighting) pursuant to reserved matters approval EDC/22/0015.	No Objections	31.05.2023
20230375	EDC Consultation - Discharge of Condition 13 (Parking Management Plan) pursuant to reserved matters approval EDC/21/0081.	Observations Sent	04.05.2023
20230374	EDC Consultation - Discharge of Condition 11 (Cycle and Bin Stores) pursuant to reserved matters approval EDC/22/0015.	No Objections	03.05.2023

20230352	Application for approval of condition 11 attached to planning permission reference number 20220078 relating to details of the form, appearance, and materials to be used for the cycle and bin stores to all houses within the development	Approval of Details	09.06.2023
20221268	Application for the approval of condition 5 attached to planning permission reference number 20220226 relating to details of hard and soft landscaping	Approval of Details	28.04.2023
20221222	EDC Consultation - Installation of a 33/11kV primary electricity sub station with associated vehicular access and boundary fencing	Observations Sent	28.11.2022
20221152	Application for approval of condition 6 attached to planning permission reference number 20220226 relating to details of a non-native species removal plan.	Approval of Details	20.12.2022
20221120	EDC Reconsultation - Reserved matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land east of College Road (Phase 2) comprising the erection of 133no. dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to finished floor and site levels, noise attenuation measures, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy and schedule of public open spaces (condition 9), renewable energy, water conservation and carbon reduction technologies (condition 11), design and maintenance of the public realm and other areas with a public amenity function, provision of and timetable for installation of public art and heritage interpretation (condition 15).	Observations Sent	08.12.2022
20221033	EDC Consultation EDC/22/0133 - Reserved Matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land east of Grove Road and west of Granby Road comprising the Fastrack route together with associated infrastructure including details relating to site levels, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy, and public open space (condition 9), design and maintenance of the public realm (condition 15).	Observations Sent	11.10.2022
20221032	EDC Consultation EDC/22/0132 - Partial discharge of condition 8 attached to planning permission reference number EDC/16/0004, relating to a detailed masterplan for the fastrack route and adjacent land within the non-residential land.	Observations Sent	10.10.2022
20220857	EDC Re-Consultation EDC/21/0206 - Reserved matters pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land north and east of College Road to create a Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SuDS) details relating to site levels, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy, details of design and maintenance of public realm (Condition 9), surface materials palette, furniture, lighting strategy, soft landscaping and boundary treatments, public art and heritage interpretation including timescales for provision (Condition 15)	Observations Sent	19.08.2022

20220844	Highways improvement works including road widening at The Shore/Granby Road to accommodate two-way running of the eastern extent of the Fastrack route.	Pending Consideration	
20220373	EDC Consultation EDC/22/0015 - Application for the erection of 3 dwellings along with hard and soft landscaping, car parking and associated infrastructure.	No Objections	24.02.2023
20220226	Temporary Access and associated landscaping and parking for the sales suite at Northfleet Embankment West site	Permission	05.10.2022
20220078	Erection of 3 dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to parking and landscaping and the reconfiguration of parking to a consented dwelling approved under permission Ref: EDC/21/0081. Former Northfleet Cement Works, The Shore, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 9AN	Permission	24.02.2023
20220529	EDC Consultation EDC/22/0058 - Reserved matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land east of College Road (Phase 2) comprising the erection of 133no. dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to finished floor and site levels, noise attenuation measures, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy and schedule of public open spaces condition 9), renewable energy, water conservation and carbon reduction technologies (condition 11), design and maintenance of the public realm and other areas with a public amenity function, provision of and timetable for installation of public art and heritage interpretation (condition 15).	Observations Sent	08.06.22
20220015	Reserved matters pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land north east of College Road to create a Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SuDS) details relating to site levels, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy, details of design and maintenance of public realm (condition 9), surface materials palette, furniture, lighting strategy, soft landscaping and boundary treatments, public art and heritage interpretation including timescales for provision (condition 15).	No objections	31.01.2022
20211271	**14 DAY CONSULTATION** EDC Consultation EDC/21/0081 -Reserved matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) Pursuant of condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for Land North of Hive Lane (Phase 1B). Comprising the erection of 120 no. dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to finish floor and site levels, noise attenuation measures, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy and schedule of public open spaces (Condition 9) renewable energy, water conservation and carbon reduction technologies (Condition 11), design and maintenance of the public realm and other areas with public amenity function, provision of, and timetable for installation of public art	Observations Sent	02.11.2021

	and heritage interpretation (Condition 15).		
20211227	EDC Consultation EDC/21/0173 - Continued use of land for external storage, vehicle parking and stationing of a welfare cabin in connection with the approved Mixed Aggregates Plant Facility for a temporary period.	Observations Sent	20.10.2021
20211018	** RECONSULTATION DOCUMENT** EDC Consultation EDC/21/0081 -Reserved matters application (access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for land north of Hive Lane (Phase 1B) comprising the erection of 122no. dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to finished floor and site levels, noise attenuation measures, ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy, and schedule of public open spaces condition 9), renewable energy, water conservation and carbon reduction technologies (Condition 11), design and maintenance of the public realm and other areas with a public amenity function, provision of and timetable for installation of public art and heritage interpretation (condition 15)	Observations Sent	21.10.2021
20210654	EDC Consultation - EDC/21/0078 - Partial discharge of condition 16 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) relating to development on the residential element of the site pursuant to outline planning permission EDC/16/0004.	Observations Sent	09.06.2021
20210598	EDC Consultation -EDC/21/0086 - Partial discharge of condition 27 (Local Employment and Training Plan) relating to development on the residential element of the site pursuant to outline planning permission EDC/16/0004.	Observations Sent	25.05.2021
20210445	EDC/21/0068 EDC consultation - Partial discharge of condition 45 (Method and measures to minimise vibration), relating to land at Factory Road (Phase 1a) only, pursuant to outline planning permission EDC/16/0004.	Observations Sent	26.04.2021
20210434	EDC Consultation - EDC/21/0067 - Partial discharge of condition 26 (Community Development Strategy) relating to development on the residential land pursuant to outline planning permission EDC/16/0004.	Observations Sent	27.04.2021
20210281	EDC Consultation - EDC/21/0019 - Application for the partial discharge of condition 16 attached to outline permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a Construction Environmental Management Plan for development on land at Factory Road (Phase 1a) only.	Observations Sent	30.03.2021
20210262	EDC Consultation EDC/21/0031 - Application for the discharge of condition 22 and condition 40 (i) attached to outline permission reference no EDC/16/0004 relating to a programme of building recording for the site and historic building record of the College Road flint boundary wall.	Observations Sent	09.04.2021
20201223	EDC Consultation EDC/20/0083 - *Duplicate* Application for the discharge of condition 7 attached to planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to the Phasing and Implementation Plan.	Observations Sent	10.12.2020

20201070	EDC Consultation EDC/20/0080 - Application for the partial discharge of condition 8 attached to planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a detailed Masterplan for the residential land.	Observations Sent	06.11.2020
20201069	EDC Consultation EDC/20/0079 - Application for the discharge of condition 7 attached to outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a detailed Phasing and Implementation Plan.	Observations Sent	06.11.2020
20200926	EDC Consultation EDC/20/0080 - Application for the partial discharge of condition 8 attached to planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a detailed Masterplan for the residential land.	Observations Sent	09.10.2020
20200925	EDC Consultation EDC/20/0075 - Application for non-material amendment to outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 to alter the wording of condition 40 in respect of the College Road flint wall.	Observations Sent	09.10.2020
20200924	EDC Consultation - EDC/20/0077 - Application for non-material amendment to outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 to allow for the relocation of the community facility involving (i) change to description of development, (ii) changes to the wording of condition 4 to replace the Land Use and Development Framework Parameter Plans and (iii) changes to wording of condition 14.	Observations Sent	09.10.2020
20200923	EDC Consultation - EDC/20/0079 - Application for the discharge of condition 7 attached to outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a detailed Phasing and Implementation Plan.	Observations Sent	09.10.2020
20200557	EDC Consultation - EDC/20/0080- Application for the partial discharge of condition 8 attached to planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a detailed Masterplan for the residential land	Observations Sent	07.08.2020
20200556	EDC Consultation - EDC/20/0076 - Application for approval of reserved matters (relating to access, layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for Phase 1a comprising the erection of 3no. dwellings together with associated infrastructure including details relating to parking, energy and sustainability, finished site and floor levels, noise attenuation and mitigation measures and ecological enhancement.	Observations Sent	31.07.2020
20200531	EDC Consultation EDC/20/0079: Application for the discharge of condition 7 attached to outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a detailed Phasing and Implementation Plan.	Observations Sent	31.07.2020
20200534	EDC consultation EDC/20/0078 - Application for a non-material amendment to condition 4 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 to replace the Building Heights Parameter Plan to allow for an increase in the maximum height of buildings in one location within the residential part of the site from 3 storeys to 4 storeys.	Observations Sent	31.07.2020
20200533	EDC consultation EDC/20/0077 - Application for non-material amendment to outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 to allow for the relocation of the community facility involving (i) change to description	Observations Sent	31.08.2020

	of development, (ii) changes to the wording of condition 4 to replace the Land Use and Development Framework Parameter Plans and (iii) changes to wording of condition 14.		
20200532	EDC consultation EDC/20/0077 - Application for non-material amendment to outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 to allow for the relocation of the community facility involving (i) change to description of development, (ii) changes to the wording of condition 4 to replace the Land Use and Development Framework Parameter Plans and (iii) changes to wording of condition 14.	Observations Sent	17.07.2020
20200180	EDC Re-consultation EDC/19/0201 - Application for the discharge of condition 6(a) attached to outline permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a site-wide Heritage Management Plan.	Observations Sent	11.03.2020
20191324	EDC Consultation EDC/19/0201 - Application for the discharge of condition 6(a) attached to outline permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 relating to a site-wide Heritage Management Plan.	Observations Sent	24.01.2020
20191170	EDC Consultation EDC/19/0177 - Request under Section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to modify a planning obligation in respect of use of the access tunnels to serve the residential and mixed use areas of the development approved by Outline planning permission reference EDC/16/0004.	Observations Sent	22.11.2019
EDC/16/0004 (GBC ref. 20160962; previously when originally submitted to GBC, ref 20090238)	Outline application for mixed development and comprising: • Up to 532 Homes, related car parking and landscaping (C3); • Up to 46,000 sq. m Employment Floorspace, related car parking, servicing and landscaping (B1/B2/B8); • Mixed Use Neighbourhood Centre comprising mix of: up to 850 sq. m retail/cafe/takeaway floor space (A1/A2/A3/A5); residential uses (C3); community centre (D1) and related car parking and landscaping; • Riverside Food and Drink Uses comprising up to 500 sq. m of pub or food and drink uses (A3/A4); • Public Open Space including riverside promenade, public park with equipped play areas and playing field with shared public/school use, multi-use games area and wildlife corridors; • Fastrack Link to provide a segregated link across the site along with Fastrack stops • Street and Footpath Network to provide access to development and maintain and enhance existing public rights of way, including a bridge link between Hive Lane and Factory Road; • Access Improvement to Grove Road/The Creek and The Shore/Crete Hall Road and associated highway improvements; • Supporting Services and Infrastructure including new utilities, enhanced flood defences and	Permission	08.06.2018 s106 signed concurrently

	providing for access to cliffs and tunnels; • Ground re-grading to create efficient development and open space platforms and to raise land to address flood risk; and • Other Minor Works and development ancillary to the main proposals including the demolition of existing buildings and the retention of tunnels and facing walls adjacent to Lawn Road.		
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Planning Assessment/Comments

Background

This is a re-consultation on a previously submitted details from the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) with GBC application ref. 20231176, as can be seen in the planning history. Comments on this previous application from the GBC Highways Officer were as follows;

GBC – Highways Officer

Much of the detail concerns issues that will need to be agreed with Kent County Council as Highway Authority.

However, I believe there are certain issues that need to be addressed/clarified.

1. The spine road which includes Fastrack has been designed as a 20mph zone, this requires a traffic regulation order, which has its own legal process the outcome of which cannot be guaranteed. Has legal process already taken place, to ensure a 20mph zone can be delivered.
2. Certain types of traffic calming or frequency of measures can cause discomfort to passengers on buses and could deter their use, which is why cushions rather than tables are often chosen as a traffic calming measure, although their benefit is sometimes limited as cars can often now straddle the cushions. Has appropriate consideration been given to passenger comfort.
3. Fastrack has always been promoted as the way private vehicle movements will be reduced in the Dartford and Gravesham area of Kent Thameside. Whilst it is currently operated by single deck buses, this does not mean it will continue to the case and double deck buses could be introduced. Therefore, any street trees planted should be able to accommodate double decker buses running on the route, without the need to constantly prune the street trees.
4. Street Lighting and street trees often conflict with one another, and the applicant needs to confirm that the lighting design has not be carried out in isolation of the landscaping design.
5. It is essential that the whole of Fastrack route is adopted by the Highway Authority to ensure it is maintained in perpetuity. There is a missing link shown, between the proposed adopted highway and the existing adopted highway, the applicant needs to indicate how this link is being provided and maintained to demonstrate that it is deliverable.

Officer Assessment

This is an application submitted to the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation (EDC) as the determining authority ((EDC ref EDC/23/0100) and is a consultation in respect of the reserved matters application pursuant to condition 2 of outline planning permission reference no. EDC/16/0004 for the creation of Fastrack Bus Road West Route.

The Technical Note from Stantec dated 21st February 2024 lays out responses to the previous consultation comments which are noted. However, it is considered that the previous comments are still relevant at this stage and during implementation of the scheme and as such, have been included within this current consultation response.

Recommendation

The EDC is requested to consider the recommendations from the Borough Council's Highways Officer.

The EDC is thanked for consulting the Borough Council.

Case Officer:	Ms Amanda Cue	Team Leader:	Miss Faye Hobbs
Signed:	<i>A Cue</i>	Signed:	
Dated:	19 th March 2024	Dated:	19 March 2024