

**Notes of a meeting of the  
Ashford Strategic Delivery Board  
Friday 30 September 2016 at 10.00am**

**Present:**

**Board Members**

Cllr Gerry Clarkson (Chairman) – Leader, ABC  
Rt Hon Damian Green MP  
Cllr Graham Galpin – Portfolio Holder for Town Centres Focus & Business Dynamics, ABC  
Cllr Mike Bennett – Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development & Enforcement, ABC  
Paul Harwood – Highways Agency  
Chris Moore, Development Director, HCA  
Barbara Cooper, KCC

**Non Board Members**

Cllr Brad Bradford – Portfolio Holder for Highways, Wellbeing and Safety, ABC  
Lois Jarrett, ABC  
Simon Cole, ABC  
Paul McKenner, ABC  
Christina Fuller, ABC  
Andrew Osborne, ABC  
Kirsty Hogarth, ABC  
Stephen Gasche, KCC  
Keith Fearon, ABC

**Apologies**

Mr Matthew Balfour, KCC Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Mr Mark Dance, KCC Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Mark Lumsdon- Taylor – Hadlow Group, Tracey Kerly - ABC, Richard Alderton. ABC

<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Welcome</b>  The Chairman welcomed all those present at the meeting and said that he believed the Board had been very effective in helping bring the major projects to fruition.	

2.	<p><b>Junction 10a – M20</b></p> <p>Chris Moore (CM) advised that the Business Case had now been completed and submitted to CLG with a view to it being considered by the relevant Government Minister in late October. The HCA had agreed to forward fund £16m towards the cost of the scheme which would be repaid by future Section 106 payments.</p>	<p><b>HA/HCA/ ABC</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Ashford Station/Spurs - Funding</b></p> <p>Stephen Gasche (SG) gave a presentation on the current status of the project. He explained that the SELEP Board in August had agreed to fund £5.627m towards Stage 3 and support had been given towards a further bid of £4.8m for LGF round 3 funding to complete the total cost of the project. SG further explained that subject to the funding being agreed the programme would deliver a solution by Spring 2018.</p>	<p><b>KCC/ABC/ Network Rail</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Project Updates</b></p> <p>(a) <u>Ashford College</u></p> <p>Andrew Osborne (AO) displayed a photograph of the Phase 1 College building which had been taken that morning and advised that the topping out ceremony had taken place earlier in the month. ABC had approved a loan of £3m to the College and the formal agreement would be completed soon. The College were also progressing the delivery of Phase 1A and were currently developing the timescales for construction.</p> <p>(b) <u>Designer Outlet Expansion</u></p> <p>Lois Jarrett (LJ) advised that the S106 agreement had been concluded and the planning permission issued.</p> <p>(c) <u>Chilmington Green</u></p> <p>LJ said that work with the developers was still progressing in terms of reaching an agreement for the signing of the S106 agreement. ABC and KCC were working closely together to assist this process.</p>	<p><b>ABC/ Hadlow</b></p> <p><b>ABC/KCC</b></p>

<p>(d)</p> <p>(e)</p> <p>(f)</p> <p>5</p>	<p><u>Elwick Place</u></p> <p>Paul McKenner (PMcK) advised that the Council had agreed to fund and require the construction of a hotel, cinema and eateries under Phase 1 of the project. Work was likely to start early in 2017. The next stage would be Phase 2 which related to residential development.</p> <p>.</p> <p><u>Ashford Commercial Quarter</u></p> <p>PMcK advised that subject to the completion of a land transaction with KCC the contract for the construction of the Office block would be signed. In terms of the remaining areas of the site he explained that this would be subject to further work with a local developer.</p> <p><u>Jasmin Vardimon</u></p> <p>Christina Fuller (CF) explained that ABC and KCC had been assisting Jasmin Vardimon in terms of identifying an alternative site in the town. A site on Henwood was currently being scoped with KCC who owned the site. Barbara Cooper (BC) provided further information in terms of the site and the next steps to be taken in the process.</p> <p>It was agreed that the scheduled October meeting would not take place (this meeting being the replacement for both the July and October meetings), but that officers would contact Board members if anything important needed to be agreed.</p>	<p><b>ABC/KCC</b></p> <p><b>ABC/KCC</b></p> <p><b>ABC/KCC</b></p>
	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p><b>27 January 2017</b></p>	

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