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Dear Sir / Madam,

Ebbsfleet Central East

Raifuture is Britain's leading and longest-established national independent voluntary organisation campaigning exclusively for a better railway across a bigger network for passengers, and freight users, to support economic (housing and productivity) growth, environmental improvement and better-connected communities.

We seek to influence decision makers at local, regional and national levels to implement pro-rail policies in development and transport planning.

Ebbsfleet Central East and its Wider Context

The Vision

EDC's vision for Ebbsfleet Central is:

"Ebbsfleet Central will be the heart of Ebbsfleet Garden City. It will capitalise on its unparalleled connectivity to deliver the next generation of high quality, flexible workspace, creating a new dynamic and innovative sub regional business hub integrated through well designed public realm and green spaces with vibrant, sustainable urban neighbourhoods and amenities to support a healthy, happy lifestyle"

The vision is to create a new 'heart' of the Garden City by:

- ~ Improving connectivity across the Site and into the surrounding communities
- ~ Delivering a variety of homes including affordable homes
- ~ Delivering employment opportunities for all within the Garden City
- ~ Delivering new open spaces and improving current spaces which respect the existing landscape
- ~ Enhancing and providing access to the existing natural spaces including the River Ebbsfleet
- ~ Delivering key infrastructure including the Community Diagnostic Centre and Health & Wellbeing Hub
- ~ Improving access to sustainable modes of transport.

Do you support the vision for Ebbsfleet Central?

Disagree > Agree 1 < 5: **4**

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The proposed development

Which aspects of the vision for Ebbsfleet Central do you think are most important? Please pick your top three.

Capitalising on the unparalleled connectivity
Supporting housing delivery
Supporting the economy and job creation

Movement and Transport Interchange

Connectivity Strategy

Are there any other improvements that you would like to see made to the proposed pedestrian, cycling and public transport routes and facilities?

Public transport routes: transformational improvements to be had for capacity, connectivity, carbon-neutral travel, and competitive journey times, from incorporating KenEx Thames Transit and a mainline rail link via the former Waterloo Connection from Fawkham Junction as advanced by Network Rail.

Public Transport

Do you think that the emerging masterplan will help increase the number of people travelling by train?

Disagree > Agree 1 < 5: 4

Do you think that the emerging masterplan will help increase the number of people travelling by bus and/or fastrack?

Disagree > Agree 1 < 5: 4

Do you think that the emerging masterplan will help increase the number of people walking and cycling?

Disagree > Agree 1 < 5: 4

Do you have any further feedback relating to movement and transport?

The level of ambition must be transformational, not merely incremental.

Yours faithfully,

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