

Housing and Development Group (HDG) (Working Group to SELEP) Terms of Reference (updated February 2021)

Aims and Objectives:

- **Bring together all parties (including Homes England, councils, developers, housing associations, garden communities) involved to drive development forward**

Working collaboratively to promote the benefits of housing and commercial development

- **Support growth ambitions and identify**

SELEP provide support and advocacy to areas with ambitious growth plans including our Garden Communities

- **Encourage and support councils to bring forward their local plans**

Work collaboratively with our housing and planning authorities to highlight the contribution that the local authorities can play in promoting accelerated housing delivery

- **Identify and remove to barriers to housing delivery**

Working collaboratively with Kent Housing and Development Group, Developers East Sussex, Essex Developers Group and other interested parties to identify and remove obstacles to housing and commercial development, assembling evidence and finding solutions

- **Promote best practice**

Supporting events and meetings to share best practice and information to support all to the standard of the best, this has helped in widening opportunity for joint working with business through the Developer groups across the SELEP area

- **Look across LEP boundaries**

Looking at the plans and proposals of neighbouring LEPs and their impact in preparing for accelerated growth

- **Promote the accelerated delivery Homes**

SE LEP is working in partnership with the Homes England and other partners to raise awareness of the opportunities to accelerate housing delivery.

- **Lower Thames Crossing (LTC)**

To identify opportunities and barriers to maximise regional housing growth in response to the Lower Thames Crossing. Identify changes in wider government policy, and key decisions required, to minimise these barriers to accelerating housing delivery and feed these back up through the LTC Benefits Steering Group to the Wider Benefits Steering Group.

- **SELEP Recovery and Renewal Strategy**

Support the delivery of the aims and objectives of the SELEP Recovery and Renewal Strategy, responding to the challenges and maximizing the opportunities post C19 Pandemic.

Operation:

Members of the group will:

- Attend each meeting, or if unable to attend, endeavour to send a representative
- Inform the organisation they represent of progress made by the Working Group and consult them on key issues and recommendations
- Treat any information received and discussed with sensitivity and where appropriate in confidence

The group will meet virtually 6x per year on Teams.

Tasks from each meeting will be agreed by the HDG and will be reviewed at each meeting with the task list.

Members agreeing to undertake tasks will liaise with the group where necessary and feedback progress.

Membership:

- HDG to be Business led with membership drawn from representative organisations in the SELEP area
- The Chair and Vice Chair will be drawn from Essex Developers Group (EDG), Developers East Sussex (DES) and Kent Housing and Development Group (KHDG)
- The Agenda will be circulated in advance of the meeting to ensure appropriate representation

Support:

SELEP will offer support in terms of administrative duties, advice or endorsement of projects undertaken by the HDG. SELEP will provide a Board Champion for the HDG.

Membership:

Chair: Nick Fenton – KHDG

Vice Chair: Mark Curle – EDG

KDG – Kent Developers Group

EDG – Essex Developers' Group

DES – Developers East Sussex

KHG – Kent Housing Group

EHOH – Essex Housing Officers Group

ESHOG – East Sussex Housing Officers Group

EHOH – Essex Housing Officers Group

SEHG – South Essex Housing Group

EPOA – Essex Planning Officers Association

KPOG – Kent Planning Officers Group

ESPOG – East Sussex Planning Officers' Group

NHF – National Housing Federation

Homes England

LTC – Lower Thames Crossing

SELEP Garden Communities in the MHCLG Programme

SELEP Board Champion – Liz Gibney (*Open Invite to SELEP Chair, Vice Chairs and Chief Executive*)

Secretariat:

SELEP – Brian Horton / SELEP – Alex Riley