

## Press Release

24<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### “Visit of Danish Ambassador to East Kent”

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Dover & Thanet Chambers of Commerce welcomed the Danish Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Claus Grube, to their research office at Discovery Park, Sandwich. Accompanied by his wife, the talented artist Mrs Susanne Fournais Grube, and the Honorary Vice Consul for Denmark, James Ryeland, the ambassador was keen to hear the views of business leaders from different sectors of the East Kent coastal business community.

Chairing the meeting in the prestigious board room at Discovery Park’s Innovation House, Chamber Chief Executive David Foley outlined the many attractions of East Kent to inward investors and noted also the enviable distinctions of Denmark as the least corrupt country in the world and the number one nation for social mobility with excellent standards in public health, education and civil liberties.

Joining the discussion were Rob Prince of CGI plc, Tony Thompson of Comfret TTD Ltd, David Otteson of Holiday Inn Express, Jonathan Viner of The Viner Gallery, Scott Vincent of A4P Consulting Ltd, Robert Najem of Barnard Systems Ltd, Emma Pullen of British Hovercraft Company and John Nichols of Thanet Fishermen’s Association. A spirited exchange of views encompassed a wide variety of topics including EU membership and informed comments on developments in construction, social housing, planning laws, arts regeneration, freight movements, coastal fishing and tourism.

His Excellency Claus Grube was able to draw on his considerable experience as Danish Ambassador to the EU in Brussels as well as his background as a lawyer and Secretary of Embassy at the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the European Community.

Before leaving for London, the party enjoyed a tour of the world-class facilities at Discovery Park which is now home to 2,400 employees in over 130 companies offering 1.5 million square feet of Research & Development space, premium office accommodation and bespoke warehousing.

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#### Information

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