

Statement on Biodiversity

Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 requires all public bodies to have regard to biodiversity conservation when carrying out their functions.

The duty applies to all local authorities, including parish and town councils. Its purpose is to raise the profile of biodiversity and make it a natural and integral part of policy and decision making.

Faversham Town Council will:

- Continue to work with the borough council on their current and future Local Plan by designating Local Green Spaces for special protection. By designating these spaces they will be protected from development and retained for enjoyment by the local community. The areas represent a wide diversity of types, ranging from allotments and recreation grounds through to private country parks, urban woodland and informally used urban fringe land.
- Continue to actively participate in Local Landscape Designation Reviews undertaken by the borough council.
- Be guided by the NPPF with regard to biodiversity when commenting on planning applications.
- Ensure that any new planting at open spaces shall use native species to improve biodiversity.
- Work with community groups, including Friends of Westbrook Stream, Faversham Footpaths Group and Faversham in Bloom to improve biodiversity and access whilst creating attractive locations.
- Regularly review its Tree Policy and carry out surveys

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