

Statement on Providing Leadership in Planning
for the Future of the Community

Faversham Town Council is committed to provide an opportunity for the community to state its views and provide information regarding how people feel about where they live. Faversham Future Forum was established to act as a conduit for members of the community to constructively engage with existing developers and potential developers on planning applications. The group has developed planning guidelines which will be fed into the statutory process.

The Town Council has a Planning Committee that has delegated authority to make comments and representations on behalf of the Council. The committee meets twice a month to consider and respond to planning applications and consultations in a timely manner. The agenda is published on the Council's website and promoted through social media.

The Town Council works proactively wherever possible to strengthen and improve relationships with community groups, local organisations, businesses, statutory bodies, voluntary groups, borough and county councils.

The Town Council worked with the community to produce the Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan which was passed at referendum.

Faversham Voice enables the Town Council to send out surveys and polls to registered electors to gain an insight into local opinion.

People & Places were engaged to carry out a business support report, together with a benchmarking and footfall survey. The benchmarking will be undertaken on an annual basis.

The Town Council facilitated and supported the development of a community land trust in Faversham.

The Town Council will:

- Continue to work in balancing the current needs of the people, the economy and the environment without compromising the future
- Ensure a fair and equitable precept is set annually
- Actively support the local business and tourism economy
- Continue to comment on proposed planning applications and developments

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