

Faversham Future Forum
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Notes from Transport Group

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Terms of Reference: To consider issues Design SE need to look at.

Brainstorming:

- A2/A251 junction – impact from Salters Lane and Perry Court developments
- Ospringle village – pollution, congestion
- Oare Road, Davington Road to Western Link – no yellow lines, none or inadequate footpaths
- West Street – impact of traffic on medieval houses, likely increase due to developments
- 20's plenty
- Cycle routes – coherent route and active transport that is good for disabled buggies, could be shared if done well
- Swale Cycle Plan – recommends improvement to Bysing Wood Road
- Safe, comprehensive, non-car access into town and surrounding area
- Jobs – how to deal with surrounding villages' access into Faversham and impact on the town centre
- Bus routes to Faversham with new developments – more bus stops required
- The Brents – no public transport
- Access – but is it safe to walk?
- Litter

Discussion:

- Does development have an impact and how can developers contribute? Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy.
- What funding is coming our way? How can we identify projects?
- More joined up thinking between developments and not just single impact reports.
- Look at pinch points, joint impact assessment.
- General discouragement of cars into the town centre – impact on businesses?
- Should the existing infrastructure be improved or additional provided?

- There are cheaper options to improve existing roads. New roads will come with development.
- Ospringe by-pass / A2 Relief Road – could go straight to M2 with new junction or go east to J6. Would reduce demand on the A2 and split the traffic, new road would not need to be a dual carriageway.
- School runs contribute to congestion – consider how to work with schools to encourage children to walk. Schools are good partners: Active Travel.
- Impede passage of cars into the town centre, safer for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Increase the cost of parking in the town centre. Shoppers need to be encouraged – need for parking. Park and ride – trials taking place at Christmas.
- More cycle parking and a cycle hire scheme.
- Use old railway line as a cycle route from Brickfields development
- Ospringe funnel effect – air quality failure. Traffic pollution kills more people.
- Active transport – go for easy wins: remove all no cycle signs to alleys. Encourage safe cycling.

Wish List:

Active transport

Education: school runs and cyclists

How to get into Faversham: park and ride, car sharing: parking facility near the M2, rather than Preston Avenue

Access across the A2: 20mph would make crossing safer. Going under or over is not an option. Make walkways attractive to users.

Ask developers to produce a plan how they propose to minimise traffic in the town centre.