

## Enhancing Green Infrastructure, Trees and Habitat

### examples presented in exhibition 2

protect existing local green spaces and identifying new ones,  
improved landscaping and native tree planting on all new developments  
rewilding and net biodiversity gains on all new developments  
no development on or near protected landscapes such that their amenity, safety or accessibility is compromised exists

### public comments exhibition 2

Agree with all

Yea agree with all of these

Must be a priority

Agree more open space.

Rewilding of green spaces throughout Faversham

Agree with all... And links to green and blue corridors

consider hedges. Fantastic biodiversity and often can be fitted into areas where trees aren't appropriate (although they do need managing)

Think of wildlife connections (corridors). Think of micro-biodiversity (e.g. pots of bee friendly plants in each front garden)

More trees ...

Yes to all these points

I agree totally

100% we need much more consideration of wildlife. All existing trees and hedgerows should be enhanced.

Stop building on green spaces. Stop cutting down mature trees. Enforce TPOs

100% agree

Totally agree with the statements

Definitely! Not mentioned until now

We need more hedgerows and wild flower areas. If we dig up wild areas they must be replaced into the boundaries, edges of roads etc. Also information and signage to people so that know these areas are being left 'wild' for a reason.

Revert war memorial to green space

Need more litter clean up - bins and pickups

Totally agree

### comments from exhibition 1

More green facilities for young children and their carers

Play parks should be made available in the new housing estates

Green spaces and consideration for young and teenagers. How can space be created for them? Skate parks? Not on edges but to promote inclusion, communal spaces that encourage inclusion. Not on edges where antisocial behaviour can be hidden.

From central Faversham it is easy to access natural habitat currently in 15 - 20 minutes. If more housing is built we will lose so much of this quality farm land.

The countryside must be easily available to everyone for good health - both physical and mental

Climate crisis, so why more executive housing. Protect nature at all costs.

Lockdown taught is the value of clean air for our hedgerows and wildlife

Why dig up ancient hedgerows when building houses. Developers think it looks neat! It just reduces bio-diversity

Could the green corridor round the back of Upper Brents be extended around the industrial estate.

Good to have a more relaxed mowing regime. KCC and SBC should support FTS aspiration to make the Town a chemical free, wilder town.

New housing should either be near green space so that children have access to play areas, or play areas should be included within new developments,.

Some of the so called "countryside" is barren farmland devoid of life. How can we create richer margins and connective corridors post Brexit?

Access to the countryside across the town is vital. Increase trees in residential roads. Developments should take into account climate change - houses should use green initiatives. i.e. not gas boilers! And be more sympathetic to green and blue corridors

Saltmarsh to the north west of Faversham need to be restored - carbon sink advantage/flood protection.

Any plans to build on low lying areas should be rejected

Our political system needs to start taking climate change seriously and take a more long term view

Need an environmental policy. More flood defences, sensitive housing avoiding flood plains etc.

Is solar farm a help or hindrance to our flood risk

Stop KCC cutting all the verges apart from road 'closures' to facilitate both wildlife and drivers vision.

Green spaces vital to climate, health and well-being. Abbey fields essential to open space preservation and countryside access

A housing estate in north of town - ridiculous flood risk

Might need bigger wellies and stilts!

Don't build on potential flood plains. This will make flooding a 100% more likely.

Climate change is by far the most important issue facing us all. Plan for more change, not pretend it isn't going to happen.

Increase protected land instead of developing it.

Rising tides - should marshes be allowed to flood as a natural defence

Faversham has been in close relationship to landscape since its founding - creek, marsh, farms etc. A shame to lose this now. Keep a balance. Vital to have access to countryside for mental and physical health and for community.

The natural environment is currently winning in Faversham, This rare example of nature in balance with its wild surrounds should be the priority of any further developments. Without prioritising natural systems, wildlife and nature the humans will suffer mentally, physically, financially and security

Nature is free therapy. We need to protect our verges, woodlands and parks. Mental health is at risk for many. Nature and access to it is vital.

Rebuild the sewage works and stop the outflow into the Creek

The woodlands and marshes are why I live here and are important for biodiversity and my mental well-being. Even so, the woods are abused by some locals. It's a small area and needs protection.

Faversham's character is defined as much by its natural settings by the town buildings. Need to maintain buffer and access.

[Countryside] for mental health and exercise. But due to extinction rates is vital for wildlife to. Need to increase and protect, not reduce.

Whilst arable land is not usually biodiverse, it does provide a visual; and psychosocial break from concrete and tarmac. Temperatures are higher in built up areas. We need more greenery - wildlife corridors.

With less countryside the town loses character and the environment is affected. Keep green spaces!

Stop the Solar Farm and save the Marshes!

Protect the former saltmarsh grazing along the Creek

With every "New build" part gets lost, rich diversity is lost. Covered in concrete. At least insist drainage are permeable and plant trees.

Open the lakes around Faversham Creek for public access for walking, cycling and general health and well-being.

COVID 19 has demonstrated our need for open space or easy access to countryside. Please maintain this balance.

We Are in a climate biodiversity crisis. Convert green spaces into nature and climate hubs. Not housing!

Creek better footpaths out into countryside

Please make Flood Lane Green protected

Areas 1, 2, 3, & 8 should be protected at all costs.

I am closest to areas 5 & 7 and value them extremely highly. Area 5 could do with better protection as soils in woods have been compacted by people riding bikes/motorbikes in woodland which is destructive.

Unallocated and free green spaces at edge of current urban boundary are most important 4, 5,7,10, 11, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 46

Plans for development should include a green corridor to connect the woodland at 17 to the land at 5. The last lack of connection which would link all of NE Faversham to SW Faversham. Real win for wildlife and people

Solar park should be stopped

Allotments should be included in all the new areas

The area between Faversham Creek and Oare Creek should be kept as a natural space for wildlife and walkers

There should be no reduction in Green spaces in Faversham. These are crucial for biodiversity as well as mental health and wellbeing

We are lucky to have open space all around - Creek, Bysing Wood, footpaths to the west. All vital!

No lowlands are protected at the moment by area of AONB or National Park - Why not? Our surroundings are vulnerable - Cleve Hill - would not have been approved in AONB

Keep Oare marshes as so much diversity there. No Building.

Nature has been vital for some many in lockdown. Let's look after the environment for the future.

Green spaces and designated areas all equally important. Protect what's there, enhance it and expand it.

All these areas are important - green lungs good for us all physically and mentally  
Very important to protect the salt marshes and other green spaces/ This is partly what makes Faversham special  
Green spaces and public spaces generally need protecting and developing. These are vital to a good quality of life  
I despair. Faversham is ruined.  
I would prohibit development between town and the creeks. Also Oare Gunpowder park.

Allotments should all be protected. The land at the back of Osborne Court - this could be a really important resource for local people. Tree is a beautiful orchard which could be made into community orchard and there could be allotments and spaces for wildlife - involvement with local schools?  
Embrace Faversham's location in a biodiverse rich area. Enhance, protect existing areas in and out of town  
The North Kent marshes are unique and must be protected at all costs. Ancient woodland also needs protection  
Important to protect all green spaces  
I love being able to walk into green spaces. It should be important for the new people we will welcome too.

More trees/bushes general greenery. Less concrete surfaces to assist flood prevention. Solar panels as standard  
More trees and solar panels too!  
Without nature we are nothing - we must appreciate it and live with it.  
Can school playing fields be designated green spaces?  
Marshland is an incredible carbon-sink and as much needs protecting as possible  
Plant more trees and re-wild corridors. Trees should be a priority. All houses should have access to gardens and space outdoors.  
Not just SSSI status but also SPA and RAMSAR - holding international status - on Faversham's doorstep  
The area between the creeks must be protected and high landscape/wildlife site areas. We are destroying our natural world  
Green Verges within the town (especially West Faversham) are mowed to oblivion by KCC. We need trees and wildflowers and to encourage wildlife gardening and no pesticides/herbicides  
Linking and enhancing existing open space is essential  
Green Lungs - Mental Wellbeing!  
I like to walk on the footpaths to the South of Faversham, some of which will disappear under soulless housing estates. I feel crowded out!  
Commons absolutely essential for the future of everyone, including bees, who are so vital  
Maintaining arteries must be one of the goals and open green/blue corridors  
Encourage local community to connect biodiverse gardens with green spaces across the town to provide wildlife corridors bees/mammals etc.  
Yes totally support improvement of corridors  
The footpath on the A2 could be planted and turned into a bio-diversity corridor  
Blue/Green corridors are vital  
Keep allotment land and expand land used for allotments

Double our tree cover - a practical target FTC & SBC can sign up to and include in NHP

Recognising gardens as part of towns biodiversity. Reduce building, paving of driveways and gardens

Being able to walk and bike in countryside minutes from one's front door- such an advantage to living here.

Require more imaginative green building schemes to find a balance with the natural world

We need many more trees in and around Faversham and hedges and farmland. More economic and health benefits. Recent new estates are barren of trees and look awful

Make more verges No CUT or seeded with wild flowers

Replant hedgerows (native species) manage waterways, ditches. Tackle water pollution and run-off, enrichment

More hedgerows and trees.

Farmers at Oare actively destroying hedges and fields. Offer grants to plant hedgerows replacement or get local wildlife groups to do it for them.

New Green Corridors should be created where possible and insisted on in all new developments

Obtaining planning permission for new housing should be subject to the presence of solar panels on every roof, The creation of new cycle paths in and around the town is needed

Priority should be given to developing natural services to mitigate flood risk, healthy flood and mud flats to introduce beavers(!) and increase inland wet lands.

Prohibition of all developments in lower lying areas at risk of future flooding

No housing should be built on flood plains unless they can be flood proofed.

More decent trees should be planted to absorb water where possible flooding. Crazy building on flood plains

Rule out special flood designation 3A (i)

The damage is already done. Profit first as usual

Refuse building in area prone to rising tides and flooding

Ridiculous to build along banks of the creek - 4 storey houses block views through - pointless

Add renewable energy targets and prioritize policies in order to meet FT climate goals. Consider making Faversham carbon neutral on energy use and generation (e.g. green tariffs, offsetting, group buying)

We may lose the marshes. So will be caught between the sea and lots of new housing. I'm leaving!

Unblock the drains first.

No building on flood plains - allow them to flood....

Building on flood plains seems pointless

Stupid to build on floodplains

Separate environmental and climate plans from the political cycle so they are long term and evidence based.

Absolutely no sense to build new housing in the flood risk areas. Existing defences may need improving/extending



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