

Detail	Assessment
Planning history (Live or previous planning applications/decisions)	Application reference SW/05/0741 refused for partial demolition of existing factory buildings, conversion of remaining existing and new build for 431 m2 of commercial space, 60 residential units and 74 parking spaces – Feb 2006
Neighbouring uses	Town Quay and TS Hazard, residential flats and the Quay Hotel, bar and restaurant.

Assessment of Suitability

Environmental Constraints

Indicator of Suitability	Assessment
<p>Site is predominantly, or wholly, within or adjacent to the following statutory environmental designations:</p> <p>Ancient Woodland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Biosphere Reserve Local Nature Reserve (LNR) National Nature Reserve (NNR) National Park Ramsar Site Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Special Protection Area (SPA)</p> <p>Yes/ No/ Unknown</p>	<p>Flood zone 2 and 3</p>
<p>Does the site fall within a SSSI Impact Risk Zone and would the proposed use/development trigger the requirement to consult Natural England?</p> <p>Yes/ No/ Unknown</p>	<p>Unknown</p>



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<p>Site is predominantly, or wholly, within or adjacent to the following non statutory environmental designations:</p> <p>Green Infrastructure Corridor Local Wildlife Site (LWS) Public Open Space Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) Nature Improvement Area Regionally Important Geological Site Other</p> <p>Yes/ No/ Unknown</p>	<p>Unknown</p>
<p>Site is predominantly, or wholly, within Flood Zones 2 or 3?</p> <p>See guidance notes: Flood Zone 1: Low Risk Flood Zone 2: Medium Risk Flood Zone 3 (less or more vulnerable site use): Medium Risk Flood Zone 3 (highly vulnerable site use): High Risk</p>	<p>High Risk – SHLAA reported the site is subject to a high level constraint in being entirely covered by land at high risk of flooding.</p>
<p>Site is at risk of surface water flooding?</p> <p>See guidance notes: Less than 15% of the site is affected by medium or high risk of surface water flooding – Low Risk >15% of the site is affected by medium or high risk of surface water flooding – Medium Risk</p>	<p>Medium Risk</p>
<p>Is the land classified as the best and most versatile agricultural land (Grades 1, 2 or 3a)</p> <p>Yes / No / Unknown</p>	<p>No</p>

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<p>Site contains habitats with the potential to support priority species?</p> <p>Does the site contain local wildlife-rich habitats?</p> <p>Is the site part of: A wider ecological network (including the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites of importance for biodiversity); wildlife corridors (and stepping stones that connect them); and/or An area identified by national and local partnerships for habitat management, enhancement, restoration or creation? Yes / No / Unknown</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Site is predominantly, or wholly, within or within adjacent to an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)? Yes / No / Unknown</p>	<p>No</p>



Physical Constraints

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<p>Is the site: Flat or relatively flat Gently sloping or uneven Steeply sloping</p>	Relatively Flat
<p>Is there existing vehicle access, or potential to create vehicle access to the site? Yes / No / Unknown</p>	Yes
<p>Is there existing pedestrian/cycle access, or potential to create pedestrian/cycle access to the site?</p> <p>Pedestrian? Yes / No / Unknown</p> <p>Cycle? Yes / No / Unknown</p>	Unknown Yes
<p>Are there any known Tree Preservation Orders on the site? Yes / No / Unknown</p>	No
<p>Are there veteran/ancient or other significant trees within or adjacent to the site? Are they owned by third parties?</p> <p>Significant trees? Yes, within / Yes, adjacent / No / Unknown</p> <p>Potentially veteran or ancient trees present? Yes, within / Yes, adjacent / No / Unknown</p> <p>Owned by third parties? Yes / No / Unknown</p>	No No
<p>Are there any Public Rights of Way (PRoW) crossing the site? Yes / No / Unknown</p>	No



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Is the site likely to be affected by ground contamination? Yes / No / Unknown	Unknown
Is there any utilities infrastructure crossing the site i.e. power lines/pipe lines, or is the site in close proximity to hazardous installations? Yes / No / Unknown	No
Would development of the site result in a loss of social, amenity or community value? Yes / No / Unknown	No



Accessibility

Factor	Guidance	
Distances to community facilities and services should be measured using walking routes from the centre of each site to each facility. Additional facilities can be added to the list. The distances are based on the assumption that 400m is equal to approximately 5 minutes' walk. This can be measured using Google Maps :		
What is the distance to the following facilities (measured from the edge of the site)	Distance (metres)	Comments
Town / local centre / shop	<p><600m</p> <p>600-1800m</p> <p>>1800m</p>	<600m
Bus Stop	<p><400m</p> <p>400-800m</p> <p>>800m</p>	<400m
Train station	<p><600m</p> <p>600-1800m</p> <p>>1800m</p>	600-1800m
Primary School	<p><400m</p> <p>400-1200m</p> <p>>1200m</p>	400-1200m
Secondary School	<p><1600m</p> <p>1600-3900m</p> <p>>3900m</p>	<1600m
Open Space / recreation facilities	<p><400m</p> <p>400-800m</p> <p>>800m</p>	<400m



Landscape and Visual Constraints

This section should be answered based on existing evidence (see guidance notes) or by a qualified landscape consultant.

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<p>Is the site low, medium or high sensitivity in terms of landscape?</p> <p>Low sensitivity: the site has few or no valued features, and/or valued features that are less susceptible to development and can accommodate change.</p> <p>Medium sensitivity: the site has many valued features, and/or valued features that are susceptible to development but could potentially accommodate some change with appropriate mitigation.</p> <p>High sensitivity: the site has highly valued features, and/or valued features that are highly susceptible to development. The site can accommodate minimal change.</p>	<p>Medium sensitivity: the site has valued features. The site could potentially accommodate some change with appropriate mitigation.</p>
<p>Is the site low, medium or high sensitivity in terms of visual amenity?</p> <p>Low sensitivity: the site is visually enclosed and has low intervisibility with the surrounding landscape, and/or it would not adversely impact any identified views.</p> <p>Medium sensitivity: the site is somewhat enclosed and has some intervisibility with the surrounding landscape, and/or it may adversely impact any identified views.</p> <p>High sensitivity: the site is visually open and has high intervisibility with the surrounding landscape, and/or it would adversely impact any recognised views.</p>	<p>Medium sensitivity – makes a significant contribution to visual amenity of Faversham Creekside</p>



Heritage Constraints

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<p>Would the development of the site cause harm to a designated heritage asset or its setting?</p> <p>Directly impact and/or mitigation not possible Some impact, and/or mitigation possible Limited or no impact or no requirement for mitigation</p>	<p>The site contains one listed building, the blue weather boarded two storey building.</p> <p>The site is adjacent to the Grade 2* listed TS Hazard. The site is entirely within the Faversham Conservation area. May be mitigated with sympathetic development.</p>
<p>Would the development of the site cause harm to a non-designated heritage asset or its setting?</p> <p>Directly impact and/or mitigation not possible Some impact, and/or mitigation possible Limited or no impact or no requirement for mitigation</p>	<p>Unknown</p>



Planning policy constraints

Indicator of Suitability	Assessment
<p>Is the site allocated for a particular use (e.g. housing / employment) or designated as open space in the adopted and / or emerging Local Plan? Yes / No / Unknown</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Are there any other relevant planning policies relating to the site?</p>	<p>Policy - adopted local plan, Faversham Built up boundary ST3 Faversham Creek NP Policy Npoicy NP1 Kent minerals and Waste local plan – Safeguarded areas – River Terrace</p>
<p>Is the site: A mix of greenfield and previously developed land Previously developed land? Greenfield</p>	<p>Previously developed land</p>
<p>Is the site within, adjacent to or outside the existing built up area? Within the existing built up area (infill)? Adjacent to and connected to the existing built up area? Outside and not connected to the existing built up area?</p>	<p>Within the existing built up area (infill)</p>
<p>Is the site within, adjacent to or outside the existing settlement boundary (if one exists)? Within the existing settlement boundary? Adjacent to and connected to the existing settlement boundary? Outside and not connected to the existing settlement boundary?</p>	<p>Within the existing settlement boundary</p>



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<p>Could development of the site result in any public gain, eg accessibility to green space/connecting foot paths/cycle paths/public access to creek</p> <p>Yes / No / Unknown</p>	<p>Yes, development of the site could result in public access to the Creekside and form part of a continuous Creekside path. The land is currently inaccessible to the public.</p>
<p>Would development of the site result in neighbouring settlements merging into one another?</p> <p>Yes / No / Unknown</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Is the size of the site large enough to significantly change the size and character of the existing settlement?</p> <p>Yes / No / Unknown</p>	<p>No</p>



Assessment of Availability

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Is the site available for development? Yes / No / Unknown.	Yes
Are there any known legal or ownership problems such as unresolved multiple ownerships, ransom strips, tenancies, or operational requirements of landowners? Yes / No / Unknown.	Unknown
Is there a known time frame for availability? Available now / 0-5 years / 6-10 years / 11-15 years.	0-5 years

Viability

Indicators of Viability	Assessment
Is the site subject to any abnormal costs that could affect viability, such as demolition, land remediation or relocating utilities? Yes / No / Unknown.	Unknown
What evidence is available to support this judgement?	



Conclusions

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Summary of key development constraints affecting the site	The site lies in a flood zone and contains and is adjacent to listed buildings
What is the estimated development capacity of the site?	8-10 dwellings
What is the likely timeframe for development? (0-5 / 6-10 / 11-15 / 15+ years)	0-5 years
Other key information	
Overall rating (Red/Amber/Green) The site is suitable, available and achievable The site is potentially suitable, available and achievable The site is not currently suitable, available and achievable	Amber
Summary of justification for rating	The site is available and achievable and suitable for development. The site forms an important part of the landscape of Faversham Creek and well as including/being adjacent heritage assets, and development would need to respond sensitively to the context. Importantly mixed use development of the site could make a significant contribution to the development of a publically accessible Creekside Heritage Quarter, considered alongside Town Quay and the Chaff House Site

