

**Minutes of Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Hybrid Meeting held on Monday 24th April 2023**

Present: Harold Goodwin, John Irwin (Chair), Hannah Perkin, Alison Reynolds and Geoff Wade

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk), Hannah Barter (Urban Vision)

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received from K Barker and A Hook	
2.	<u>Declarations of interest</u> There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 th March were approved as an accurate record. They were proposed by Cllr J Irwin and seconded by Cllr H Perkin. These minutes had been presented to Full Council on 11 th April 2023.	
4.	<u>Regulation 14</u> The Chairman gave an update on Regulation 14. The response had been overwhelming and Urban Vision were still working on the responses and amending the plan. Members were mindful of the delay and the feedback received would be published ASAP. Hannah Barter briefed members on some of the responses received and amendments made to the plan. In its Regulation 14 response the Environment Agency had raised the issue of a buffer zone between the creek and any new development. This would need to be 8m or 16m, when asked for confirmation for the creek, the EA were unable to confirm without charging for their advice. This issue therefore remained unresolved. The EA may submit the response again at Regulation 16. Members noted the FAV17 and FAV23 had been merged with FAV16 to create a larger Maritime Gateway Heritage Regeneration Area.	

	<p>The redevelopment of the railway sheds has been discussed by various groups in Faversham. The Community Land Trust had met with representatives from Swale Borough Council for pre app discussions. Vehicle access to the railway sheds had been raised, and it was agreed that FNPLGS_001 would be reduced to allow vehicular access in the future.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Timetable and Next Steps</u></p> <p>An Extraordinary Meeting of Faversham Town Council was planned for Monday 22nd May, when the new Council would be asked to approve the amended plan and send it to SBC who would run Regulation 16 for the statutory period of 6 weeks. During this period the Town Council would be invited to appoint the External Examiner.</p> <p>It was noted that the plan will start to carry some weight after Regulation 16.</p>	