

Walking and cycling in Faversham: further public engagement and consultation

Faversham Town Council has approved a '[Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan](#)' or 'LCWIP' aimed at enabling more people to walk or cycle shorter journeys in Faversham. The LCWIP is part of a wider UK Government and Kent County Council initiative to increase the number of journeys made actively and sustainably. To maximise the chances of receiving government funding, the plan was prepared in line with the Department for Transport's recommended format.

Extensive consultation on the needs of those that would like to walk or cycle took place during the introduction of the 20mph scheme. The Town Council now wishes to consult further in order to:

- Ensure overall public support for the proposals;
- Obtain feedback on the relative importance of individual interventions;
- Identify missing measures that are needed to help walking and cycling; and
- Make sure that the plan works for all local residents particularly young people, the elderly and those with additional access needs.

The proposed interventions – shown in more detail in the full report [add hyperlink] – include:

- More and better pedestrian crossing points, including build outs to reduce vehicle speeds.
- Changes to junctions to make them safer for pedestrians such as reducing walking distances between pavements, installing tactile paving and dropped kerbs.
- "School streets": reducing motor vehicle access at pick-up and drop off times to ensure greater safety for school children
- "Healthy streets": restricting motor vehicle access to some residential streets to people that need access to the area (no restrictions for pedestrians, cyclists or disability vehicles.)
- Larger, more complex public realm schemes that require significant funding, such as enhancing the station area, a better crossing at Abbey School, a cycleway along Whitstable Road, or replacing the Long Bridge over the two railway lines.

In the plan, priorities were initially given to measures that:

- help to increase compliance with the 20mph town, such as enhanced gateways;
- make streets safer or more convenient for those walking or cycling;
- represent good value for money;
- benefit people from all parts of Faversham.

Note: The Eastern Division of Swale Borough Council has also commissioned a 'Parishes to Town' study to identify opportunities for residents from the surrounding communities to cycle or walk to Faversham. Findings from this project will be incorporated in the next version of the LCWIP.

Survey / questionnaire

Faversham Town Council is seeking views on what would enable more people to walk or cycle in and around Faversham, particularly for shorter journeys. The following survey has 5 questions and should take no more than 5 – 10 minutes to complete:

- 1) How do you currently travel in and around Faversham (select all that apply).
 - a. Car (as driver)
 - b. Car (as passenger / car share etc)
 - c. Walk
 - d. Cycle
 - e. Bus
 - f. Train
 - g. Other (specify)
- 2) Would you, or someone that you know, like to walk, cycle or use a wheelchair or other mobility aid for more short journeys in Faversham? (If yes, go to 3. If no go to end)
- 3) The Town Council is looking at a range of measures to make it better for people to walk or cycle. Which measures would help most (select all that apply)?
 - a. More pedestrian crossings
 - b. Slower traffic
 - c. Reduced crossing distances, particularly at junctions
 - d. Tactile paving and dropped kerbs
 - e. School streets: fewer motor vehicles at school drop-off and pick-up times
 - f. Healthy streets: fewer motor vehicles in residential streets
 - g. Dedicated cycleways on key routes
 - h. Other (specify)
- 4) The attached maps - <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1xq-RJPkHZUKk4qfYxPojswH4aFDEDXQ&usp=sharing> show the location of various proposed interventions, colour coded according to the type of intervention.
 - a. Type of intervention
 - i. Green – crossings
 - ii. Yellow – junction enhancements
 - iii. Amber – enhance or extend 20mph zone
 - iv. Purple – School streets
 - v. Blue – Healthy streets
 - vi. Brown – cycleways

vii. Grey – major or lower priority schemes

Do you have any comments on the proposed interventions, or are additional interventions needed?