

## Item 9 of the agenda

### 06-07-2023, Active Travel committee

#### Update on the Faversham Cross Town Path

- Funding from Active Travel England, DfT
- It is a pedestrian route only
- Runs from Lower Road to Faversham recreation ground, with potential to extend through to Love Lane.
- Project is owned and managed by Kent County Council Highways
- Faversham Town Council is an important consultee to the project
- Proposal for the Cross Town Path originated from ideas and suggestions raised during the Commonplace public engagement on the 20mph scheme.
- Faversham's LCWIP was built upon the ideas and suggestions made by the public of Faversham in the Commonplace engagement and was used as the reference point for building a proposal that fitted ATE's criteria for funding.
- KCC continue to be a strong supporter of Active Travel in Faversham.

Members of this committee and representatives from the Faversham Society joined three KCC officers for a workshop here in the Guildhall Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to review and discuss provisional DRAFT drawings.

The overall points I shared with KCC officers were:

- ☐ I have no strong opinions on the materials used.
- ☐ Please do not reinstate nor add centre lines.
- ☐ Plant a tree at every opportunity.
- ☐ There needs to be "wow" factor at the following three locations:

The Lower Rd, St Ann's Rd, Ospringe Rd and South Rd jct

The South Rd, Napleton Rd and Cross Lane jct

The Gatefield Lane and Newton Rd jct

- ☐ Indicative crossings should NOT have double lines across the dropped kerb as it blinds drivers to the crossing.
- ☐ **Indicative crossings must be highlighted and CLEARLY visible to drivers.**
- ☐ Please lobby your senior officers to ensure that "safety audits" put the needs of pedestrians above the needs of drivers. Interventions that make drivers think and SLOW down are GOOD.
- ☐ We need to increase the self enforcement nature of Faversham's 20mph limit.

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- KCC officers are now in the process of costing the interventions.
- We await KCC's comments on our feedback following the workshop.
  
- It is my understanding that works will start in early 2024

Cllr Eddie Thomas, Chair of the Active Travel committee