

Active Travel Committee Meeting

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

Cllr C Martin  
Cllr Rowlands  
Cllr Jones  
A Hook (KCC)  
A Berendt

Cllr BJ Martin  
Cllr Saunders  
  
C Oswald-Jones

Cllr Golding  
Cllr Gibson  
  
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Dear Committee Member

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND** a meeting of Faversham Town Council's Active Travel Committee to take place at the Guildhall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm when the following business will be transacted. This meeting will be hybrid and members of the public may attend via Zoom.

Yours sincerely

*Louise Bareham*

Louise Bareham FSLCC  
Town Clerk

A maximum of 15 minutes to be allowed to receive public questions and comments on items on the Agenda.

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**  
To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any declarations of interest for items listed on the Agenda
3. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**  
To agree the Minutes of the Active Travel Committee dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and any matters arising.
4. **Safety of children while travelling to school**  
To review the request and agree next steps (Appendix A)

5. **Cross Town Walking Route 2 North-South**  
To receive an update on the project.
6. **Highways Improvement Plan**  
To review and consider additional items for the HIP including, but not exhaustively:
  - i. Signage at suitable locations aimed at preventing high sided vehicles approaching the Ospringe Road railway bridge from the town centre and having to try and navigate back
  - ii. An examination of current and potential parking and traffic calming measures in Stonebridge Way in order to try and improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians.
  - iii. Continued concern about the speed of vehicles in the Saxon Rd/Briton Rd/Roman Road area and requests for additional roundels and repeater signs (this is already identified in the HIP)
  - iv. Concern about vehicles using the narrow part of Cambridge Road, where it comes round to Ospringe Road and whether there would be value in introducing a barrier, making the road one way. This is referenced in the LCWIP and probably needs to be looked at in the context of whole area bounded by Saxon Rd/School Road/ Cambridge Road/ Ospringe Road

Note: the HIP is reviewed by KCC annually around October.

7. **LCWIP Next Stage**  
To receive an update.
8. **Active Travel Event**  
To receive an update on progress.
9. **New Crossing Points Faversham- Swale**  
To review the documents and agree any response.
10. **Deposit Document for Amendment 53 – Swale**  
To review the documents and agree any response.
11. **Faversham Hopper Community Bus Service**  
To receive an update on the service.
12. **Matters for Report**  
Items for the next agenda.

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**Request from a member of the public:**

I sent this email at the bottom of this page to Helen Whately MP, who contacted Kent highways they suggested my first port of call should be yourselves ,this part of the reply was the most interesting to me as this was a suggestion in my letter to Helen

School Streets schemes are implemented on a trial basis initially and apply a temporary restriction to motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic. Residents who live within a School Street/access their property from within the restricted area, will be provided exemption permits and access for Emergency service vehicles is always maintained. School staff facilitate the restriction by setting out temporary barriers, between 45-60 minutes, each morning and afternoon (during term time only), to create the 'School Streets zone'. This creates a safer, healthier and cleaner environment for everyone. Naturally, there are many factors we must consider when we assess the suitability of a site for a School Street scheme, and of course a scheme would only be explored if a school expresses interest. Undoubtedly these can be fantastic schemes with incredible outcomes including reducing the number of cars used on the school run, creating a calmer environment for staff and families at peak times, improving neighbour relations, improving children & families' health and wellbeing, and significantly improving the children's readiness to learn each morning.

Above all, School Streets ultimately improve the safety and experience of the most vulnerable road users as they travel to/from school each day. We have a highway improvement plan (HIP) process with local Parish Councils and work closely with them and County Members to ensure that a community voice helps to prioritise our efforts and, in many cases, help support improvements that do not achieve sufficient priority through our countywide assessments. I would recommend that Mrs Boswell contact Faversham Town Council [Louise.bareham@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Louise.bareham@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk) or her County Member, Antony Hook [Antony.Hook@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Antony.Hook@kent.gov.uk) as a first step who may be able to assist with contacting the school on her behalf.

Good Morning

I have great concerns to the safety of our children while arriving and leaving school from davington county primary school cars mount the kerb to allow other cars to pass, children cross between parked cars , parents pulling up in front of the school for their child to jump out , many more dangerous ways that we as a community should be thinking of ways to stop , since the lollipop person stopped many years ago it's become a dangerous place for young people to cross the road. please help by letting us know what we can do to make it safer, Canterbury has a school that the road is completely closed off when the children are travelling ( maybe 8-9.30 then 3-4.30) this for me would be the ideal way forward as there are other ways around to access other areas around the school, \*-perhaps a trial run, or to make it one way. whichever we need to keep our children safe please let me know what we can to to achieve this.