

Statement on Providing Leadership in Planning
for the Future of the Community

Faversham Town Council is committed to provide an opportunity for the community to state its views and provide information regarding how people feel about where they live.

The Town Council worked with the community to produce the Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan, which was passed at referendum in 2015.

The Faversham Future Forum was established in 2016, by the Mayor at that time, to act as a conduit for members of the community to constructively engage with existing developers and potential developers on planning applications.

At the Annual Town Meeting on 28th May 2019 members of the Forum requested that Faversham Town Council undertook a second neighbourhood plan covering the whole of Faversham. Some of those members subsequently joined the council's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The Plan is expected to go to referendum in the second half of 2024.

The Town Council has a Planning Committee that has delegated authority to make comments and representations on behalf of the Council. The committee meets twice a month to consider and respond to planning applications and consultations in a timely manner. The agenda is published on the Council's website and promoted through social media.

The Town Council works proactively, wherever possible, to strengthen and improve relationships with community groups, local organisations, businesses, statutory bodies, voluntary groups, borough and county councils.

The Town Council will:

- Continue to work in balancing the current needs of the people, the economy and the environment without compromising the future
- Ensure a fair and equitable precept is set annually
- Actively support the local business and tourism economy
- Continue to comment on proposed planning applications and developments