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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cllr L Coniam  
Cllr A Eyre  
Cllr T Martin  
Cllr J Rowlands

Cllr P Cook  
Cllr B Jones  
Cllr R Newman  
Cllr J Saunders

Cllr R Crayford  
Cllr C Gibson  
Cllr H Perkin

Dear Councillor

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND** a Meeting of Faversham Town Council Planning Committee in the Guildhall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at **6.00 p.m.**

Yours sincerely

Adrienne Begent

***James Forster, Steve Baughen, and Katherine Munro representing Fernham Homes will attend the meeting to brief members on the proposal for Abbeyfields.***

**The Mayor will allow a maximum of fifteen minutes for Members of the Council to receive questions from registered electors for the Town before the formal meeting commences.**

**This meeting may be filmed or recorded. At the start of the meeting the Mayor will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed or audio recorded. The whole of the meeting will be recorded, except where there are confidential or exempt items.**

**If any member of the public has an objection to being filmed, please make yourself known to the Mayor or the Deputy Town Clerk before the start of the meeting.**

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests – Members who have an interest to declare must declare the existence and nature of it at the start of the meeting and act in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct (s27 Localism Act 2011).
3. To receive and accept as a true record the Minutes of the Town Council Planning Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (copy enclosed)
4. To receive the Planning Schedule dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026
5. To consider and to make representations to the relevant authorities on Planning Applications contained in the enclosed list dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.
6. To note the additional submission submitted by FTC's Active Travel Committee on 23/505533/EIHYB. *Paper 1*
7. EE Mast (Corner of Lower Road and Ospringe Road, Faversham)

### Cllr Rob Crayford proposes the motion:

The Town Council's Planning Committee notes with concern EE's continued intention to erect a telephone mast at the corner of Lower Road and Ospringe Road in Faversham, despite previous objections raised by local residents. The Planning Committee further notes that EE is now asserting that the proposed mast falls under permitted development rights, thereby avoiding the requirement for planning permission. This approach significantly reduces opportunities for public scrutiny and bypasses meaningful engagement with the community. The Planning Committee believes that:

- Residents of Faversham, particularly those in St Ann's Ward, have a right to adequate consultation on developments that directly affect their neighbourhood.
- Ward councillors should be engaged early and transparently in discussions regarding infrastructure proposals of this nature.
- EE's current approach demonstrates insufficient regard for local opinion and undermines public confidence in the consultation process.
- There is a real danger that this approach could be replicated in other parts of the town, setting a precedent that allows similar installations to proceed without proper consultation or oversight.

The Planning Committee therefore resolves to:

- Write formally to EE expressing strong objection to the company's approach and highlighting the lack of adequate consultation with local residents and ward councillors.

- Publicly call out EE's failure to engage appropriately with the community on this matter.
- Request that EE pause any further action relating to the proposed mast until a full and open consultation has taken place with residents, ward councillors, and relevant local authorities.
- Coordinate a local campaign to ensure residents' voices are heard, enabling the community to express its concerns collectively and effectively.

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