

**Report to Faversham Town Council**  
**Active Travel Committee, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

**Existing Bike Hangars and Planning for Future Provision**

**1. Overview**

Faversham currently hosts three bike hangars, each accommodating six bikes, which have proven successful and are at or near full capacity. Residents have expressed positive feedback on their convenience and security.

The growing demand for secure bike storage highlights the need to expand this provision. Feedback from residents and local data suggests multiple potential sites for a fourth bike hangar, detailed in Section 5 below.

**2. Review of Current Charging Structure**

Faversham Town Council currently charges **£30 per half year** for a space in a bike hangar — equivalent to **£5 per month**. A review of other local authority charges provides helpful context:

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Annual Fee</b>
Waltham Forest	£39
Hammersmith & Fulham	£72
Merton	£72
Brighton & Hove	£72
Barking & Dagenham	£72
Hounslow	£36
Faversham	£60

Faversham's fee is among the lowest in the country, which ensures affordability, but does mean operating costs are mostly subsidised.

### 3. Supporting Residents on Low Incomes

The Council has expressed interest in offering reduced or free bike hangar access to residents on low incomes. However, verifying income levels presents challenges regarding data protection (GDPR) and administration.

#### Options for consideration:

- **Referral-based system:** Accept referrals from trusted community partners (eg Citizens Advice, social housing providers).
- **Universal Credit or benefits status:** Allow voluntary submission of proof, though this may deter uptake due to stigma or privacy concerns.

However, those interested in hiring a space have not expressed difficulty in paying the fee, or that it is too expensive.

### 4. Funding Opportunities

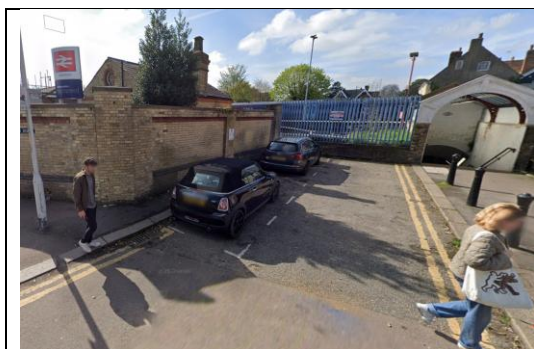
The upcoming round of Community Infrastructure Grants will include bike storage solutions.

The Town Clerk will be preparing a submission outlining the case for a fourth (and potentially fifth) bike hangar, using current usage data and public demand evidence.

### 5. Suggested Locations for a Fourth Bike Hangar

Based on 15 public responses (see appendix), the following locations are recommended for consideration for new bike hangars:

- Vicinity of Faversham Station
- Vicinity of Westgate Road
- Vicinity of Fielding Street



**Station Road**



**Sommerville Close**

	
<b>Queens Hall Car Park</b>	<b>Hatch Street</b>

## 6. Recommendations

1. Explore grant opportunities as soon as Community Infrastructure Grants open.
2. Review pricing structure annually to balance affordability with sustainability.
3. Seek permission for one or more of the above locations for installation of a fourth hangar.

## Appendix: Full List of Location Suggestions for New Bike Hangar

Cycle Hoops and Bike Hangars

Q3 Where would you like an additional bike hangar and why? Please include what3words location if possible.

Answered: 15 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Opposite the Abbey School. I would love for my son to be able to cycle to school from Graveney in the summer months but the footbridge is not usable either a bike and the A2 too dangerous to cross. A bike hangar somewhere opposite the school or along The Mall would make this possible.	4/16/2025 7:44 PM
2	///pump.surfaces.clinic Secure cycle storage to allow children to cycle to the abbey school without crossing the main road A2.	4/15/2025 5:43 PM
3	I'd love a bike hangar on St John's Road because we have limited car parking and most houses and gardens are small for bike storage. What3words are bounded.stiffly.listen	5/8/2024 9:24 PM
4	Near the rec or Westgate/minster road	5/8/2024 7:09 PM
5	At Faversham West Community Centre. We don't have storage in the flats in Hazebrouck but I would like to be able to cycle for health	4/27/2024 12:58 PM
6	Near Napleton Road, ME13 7JR. I have limited space at home (Victorian terraced house) for bike storage.	12/25/2023 10:19 AM
7	Maybe as well undercover bike parking, because electric bikes should not get too wet	11/4/2023 8:32 AM
8	By the station (capers.nags.flight) as the only secure bike storage there is reserved for first class passengers.	4/19/2023 9:02 AM
9	Yes, we need more cycling options in faversham	11/4/2022 7:11 AM
10	Outside Faversham Railway Station	8/12/2022 12:33 PM
11	I don't use what3words I have learning difficulties but bike lock with CCTV near the Tesco crossing or out side the weatherspoons add more hoops with CCTV	8/6/2022 12:14 AM
12	Abbey Street	8/3/2022 10:43 PM
13	Fielding street	7/29/2022 3:13 PM
14	///clearly.allowable.troll Close to the rec would be great.	7/24/2022 12:38 PM
15	Near the railway station as the secure cycle parking there is inadequate and reserved for first class season ticket holders	7/24/2022 7:11 AM