

Welcome

Thank you for coming to Faversham Town Council's exhibition about the potential future for the Faversham Creek area.

We hope you find it informative and that you will be able to give us your comments today, or following the exhibition. Please ask one of the Town and Borough Councillors or the landowners present any questions you may have – and let them know your views.



Vanguard Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Council has been given the opportunity by Government and Swale Borough Council to produce one of the first Neighbourhood Plans in the country, for Faversham Creek. This means that local people are now preparing a plan for this area.

Faversham Town Council has decided to work together with representatives of the Faversham Creek Consortium, local Swale councillors, the Faversham Society and Faversham Municipal Charities to prepare the plan in consultation with people of the town and those with interests in the area.

Why Prepare a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Town Council believes there will be positive benefits in getting a plan created by the local community in place for the special area of the Creekside. Without an up to date Plan there is a danger that planning decisions will not be based on co-ordinated and sustainable local proposals for the future of this area. Instead, proposals would be based on the Government's new National Planning Policy Framework with its presumption in favour of sustainable development and by planning inspectors when planning applications are taken to appeal. This is our chance to show that we can deliver an effective plan our area.

Streetscape Strategy

The Town Council and the Bensteds Charity recently sponsored the preparation of a draft Streetscape Strategy to help guide improvements to the footpaths, signing, lighting, seats and other street furniture around the Creek. Feedback from local consultation has been received and an amended Streetscape Strategy with detailed proposals for enhancing the area is being prepared. The relevant proposals within the strategy will be brought forward into the Neighbourhood Plan.

