

## **The Neighbourhood Plan Area**

The Neighbourhood Plan relates to the area shown above.

The whole area lies within the Faversham Conservation Area where the character should be preserved or enhanced and there are also a number of listed buildings which should be retained (see plan). The Purifier and the steel road bridge set on older abutments are also important heritage assets. The area is rich in open space which is considered an important part of the character of the area (shown on the plan).

The creekside is not particularly visible from the town centre or well sign posted. It is connected to the wider countryside via the long distance footpath, Saxon Shore Way, and to Oare Creek along the Swale Heritage Trail footpath.

There are also significant constraints which currently affect the future of the area. Navigation is constrained by silting of the creek and, within the basin, by the current inoperability of the swing bridge. Areas around the creek are prone to flooding and former uses on some of the sites mean that some may be contaminated. Pedestrian links and signposting from the town centre are also poor.

The Town Council has identified 12 potential development sites – numbered on the plan.

The attraction of Faversham could be significantly enhanced by the regeneration of the Creek.