

Option 1 – Employment Only

In terms of new development, only employment uses, including traditional marine related uses, would be allowed on the 12 potential development sites at Faversham Creek. Planning permission would not be granted for proposals that would result in the loss of land or buildings suitable for employment uses or, on appropriate sites, which would not involve active use or management of the creek itself.

Proposals would be expected to maintain or enhance an environment appropriate to enable traditional waterside activities to flourish. This would include, where appropriate,

financially contributing towards improving and maintaining the navigability of the creek channel and its infrastructure, including providing wharfage and moorings. This is the policy of the current Local Plan.

Sites 1 – 12 would be restricted to employment uses.

Site 3 BMM Weston has a current planning consent for 28 dwellings which could still be implemented even though it was contrary to the proposed policy approach.

Potential Benefits

Most of the sites are in employment use which would be retained and new employment floorspace could be created with associated jobs

The special interest and activity with strong associations with the water in some areas would be retained

Potential Disadvantages

Some sites may not be suited to employment uses because of their size, shape or accessibility and application of this policy may result in derelict sites or unused buildings.

There could be less potential for infrastructure improvements (for example the creek side footpath and improvement of wharfs and moorings) as financial contributions from new employment uses through planning agreements may make development unviable. Employment uses may be exempt from paying the Community Infrastructure Levy from 2014 – providing no funds from this source for the area in future.

Most of the employment sites do not require access from the creek to function and cannot therefore be expected through planning agreements to contribute towards improving and maintaining the navigability of the creek channel and its infrastructure

Do you think that an employment option is the most appropriate for all 12 creekside sites?



Standard House - a Grade 2 listed building (above) - and the former oil depot site (below) may be unsuitable for new businesses and could continue to remain vacant if only this use is allowed.

