

Option 2 – Housing Only

If a site became available for development at Faversham Creek, only residential uses, including town houses and flats, would be allowed. Planning permission would be granted on all existing employment sites around the creek for housing development.

The Town Council has identified 11 potential development sites close to the Creek side to which this policy would apply. The Iron Wharf area (site 12) is outside the built up area of Faversham and existing industrial and marine uses would be expected to be retained.



Potential Benefits

Housing provision, including affordable housing on sites with a capacity for 15 homes or more

Sites are likely to come forward for housing development for which there is a strong market in Faversham and the creekside area in particular and are unlikely to remain vacant.

There would be potential for infrastructure improvements (for example the creek side footpath and improvement of wharfs and moorings) as financial contributions are made through planning agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy in future. The Levy could contribute towards improving and maintaining the navigability of the creek channel and its infrastructure in the future.



Potential Disadvantages

Most of the sites are in employment use and a change of use to housing would result in a significant loss of jobs in this area

The special interest and activity with strong associations with the water would not be retained and the diversity of character would be lost

The character of the listed buildings at Standard Quay would be harmed

The appearance of the creekside may become relatively uniform



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