

Local Plan Panel Meeting	
Meeting Date	09 th July 2020
Report Title	Faversham Town neighbourhood planning update
Cabinet Member	Cllr Mike Baldock, Cabinet Member for Planning
SMT Lead	James Freeman
Head of Service	James Freeman
Lead Officer	Aaron Wilkinson
Key Decision	No
Classification	Open
Recommendations	1. It is recommended that Members delegate the approval of Faversham Town Council's application to designate the Town of Faversham as a neighbourhood area to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and considering any representations made.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 Members will recall that it was agreed by this Panel in May 2020 that Officers conduct a consultation on the application made by Faversham Town Council to designate the whole Town as a neighbourhood area for the purpose of the creation of a neighbourhood development plan (neighbourhood plan). The designation, if approved, would replace that currently covering Faversham Creek only. If a new neighbourhood plan were eventually made part of the Development Plan, it would also replace the existing Faversham Creek Neighbourhood Plan. This report is to update you on that consultation and the next steps.

2 Background

- 2.1 The consultation commenced on Friday 12th June 2020 and will run to Monday 27th July 2020. At the time of writing, no representations have been received but a verbal update will be given at the meeting.
- 2.2 According to the Regulations, a decision on the application must be made within 8 weeks of publicising it. This means that there is only 2 weeks between the consultation ending and the Council being required to make a decision by Friday 7th August 2020. Due to these short timescales, there is no time to wait until the consultation has finished before reporting back to this Panel. There will also be no time to send a recommended decision to the Cabinet.
- 2.3 Officers consider the proposed designation to be suitable and would likely have recommended approval had there been the time to report this in the normal way. However, it is again noted that any representations made to the contrary will need to be considered.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 The proposal, therefore, is that Members delegate the approval of this application to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and considering any representation made.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 Members could choose to wait for the consultation to finish, however the Council would miss the statutory deadline set out within the Regulations and the designation would be approved by default.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 A consultation is being carried out as outlined in paragraph 2.1.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Priority 1: Building the right homes in the right places and supporting quality jobs for all.
Financial, Resource and Property	None identified at this stage.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	None identified at this stage.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Sustainability	In the long term, any neighbourhood plan would be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 None.

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 None.