

Eastern Area Committee Meeting February 2024 – Matters arising

No.	Item	Background	Progress on actions
1.	Flooding in the Eastern Area	<p>It was agreed that the Area Committee Chair, on behalf of the Eastern Area Committee, would lobby the Parliamentary Members for Sittingbourne & Sheppey and Faversham & Mid Kent, on the impact national planning policy had on flooding issues.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Charles Gibson, will be the Member lead on flooding matters in the Eastern area and liaise with the Member of Parliament, KCC, Southern Water (SW) and the Environment Agency. It was agreed that Area Committee Members, town and parish councillors and members of the public would feed their comments and specific issues to Cllr Gibson and he would collate all the information and prepare a document to bring to the February 2024 Eastern Area Committee meeting so that further actions could be considered.</p> <p>Faversham Recreation Ground/Whitstable Road - KCC have carried out some additional works (installation of drain gulleys) in August 2023, they will be monitoring the effectiveness of the works</p>	This will be discussed under item 5.

		over the next few months. Swale Borough Council have installed some measures under the gates of Faversham Recreation Ground to try to reduce the amount of leaves and debris getting out onto Whitstable Road and blocking drainage gullies. In addition, SBC have starting to undertake their normal seasonal leaf clearance operations within the Recreation Ground.	
2.	Memoria Crematorium, Faversham	A member of the public said the Memoria Crematorium, Faversham, Staple Street, were using the pond for overflowing storm water. He believed this was a breach of planning conditions and asked what SBC were going to do about it. It was agreed that Planning officers would be consulted on this matter.	Planning were consulted about the Memoria Crematorium and they advised that they were currently dealing with a submission of details for the surface water drainage under planning ref: 23/505382/SUB and documents could be viewed online at https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/ .
3.	Active Travel update	<p>At previous meetings, the Active Travel Coordinator provided updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faversham East-West Cross Town Path • Faversham North-South Cross Town Path • Sustrans Faversham-Teynham Quietway Design Feasibility Study • Solar Cycle Way • KCWIP 	<p>Faversham East-West Cross Town Path</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topographical surveys and safety audits have been completed allowing the drawing up of the final detailed plans for each of the 14 interventions. • TROs should be published mid-March with the consultation closing at the end of April. <p>Faversham North-South Cross Town Path</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Feasibility Study of the route has been completed. A strong evidence base has been compiled and constraints assessed. Initial interventions have been identified.

			<p>Sustrans Faversham-Teynham Quietway Design Feasibility Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the completion of the feasibility study, we will be working with KCC and Sustrans on developing a funding bid to implement some of the recommendations. <p>Solar Cycle Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion between Kent PRoW and the developer are ongoing. <p>KCWIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public consultation has now closed, and responses are being assessed by KCC. <p>Swale LCWIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Routes that did not make it to the KCWIP Top 15 are covered in the Swale LCWIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Faversham - Boughton under Blean – Canterbury ○ Faversham – Throwley – Ashford ○ Faversham – Seasalter – Whitstable
4.	Whiting Crescent, Faversham	<p>Cllr Carole Jackson spoke about the piece of land at the end of Whiting Crescent, Faversham and asked if a reconditioned slide or swing could be installed.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Community Committee maybe a more appropriate committee to pursue this request. It was</p>	This matter has been referred to the Chair of the Community Committee for consideration.

		agreed that on behalf of the Eastern Area Committee, the Policy & Engagement Officer will refer this matter to the Chair of the Committee Committee.	
5.	Conservation Area Reviews	The Conservation & Design Team report progress on Conservation Area Reviews to the Area Committees.	<p>The Conservation & Design Team updated as follows:</p> <p>Faversham - Preston Next Conservation Area The Conservation Area appraisal was presented to the Policy & Resources Committee on the 7th of February 2024, where in it was unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed document along with the proposed Boundary changes. Next step is to finalise the document with the proposed changes and send notifications to the properties within the conservation area and to London Gazette. It is envisaged that the final adopted document will be updated on the SBC website by Spring of 2024.</p> <p>Faversham- Town Conservation Area The document is being updated and is scheduled to be presented to March Policy & Resources Committee. It is envisaged that the final adopted document will be updated on the SBC website by Summer of 2024.</p> <p>Cellar Hill & Greenstreet Conservation Area On Historic England's advice, the proposed new conservation area along London Road which falls between Station Road and Lynsted Lane to the west of the existing conservation</p>

			area, is being included in the current Cellar Hill & Greenstreet Conservation Area. The review work is underway and once completed will need to be reconsulted on, currently the public consultation is programmed for Mid-March to Mid-April 2024 with an aim to present to June 2024 Policy & Resources Committee.
6.	Enhanced Bus Partnership – Swale Local Focus Group	<p>A Member requested a breakdown of how much of the funding allocated to KCC by the Government would be spent in the Eastern Area.</p> <p>A Member asked if there were any allocated funds for rural services which had been lost?</p>	<p>Kent County Council responded to say that it was difficult to provide a breakdown of funding as the initiatives were predominantly high level and strategic (eg countywide interactive transport map, community transport grant, free travel weekends etc).</p> <p>The two applicable initiatives are service support and highway improvements. All network support funding has been utilised in saving 49 school services which would have otherwise been withdrawn. KCC have asked if any of these are in east Swale and will advise in due course.</p>
7.	Light pollution	Councillor Thompson asked what could be done if a resident installed bright white lighting in their home which was visible on the road and could be confusing to motorists. It was agreed to consult with KCC Highways to find out what could be done.	KCC were consulted and the Highways Steward visited the resident who agreed to adjust the lantern.