

## **Faversham Future Forum**

# **Guidelines for housing development in Faversham**

### **Introduction**

At the FFF meeting on 27 March 2017, it was agreed to collate a set of guidelines that we would like to see housing developers follow in their applications to the Borough Council for housing developments in and around Faversham. This version is a team effort and is believed to reflect the views of Forum members as a whole. It could feed into a future Neighbourhood Plan.

### **The guidelines**

1. Any proposed development should contribute in a tangible way towards conserving the built environment, the natural environment, and the heritage of the Town.
2. The development should contribute to a comprehensive, joined-up pedestrian and cycling network with crossing facilities on major routes such as the A2 and over the railway line, designed to maintain Faversham's status as a 'walking town' and encourage residents to leave their cars at home.
3. Small traffic increases can have a disproportionate effect on a congested network. Vehicular traffic generated by the development should not erode the environment, threaten people's safety, or worsen congestion, and the impact should be assessed not in isolation but in conjunction with other schemes approved or in the pipeline.
4. The road network should connect to the surrounding area and make provision for future development on neighbouring sites so that no development forms an isolated enclave.
5. The road network generally should be configured with a design speed of not more than 20 mph, with parking control and junction layout relying on imaginative design to influence road user behaviour rather than traffic 'furniture', signage or road markings.
6. The proposed housing units should include a suitable proportion of affordable housing, sheltered housing, and single occupancy housing that meets the needs of residents and thereby supports local industry.
7. The scheme should include improved infrastructure to match the projected growth in population, including water supply, drainage, and sewage, together with green spaces, community centres, shops, medical facilities, schools, local employment, and other services as appropriate.
8. The proposal should demonstrate a minimal carbon footprint and water usage level consistent with current best practice.

*Members of the Forum*  
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