

FAVERSHAM FUTURE FORUM

REPORT TO THE PRESTON FIELDS PROPOSALS

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ACCESS

A251: It would be preferable to make this a two way access, even if restricted by passing places, or by attempting to widen the carriageway with a little land purchase from neighbouring properties.

A2: It would be preferable to have the exit opposite that of Preston Park so that traffic lights could be in operation to facilitate access to both residential areas and pedestrian/cyclist crossing. This also takes the pressure off the residential and commercial exit to Traditional Building Supplies, the site's immediate neighbour, which has not been marked upon this map but has been in place for several years now.

The combined effect of these two serviceable accesses will mean that no extra traffic will be routed along the residential part of the A251 as people will take the most direct route, this will alleviate many of the concerns of the residents of the A251 and unnecessary extra pressure on the A251/A2 junction.

Salters Lane: An access to this lane will allow traffic permeability and future-proof the development allowing access to any future developments the other side of Salters Lane and from Preston Fields to the tip and some access to alternative routes South and North.

Salters Lane: pedestrian access to the Football grounds would be desirable.

ROUTES WITHIN THE SITE

Boulevard Entrance from A2: Attractive layout with pavement both sides grass and trees, perhaps one side could be pavement and one side could be cycle path? Unclear as to the purpose of green space at the beginning of the site, would encourage an urban feel as this is becoming more integral to the town, also encourage higher density housing close to the town centre to minimise sustainable travel times, suggest starter homes and affordable housing owing to proximity of station and town.

Residential Roads: Would like to see them wide enough to accommodate roadside parking

Internal access: Important to keep options open for the roads in the vicinity of 5 and 6 in order to retain landuse choices later.

RECREATIONAL USES

Play equipment: could be positioned along the central walkway, spread out to encourage use of the whole area and discourage the misuse of a play area during the hours of darkness. Play equipment could blend in with the walkway by being of wooden construction.

Community Orchard: Unlikely to be sustainable.

Green Space: Unlikely to serve any useful purpose and could become a liability owing to its isolated nature.

INDUSTRIAL USES

The Southern area of the site could be very usefully put to light or large industrial use, its easy access to motorway links is very attractive and the buildings would form a sound barrier/baffle to the motorway noise for the benefit of the Preston Fields residents.

This site would not be as appropriate for a Park and Ride facility as the Perry Court site because of the nature of the residential roads to the A2 and the restricted access to the A251