

## Matters Arising update – Appendix 1

### EASTERN AREA COMMITTEE

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Active Travel Update</b>
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Thank you to everyone who has continued to provide input and support for active travel across the eastern area of Swale.

The Faversham Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 proposals were submitted to Kent County Council, competing with 87 other schemes.

Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 was finally officially announced on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, some five months later than expected and very different from the funding previewed in July 2022. Tranche 4 is no longer a £470m capital and £250m revenue multi-year fund, but a one year £200m construction fund. The original Faversham proposal had been shortlisted and it has now been amended to better reflect the new funding conditions. At this point, the Faversham bid is still live and potentially going forward to the national Active Travel England bidding process.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February, we received confirmation that Swale Borough Council has been awarded £40,000 from the Active Travel Capability Fund 2022/23. £15,000 of which is specified to “assist with the Scheme Planning and Design of Faversham cross town walking routes.

This funding is considered to be early feasibility stage design of schemes, to the point of bidding for capital funds, including early plans sufficient for bid stage assurance against Active Travel England design tools. This project will be commissioned as soon as possible to ensure that we have the evidence for the next tranche of Active Travel Funding.

Additionally, Sustrans have committed £30,000 to a National Cycle Network Route 1 Quietway feasibility study between Faversham and Teynham.