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Larissa Reed
Chief Executive
Swale Borough Council
Swale House, East Street
Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

Reference No. HW70565

10 March 2026

Dear Larissa

I am writing to you ahead of the Council's Extraordinary Planning Committee tonight to discuss the Land at South East Faversham between A2 Canterbury/London Road and M2 Faversham Kent ME13 9LJ. I would be grateful if you could pass this letter to councillors to take into account when they are making their decision.

There are 20,000 plus houses in the pipeline for the Faversham and Mid Kent Parliamentary constituency including the Duchy development. If all these developments go ahead they will increase Faversham & Mid Kent's population by approximately twice that of Faversham. I ask you to take into account the cumulative impact of all these developments on our roads, water supply and public services – together with the impact on the historic and rural character of this area and the important contribution we make to feeding the country.

I know we need new homes for young people to move into, but taking all these developments together, this is an extraordinary scale of building in this corner of Kent. I also know the Council is under enormous pressure to build more and more homes which is why I am pressing the Government to look again at our housing numbers and increase house building in London and other cities instead of building on fields and orchards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen Whately'.

Helen Whately MP
Member of Parliament for Faversham and Mid Kent