



# Land at Feering Community Newsletter

A community-led development

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# You may, or may not, be aware that The Crown Estate owns land in Feering and is looking to develop this land over the next few years.

The land is included in the Feering Neighbourhood Plan and Braintree Council's plans for development in the area, for a mix of new homes, community, education, and employment uses and open spaces.

We want this to be a community-led development which engages each and every one of you and places the community at the heart of what we do.

It is recognised that local people have already put a lot of work into shaping the Feering Neighbourhood Plan, and we intend to build on this engagement to produce a development fit for the challenges of the 21st century and beyond.

We want this development to represent the identity of Feering and enhance the lives of residents by being shaped by you.

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## What is a community-led development?

To deliver a community-led approach we are starting by engaging with people in the broader Feering area. Before developing design options, we would like to gain an understanding of what it is like to be a local resident. For example:

- What is a regular day like for you?
- Where do you go?
- What do you do?
- What do different places mean to you?

We will be running a range of activities to ensure that you can help shape and co-produce aspects of the development and we want to elevate the views, ideas, and opinions of everyone, including local schools, businesses and community groups. As a result, we will be offering a range of creative engagement activities and will be forming a community panel and a youth panel.

### Site background

The land has been included within the recently adopted Braintree Local Plan (Policy LPP 21) and Feering Neighbourhood Plan for a mix of homes, community and education facilities, employment, and open spaces.



Whilst there are some parameters we will work within, there is still a wealth of opportunity to create a space that is of benefit to you. That might be contributing to the 'look and feel' of the place and ensuring it builds on and complements the identity of the area. It might be working together to think creatively about the employment space to ensure it offers residents of the broader Feering area with new opportunities. It might also be designing places which give young people somewhere to go and enjoy their leisure time. These are just a few examples and by working together we are determined to make this development beneficial to current and future residents of the area.

## How can you get involved?



### Youth panel

The youth panel will consist of young local residents (24 and under) to ensure that we hear ideas and opinions, and empower young people to help steer the project. The panel will meet **every 4 - 5 weeks**. If you are interested in becoming a member of the youth panel, please get in touch with us at [info@landatfeering.co.uk](mailto:info@landatfeering.co.uk).



### Community panel

We are looking to establish a community panel, which will consist of local residents and is an opportunity for you to help steer aspects of the project. This will involve providing advice on how to engage everyone in the community, working through specific tasks and activities, and coming up with ideas for events throughout the duration. The panel will meet **every 4-5 weeks**. If you are interested in becoming a member of the community panel, please get in touch with us at [info@landatfeering.co.uk](mailto:info@landatfeering.co.uk).

## Competition

To launch our engagement activities, we are starting with a competition! We would like you to use any method of communication (e.g. photos, videos, music, art, poetry, rap, etc) to express what a 'day in the life' is like for you living and/or working in the area. With your permission, we would like to exhibit all entries at the Community Design Weekend to help contribute your experiences to the design. The entries will be judged by the community panel, youth panel, and design team with first place receiving a voucher for £50, second place £25, and third place £10.

Please submit your entries to [info@landatfeering.co.uk](mailto:info@landatfeering.co.uk) by 17.00 Friday 23rd February.



## Community Design Weekend

The Community Design Weekend will be a fun and interactive event open to the whole community to help shape a vision for the development. There will be information boards and the event will bring people together in themed workshops to openly discuss problems, dreams and solutions.

The event will take place on the **9th March** at Feering Community Centre and further details will be available closer to the time.

### Do you want to have a chat?

We will be in Feering on a regular basis. If you would like to meet up with us for a chat, please get in touch by sending an email to [info@landatfeering.co.uk](mailto:info@landatfeering.co.uk).

Our first visit will be from lunchtime on **Monday 22nd January** until **Wednesday 24th January**, with further dates throughout the year.



## Who are we?

Leading the project is The Crown Estate and as part of the team we have appointed architects, engineers, and a variety of other consultants, including experts in community engagement and co-production to work alongside our Community Partnerships Manager to ensure we realise the potential of a community-led development for everyone.



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## Who is The Crown Estate?

We are an independent business, set up by an Act of Parliament, sitting between the public and private sectors, acting in the national interest both today, and for future generations. Across communities, countryside, coast and seabed, we own and manage land for the benefit of the nation. Through our development activities, we want to help address the needs facing our country, as well as the needs of the local area, taking into consideration communities, homes, employment, nature and climate.

