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## SITTINGBOURNE AND FAVERSHAM

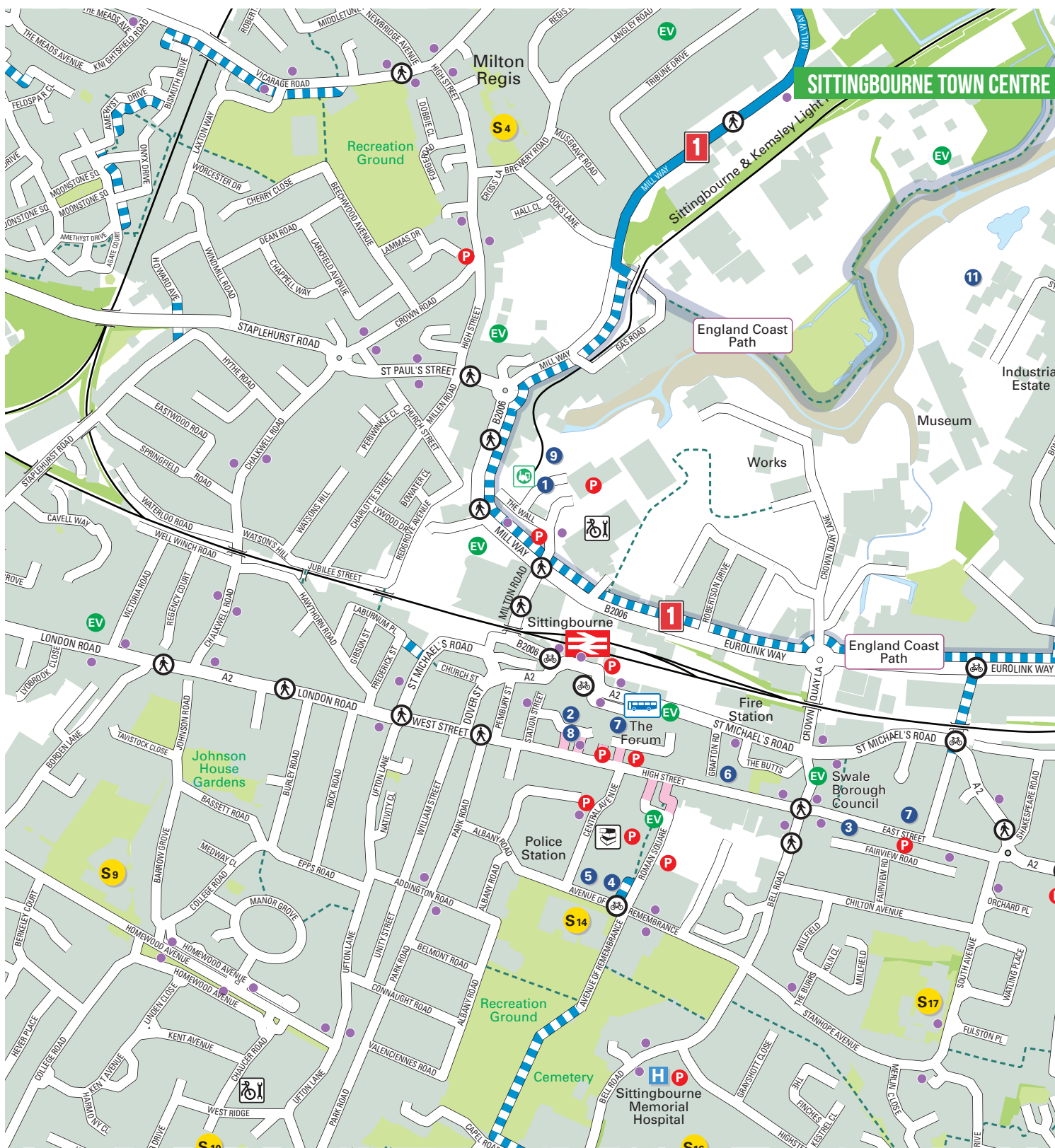
The industrial town of Sittingbourne in north Kent offers a lively town centre, excellent food offer, and plenty of access to the surrounding countryside. Nearby, the historic town of Faversham offers up another side of Kent, steeped in heritage and tradition.

In Sittingbourne, you will find plenty to entertain you with the theatre, cinema, go karting and much more. The town centre features small independent shops amongst the high street retailers as well as some charming cafes to stop at for refreshments. You can learn more about the history of the town by visiting Sittingbourne Heritage Hub and the Old Forge War Time House.

Sittingbourne is surrounded by peaceful villages set in beautiful orchards and farmlands, perfect for a day out to escape the hustle and bustle of the town. Milton Creek Country Park is the perfect spot to enjoy a picnic and look out for our local wildlife.

Follow National Cycle Route 1 to the east, through idyllic countryside to reach Faversham, the oldest market town in Kent. Here you will discover an amazing variety of independent shops, a regular street market (Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays) and fine local food and drink.

Brogdale Collections, home to over 4000 varieties of fruit trees, is well worth a visit. Take a guided tour of the orchard, sample the many flavours, and take part in regular events and festivals. Finally, unwind with a visit to Oare Marshes Nature Reserve and take in the views across the Swale to the Isle of Sheppey.



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## PLACES OF INTEREST

### Sittingbourne

- 1 Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway
- 2 The Light Cinema
- 3 Old Forge War Time House
- 4 Swallows Leisure Centre
- 5 The Avenue Theatre
- 6 Swale Media Arts Centre
- 7 Sittingbourne Heritage Museum
- 8 Sittingbourne Market
- 9 Skate Park
- 10 Murston Heart
- 11 The Meadows Community Woodland
- 12 Milton Creek Country Park
- 13 Bayford Meadows Kart Circuit
- 14 Swale Marina

### Faversham

- 15 Shepherd Neame Visitor Centre and Brewery Tour
- 16 Abbey Physic Community Garden
- 17 Church of St Mary of Charity
- 18 Royal Cinema
- 19 Faversham Market
- 20 Arden Theatre
- 21 Faversham Pools
- 22 Fleur de Lis Museum and Gallery
- 23 Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park
- 24 Oare Marshes Nature Reserve
- 25 Creek Creative

### SYNDALE VALLEY WALK

This 11-mile trail, with an optional shortcut, takes you through peaceful villages, wildlife havens and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Escape to a land that time forgot, where farming, food and rural traditions remain the cornerstones of community life among the unspoilt and picturesque scenery of the Syndale Valley.

### FAVERSHAM TWO CREEKS WALK

Discover all that Faversham has to offer on this 4.6-mile walk, taking in the historic sights of the town, the busy boatyards along the creek and the views across the marshes. This walk also takes you past Shepherd Neame, Britain's oldest brewer, where you can book a tour of the brewery.



### OARE MARSHES WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE

Starting in the quaint village of Oare, with its history of boatbuilding and fishing, follow the creek on this 5-mile walk around Oare Marshes Nature Reserve. This 200-acre site is an internationally important wetland due to the huge number of migratory and breeding wetland birds you can find here.

To find detailed guides for these routes and more visit [explorekent.org](http://explorekent.org)

### NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE 1

National Cycle Route 1 stretches all the way from the White Cliffs of Dover to the north of Scotland. The route takes in everything, from medieval towns and cathedrals to quaint villages and rolling countryside. It is an ideal escape into nature for many Kent towns. Follow it east from Sittingbourne, through Faversham and the Cathedral City of Canterbury to Dover and fantastic views from the clifftops across to France. Or go west through the Medway towns to Gravesend and London. Route 1 is also part of the Euro Velo, a network of long-distance cycle routes which connect the whole European continent.

## THINGS TO DO

### Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway

Take a fascinating journey on this heritage steam railway across a mile-long viaduct, through the marshes of a country park to Kemsley Down where a working paper mill still exists.

### Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park

This hidden gem close to Faversham town centre is a unique blend of history and wildlife. Surfaced trails lead you through scenic woodland and the abandoned ruins of the old gunpowder mills.

### Shepherd Neame Visitor Centre

Take a look behind the scenes of Britain's oldest brewery with a guided tour and experience a taste of their specialty lagers and ales.

[www.visit-swale.co.uk](http://www.visit-swale.co.uk);  
[www.visit-faversham.org](http://www.visit-faversham.org)

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34 High Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 4PB.  
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07831 563354



## GETTING AROUND

Swale has excellent rail connections to London Victoria and high speed trains from St Pancras to Faversham and Sittingbourne, where you can connect with the Swale branch line service to Sheerness on Sea. The Swale Line provides easy access to attractions including the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway, Milton Creek Country Park and the historic harbour town of Queenborough. Cycles can be taken on any offpeak Southeastern service.

National Cycle Route 1 links Faversham, Sittingbourne and Kemsley, where you can join Route 174 and follow it across the bridge to the Isle of Sheppey. Each town centre has plenty of cycle parking available. Take a close look at the map and see how easy it is to walk or cycle from your home to the station, school, or town centre.

Walking and cycle aren't just fun ways to get around leaving the car at home on some trips will save you money and reduce emissions. It also allows you to be active as part of your daily routine, helping you to stay fit and healthy.

Download the Kent Connected mobile app or go to [kentconnected.org](http://kentconnected.org) to help plan your journey. View local cycling and walking routes, bus and train times and all other information on travelling in Kent.



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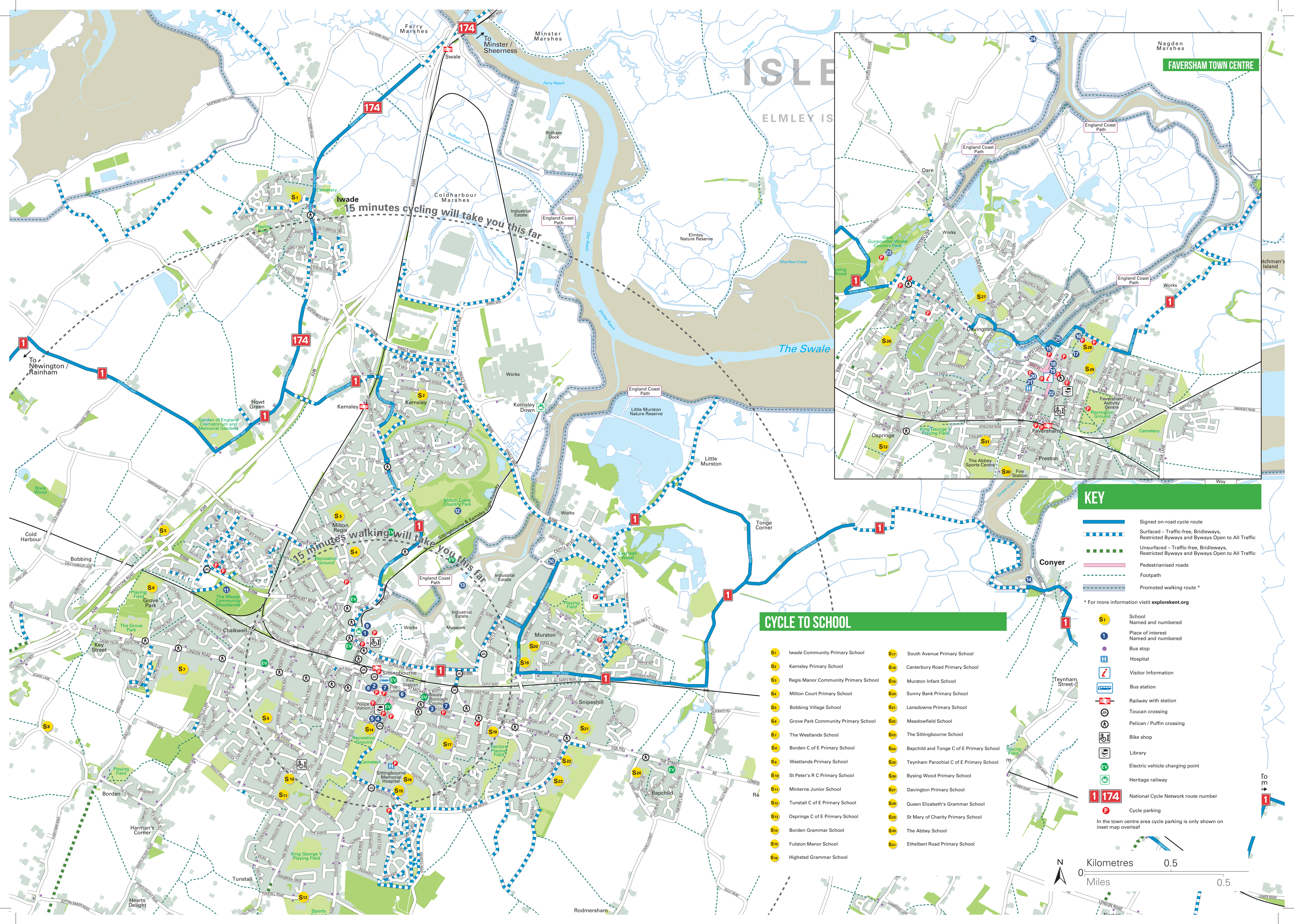
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### CYCLE TO SCHOOL

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| S1 Iwade Community Primary School       | S17 South Avenue Primary School              |
| S2 Kemsley Primary School               | S18 Canterbury Road Primary School           |
| S3 Regis Manor Community Primary School | S19 Murston Infant School                    |
| S4 Milton Court Primary School          | S20 Sunny Bank Primary School                |
| S5 Bobbing Village School               | S21 Lansdowne Primary School                 |
| S6 Grove Park Community Primary School  | S22 Meadowfield School                       |
| S7 The Westlands School                 | S23 The Sittingbourne School                 |
| S8 Borden C of E Primary School         | S24 Bapchild and Tonge C of E Primary School |
| S9 Westlands Primary School             | S25 Teynham Parochial C of E Primary School  |
| S10 St Peter's R C Primary School       | S26 Byssing Wood Primary School              |
| S11 Minterne Junior School              | S27 Davington Primary School                 |
| S12 Tunstall C of E Primary School      | S28 Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School         |
| S13 Ospringe C of E Primary School      | S29 St Mary of Charity Primary School        |
| S14 Borden Grammar School               | S30 The Abbey School                         |
| S15 Fulston Manor School                | S31 Ethelbert Road Primary School            |
| S16 Hightest Grammar School             |  |

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