



Students from
Felixstowe School
visit Eastward Ho

Investing in Education for a Growing Community

A vibrant, inclusive community needs strong educational foundations. That's why a key ambition of the North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood is to provide high-quality learning opportunities for children and young people.

The site allocation includes a new two form primary school which will be provided on site. Provision for secondary school places to meet the needs of incoming families will be provided for through CIL and S106 levies.

Education is led by Suffolk County Council, which oversees the planning and delivery of school places. While the project team is committed to supporting these outcomes, ultimate responsibility for education delivery lies with the County Council and education providers.



Engaging Felixstowe's Youth in Shaping Their Future Community

The NNFGN project is actively involving local students in its planning process, ensuring that the voices of young residents help shape the future of their town.

In a positive and inspiring workshop in April, over 30 Year 10 and Sixth Form students from Felixstowe School took part in an interactive session following site visits to Eastward Ho and the land to the West of The Grove outlined for the new leisure centre.

Engaging with consultants, students explored key topics such as sustainability, climate resilience, heritage, and sustainable transport. They shared thoughtful ideas for youth facilities and showed real enthusiasm as they discovered potential careers in planning, ecology, engineering, and design.

The session was a clear reflection of the project's commitment to giving young people a meaningful voice in shaping the future of their town.

Funded Through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Essential services like schools and healthcare facilities will be part-funded through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - a developer contribution that helps deliver the infrastructure needed to support new communities.

With approximately £7m of allocated CIL funding available from the North Felixstowe project, the team is working to:

- Support new primary and secondary education capacity
- Enhance local health provision, including GP services

While we are working to ensure these goals are built into the development, decisions on delivery rest with the statutory bodies responsible for education and health.

Expanding and Improving Local Health Services

Two GP surgeries in Felixstowe have received over **£673,000** in funding to expand services and meet rising demand, supported by East Suffolk Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Haven Health Surgery's £630,000 expansion, which included **£611,569.15** in CIL funding, has added five new clinical rooms. Backed by the NHS Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB), the completed project is expected to enable up to 60 additional appointments per 1,000 patients each week.

The Grove Medical Centre received **£61,641.68** to convert four existing rooms and part of an upstairs office into new clinical and consultation space.

As the North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood continues to grow, so too does the need for accessible, high-quality healthcare. New or expanded GP capacity will be funded through CIL and Section 106 contributions.

GP surgeries are commissioned and managed by the NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB. While the NHS and its partners are responsible for delivering and operating local services, the project team is actively working with the ICB to align neighbourhood growth with healthcare provision.

We are committed to listening and responding to YOU.

Here are some examples of how your feedback is helping to shape a masterplan for North Felixstowe.

You said.

We did.

Health

You had concerns regarding health care provision and the impact of proposed development on current infrastructure. What is the forward plan e.g., for a GP or dentist?

Some services, like healthcare and education, are planned by separate bodies such as the NHS and Suffolk County Council. The project team and Local Planning Authority are working closely with them to ensure they can plan for future population growth.

Education

Is there really a need for another Primary School and not a Secondary School?

The proposed two-form entry primary school reflects guidance from Suffolk County Council, which oversees school capacity.

Would like to see a Forest School.

ESC will continue working with SCC to ensure a robust strategy, with CIL contributions supporting additional secondary places at the existing school.

Concern about proximity of primary school to Links Avenue.

Investigated possible provision on Grove site, but very unlikely to receive support from SCC due to potential additional costs/ complications/ constraints.

The primary school is currently not located immediately adjacent to the existing housing.

Options are also being explored for moving the school off Eastward Ho, which would take it further from existing housing.

Public consultation
Completed
2024

**Engagement with
landowners**
Underway
2025

**ESC Cabinet to
decide on
submission of
outline planning
application**
Autumn 2025

**Submit outline
planning permission**
Winter 2025/26

**Preparation and
submission of
planning
application**
Winter 2025/26

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