## **Felixstowe Town Centre Benchmarking**

## **June 2016**

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### **Summary of KPI's (Key Performance indicator)**

### Boundary: Gt. Eastern Square, Hamilton road, Orwell road, Bent hill and Undercliff road.

KPI	Baseline Data					
KPI1	Total Number of Commercial Units (Oct 15)		237			
	Classification					
	(Town and Country Planning)					
A1	Shops	131	58%			
	(note: 11 Charity shops)					
A2	Financial and Professional Services	22	7%			
A3	Restaurants and Cafes	25	11%			
A4	Drinking establishments	4	2%			
A5	Hot food takeaways	15	7%			
SG	Unique establishments	11	5%			
B1	Business	0	-			
B2	General Industrial	1	1%			
C1	Hotels	4	2%			
C2	Residential Institutions	0	-			
C2A	Secure Residential Institutions	0	-			
D1	Non residential institutions	9	4%			
D2	Assembly and Leisure	6	3%			
KPI2	Retail Units (A1) by Classification					
	Convenience goods (inc Charity Shops)	38	29%			
	Comparison (all other)	93	71%			
KPI3	Key Attractors / Multiple Trader Representation					
	Key Attractors	12	5%			
	(based on 2013 Experian Goad Key Attractors)					
	Marks and Spencer, Burton, Dorothy Perkins,					
	New Look, Argos, Boots, WH Smith, Tesco,					
	Carphone Warehouse, Clarks, Clintons,					
	Superdrug, Vodaphone					
National Chains		54	41%			
	Local Chains	10	8%			
	Independent	67	51%			
KPI4	Number of vacant Units	9	4%			
KPI5	Number of Market Traders (Gt Eastern Square)	3				
KPI10	Business Confidence Survey See Appendix					

# Appendix 1 KPI1, KPI2, KPI3, KPI4, KPI5

<b>Business Name</b>	Class	Purpose of the Business	Type C/C	
Elizabeth Hotel	C1	Hotel, Events and restaurant.	3, 3	
(The Orwell)				
East of England Co-Op	A1	Groceries and electrical goods (supermarket).	С	L
Adam and Eve	A1	Hairdressing.	Р	L
Play 'n' exchange.	A1	Gaming, toys and fancy dress.	Р	ı
Empty Premises	-	-		E
Quality kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms.	A1		Р	1
Empty premises.	-	-		E
Dexter's.	A4	Bar		
Jenny's coffee shop	A3	Café		
Homebase	A1	Home wear/ Hard wear store	Р	N
Brantano's (inside co-op)	A1	Footwear	Р	N
Co-op pharmacy	A1	Pharmacy	Р	N
Co-op travel	A1	Travel agents	Р	N
Cash converters	A1		Р	N
Cancer research shop	A1	Charity shop	С	N
Sense	A1	Charity shop	С	N
The original factory shop	A1		P	N
Fairweather Stephenson and co	A2	Solicitors		
Felixstowe star and East Anglia	A1	News office	С	L
news.	A1		P	
Saxons upholstery  A and S Recruitment centre	A1 A2	Recruitment centre	P	'
Co-op funeral service	A2 A1	Funeral Service	P	N
Co-op opticians.	A1	Opticians	P	N
Favourite Chicken	A5	Take away food	<u> </u>	†'`
Corals	A2	Betting shop		
Maharaja	A5	Take away food		
Vintage tea rooms	A3	Café		
Nicholas estates.	A2	Estate Agents.	1	
Wainwrights	A2	Estate Agents		
Pierrots	A1	Stationary shop	С	I
Beiging	A5	Take Away food		
Jackamans Solicitors	A2	Solicitors		
Empty Premises		-		E
Nick barber auctions.	A1	Auctions	Р	1
Phoenix Fruiterers	A1	Fruit and vegetables.	С	1
RSPCA	A1	Charity Shop	С	N
Phillips Mobility	A1		P	1
ST. Elizabeth hospice shop	A1	Charity shop	С	L

Underwood's	A1	Hard ware store	С	lı .
Wine Boutique	A1		С	1
British red cross	A1	Charity shop	С	N
Le rich`e	A1	Hairdressing	Р	1
Hamilton Tea Rooms	A3	Café		
Post Office	A1		С	N
Galloway	A1	Public Transport line.	Р	N
Jim and Donnas	A1	Hairdressing	Р	1
Aloha Beauty	sg	Beauty salon		
Bencotto	A3	Restaurant and Bar		
Abbots	A2	Estate agents		
Fred Olsen travel	A1	Travel agents	Р	L
E.A.C.H	A1	Charity Shop	С	L
Barnardo's	A1	Charity Shop	С	N
Hado Pharmacy	A1	Pharmacy	С	1
The Deben butchers	A1	Butchers	С	1
The Bakery	A1	Bakery	С	1
The continental	A3	Restaurant		
Prezzo	A3	Restaurant		
Delvaux	A1	Gift Shop	Р	1
Kings of Felixstowe	A1	Keys, Gifts, Engraving.	С	L
Jacq Barron Flowers	A1	Flower shop	С	1
SJS	A1	News Agent	Р	I
Conkers	A1	Pet Shop	Р	I
Alford Bros	A1	Bike Shop and Bike repairs.	Р	1
NatWest	A2	Bank		
Diamond Mills	A2	Estate Agent		
Thomson	A1	Travel agent	Р	N
Vikings	A2	Estate Agents		
Ponden home	A1	Home wares shop	Р	L
Morgan's	A1	Hairdressing	Р	1
The vaping Emporium	SG	Vaping company		
Arcadian	SG	Leisure Gaming		
Triangle café	A3	Café		
Pound land	A1		С	N
The fruit and flower shop.	A1	Fruit and vegetable shop	С	1
Ladbrokes	A2	Betting shop		
Leaders	A2	Estate agents		
Gotelee Solicitors	A2	Solicitors		
The Co-op bank	A2	Bank		
Specsavers	A1	Opticians	Р	N
The Palace	D2	Cinema and bingo		
Tesco	A1	Super market	С	N
Felixstowe library	D1	Library		
Oaks Tea Room	A3	Cafe		
Treasure Chest Books	A1	Book shop	Р	1
Abbeygate Lighting	A1	Lighting shop	Р	L
Carphone Warehouse	A1		Р	N
Boots	A1	Health and Beauty Shop	Р	N
Coast side Fitness	D2	Gym		

Holland and Barrett	A1	Health and Wellbeing shop.	Р	N
BanhamDark	A2	Estate agents		
Savers	A1	Health and Beauty Shop	Р	N
Empty Premises		-		E
Yours	A1	Clothing	Р	N
Subway	A5	Take away food		
Halifax	A2	Bank		
British Heart Foundation	A1	Charity Shop	С	N
Clinton Cards	A1	Card and gift shop	С	N
Costa	A3	Café		
Nationwide	A2	Bank		
Superdrug	A1	Health and Beauty Store	Р	N
Vodafone	A1		Р	N
The sweet hut	A1	Sweet shop	Р	1
Wimpy	A5	Restaurant		
Card Factory	A1	Card, Wrapping and gifts.	С	N
HSBC	A2	Bank		
Clarkes	A1	Footwear	Р	N
WHSmiths	A1	Books, Stationary and gifts.	С	N
Hughes	A1	Electrical Store	Р	N
EE	A1		Р	N
Mobile Phone Experts	A1	Mobile device and computer	Р	1
·		repairs.		
Shoe Zone	A1	Footwear	Р	N
Claire's Accessories	A1	Female Accessories (jewellery	Р	N
		and hair etc.)		
Max Spielman Photo shop	A1	Photo Shop	Р	N
Santander	A2	Bank		
Iceland	A1	Frozen Food	Р	N
Café Nero	A3	Café		
Dorothy Perkins/Burtons	A1	Clothing	Р	N
The Works	A1	Books, Toys, Stationary and Art	Р	N
		and Craft supplies.		
Empty Premises		-		E
Marks and Spencer's	A1	Food and Clothing.	Р	N
The Edinburgh Woollen Mill	A1	Clothing	Р	N
Russel Smiths	A1	Clothing	Р	1
Coes	A1	Suits and accessories	Р	L
Gorgeous Jewels	A1	Jewellery	Р	1
Peacocks	A1	Clothing	Р	N
Boreham Christopher	A1	Jewellers	Р	1
jewellers				
Newlook	A1	Clothing	P	N
Still water books	A1	Book Store	P	I
Thomas Cook	A1	Travel Agents	Р	N
Bonmarche	A1	Clothing	Р	N
Curve Boutique	A1	Clothing	Р	1
Oxfam	A1	Charity Shop	С	N
Sandwich shop	A5	Take away food		
Chick-a-dee	A1	Children's Clothing	Р	1

Simones	A1	Hairdressing	Р	1
Greggs	A1	Bakery	С	N
		Take away food/Restaurant		
Madison's	A1	Clothing	Р	I
TSB	A2	Bank		
Livia's Boutique	A1	Clothing	Р	1
Citizens Advice Bureau	D1	Support and Advice		
Winnie and Daisy's	A1	Handmade furniture and gifts	Р	1
Baileys Photography	A1	Photographer	P	I
Colbourne Electrical	A1	Electrical Supplies	Р	1
(Couldn't see shop name for		-		E
scaffolding. Potentially an				
empty store)				
Perfect Kebab	A5	Take away food		
Polish shop Felixstowe	A1	Polish food Shop	С	1
Lillie's	A3	Café		
Suffolk Living	A1	Gift shop/ Home wear shop	Р	I
Aston Jayne Bridal	A1	Bridal/Dress shop	Р	I
The Gas Shop	A1	Fireplace Retailer	Р	1
Orwell Fisheries	A5	Fish and Chip Shop		
		Take away Food and		
		Restaurant.		
Prime	A1	Convenience Store	С	1
Back in time ,pre loved	A1	Second Hand Shop	С	1
treasures				
Poor Richards Books	A1	Book Store	С	I
Age UK Suffolk	A1	Charity Shop	С	N
Ink on Wheels	A1	Printer repairs and computer	P	I
		accessories.		
Healing Matters boutique	SG	Alternative and holistic health,		
		professional coaching and		
Nac Cabillan and Nac Lastin	A 4	skincare.	6	
Mr. Cobbler and Mr. Locks	A1	Shoe repairs, Key cutting,	С	1
		Engraving, Watches, Trophies		
J and C Webb	A1	and Printing.  Handbags, Travel bags and gifts.	Р	1
Kitchen Continental	A1	Kitchen sales/Showroom	Р	1
Golden panda	A5	Take away food	F	1
Learning Centre	D1	Education Centre		
Hills Jewellers	A1	Jewellery Store	P	1
Fresh Trims	A1	Hairdressing	Р	1
House of Beauty	SG	Beauty Salon	F	1
Scarborrows	A1	Opticians Opticians	P	1
	A1	Pharmacy	P	N
Boots Pharmacy Howard House	D1	•	F	IN
Senior citizens centre	D1	Doctors surgery		
		Austion house		
Diamond Mill Auction House	SG	Auction house	P	1
Forty 7 The Best Western Brook Hotel	A1	Hairdressing	P	1
The Best Western Brook Hotel	C1	Hotel, Events and Bar.		

Felixstowe united and	D1	Church		
reformed church				
Job Centre	A1		Р	N
Church	D1			
Argos	A1	Catalogue retailer	Р	N
Barclays	A2	Bank		
Scottbeckett	A2	Estate agents		
The café on the corner	A3	Café		
Basic	A1	Charity Shop	С	L
Greyfiars Carpets and Beds	A1	Carpet/bed Shop	Р	I
Hair artistry	A1	Hairdressing	Р	I
Saigon	A3	Restaurant		
The Thrifty Thistle	A1	Craft Shop	P	I
Blue Naan	A3	Restaurant		
Tony's nails and spa	SG	Nail salon		
Sam Moi oriental	A3	Restaurant		
Empty premises		-		E
The Card Centre	A1	Card and Poster Shop	Р	I
Taxi office	SG	Taxis		
Crafty coffee	A3	Ceramics and decopath café		
Vintage by the sea	A1	Furniture, ornaments and gifts.	Р	I
Scissor Trixs	A1	Hairdressing	Р	I
Post office	A1		Р	N
Felixstowe T.V studio	D2	Radio studio		
Ruby's Kitchen	A3	Café		
The leather shop	A1	Handbags and luggage bags	Р	I
Felixstowe Grill	A5	Take away food		
Bent Hill tattoos	SG	Tattoo Shop		
Felixstowe Art Group Art	D1	Art Gallery		
Gallery				
The Grand/The Bandbox	A4	Bar/Club		
The One29 Bar	A4	Bar		
The Cork	A4	Bar		
Empty Premises (Soon to be a		-		E
bistro)				
The Spa Pavilion	D2	Theatre, Events and café		
Alex Bar and Café	A3	Bar, café and restaurant		
Town Hall	D1	Town council, Other teams and		
		events.		
Empty premises		-		E
The pier	D2	Amusements and Casino		
Leisure centre	D2	Swimming pool, Gym, Indoor		
		bowls and events		
KW Autos	B2	Vehicle repairs		
Winnies Cafe	A3	Café		
Dominos Pizza	A5	Take away food		
Fish Dish	A3	Restaurant		
BBQ house	A5	Kebab Shop		
		Take away food		

Thai hut	A3	Restaurant		
Sweets and treats	A1	Gift shop	Р	1
The little Ice Cream company	A3	Ice cream parlour and café		
Undercliff Fish and Chips	A5	Restaurant		
(potentially closed)		Take away food		
Off-licence	A1	Off-licence	С	1
The conservatory	A3	Café		
CJ's corner house café	A3	Café		
Dorincourt Diner	C1	Café/Bed and Breakfast		
Dorincourt Guesthouse				
Wilco	A1	Bike repairs and Bike shop	Р	1
		Car parts and Car repairs		
Roots Hair Design	A1	Hairdressing	Р	1
Breez	A1	Off-licence	С	I
The Cafe	A3	Café		
Wizard Workshop	A1	Gaming/Model shop	Р	1
Undercliff laundry service	SG	Laundry service		
West end cleaners	SG	Laundry service		
Felixstowe exotics	A1	Exotic animals/exotic pet shop	Р	1
(potentially closed)				
Nice and spicy	A5	Take away food		
Ladbrokes	A1	Betting shop	Р	N
Bodrum Grill House	A5	Kebab Shop		
		Take away food		
Premier Inn		Hotel		
(In building process)				
Lidl	A1	Supermarket	С	N
Top Cutz	A1	Barbers	Р	ı

# **Appendix 2 Business Confidence Survey 2016**

# **Total responses 53**

What is the nature of your	73%	Retail
business?	13%	Financial/Professional Services e.g. Banks, Estate Agents
	2%	Public Sector
	6%	Food and Drink
	6%	Other (please specify)hairdressers
What type of business are you?	26%	Multiple Trader
	17%	Regional
	55%	Independent
	2%	Unspecified
How many people work at these	136	Full Time
premises? (this figure should	147	Part Time
include owners)	29+	Volunteers
How long has your business	4%	Less than a year
been in the town?	26%	One to Five years
	9%	Six to Ten years
	42%	More than Ten years
	19%	Unanswered
Compared to last year has your	36%	Increased
turnover?	30%	Stayed the same
	19%	Decreased
	15%	Unanswered
Compared to last year has your	32%	Increased
profitability?	34%	Stayed the same
	21%	Decreased
	13%	Unanswered
Over the next 12 months do you	40%	Increase
think your turnover will?	45%	Stay the same
	11%	Decrease
	4%	Unanswered

What are the positive	22	Prosperity of the town
aspects of having a business	4	Labour pool
located in the town? (Please	10	Environment
tick all that apply)	15	Geographical location
	20	Mix of retail offer
	30	Potential tourist customers
	34	Potential local customers
	1	Affordable housing
	12	Transport links
	26	Car parking
	2	Rental values/ Property costs
	2	Market(s)
	0	Other (please specify)
What are the negative	2	Prosperity of the town
aspects of having a business	3	Labour pool
located in the town? (Please	2	Environment
tick all that apply)	4	Geographical location
	3	Mix of retail offer
	1	Potential tourist customers
	0	Potential local customers
	1	Affordable housing
	4	Transport links
	7	Car parking
	18	Rental values/ Property costs
	5	Market(s)
	11	Local business competition
	11	Competition from other places
	21	Competition from internet
	1	Other (please specify) Building structure
Has your business suffered	28%	Yes
from any crime over the last	64%	No
12 months?	8%	Unanswered
What type of crime has your	9	Theft
business suffered over the	4	Criminal damage
last 12 months?	1	Abuse
	-	Other (please specify)
What TWO suggestions		Themed responses:
would you make to improve		
the town's economic		More events:
performance?		European Food Market (High street).
		Local town market.
		Town events, fundraising

More events in Hamilton Road eg Continental market, vintage fairs, car rally displayed down high street to increase footfall to shops.

Local Town activities spread through the town Invest in fun fair and good rides for all ages Do things on Saturday like Morris dancers Introducing other events to the Centre i.e. Ice skating/German markets. Re-introduce any sort of market.

Continental towns look more interesting.

#### Pedestrianisation

Go back to closing off High street on Saturday
No driving through the Town Centre
No traffic through town during peak trading times
Pedestrianize the town Centre
Pedestrianisation system is poor
Increase pavement width throughout all of Hamilton
Road

#### **Business Rates**

More retail shops lowering the business rates Cheaper business rates

Lower rates

Lower rates to attract businesses that will stay open.

Obvious - less rates

Lower rents, lower rates

Lower rates so business owners can improve appearance or premises.

#### Mix of Shops (Coffee and Charity Shops)

Less coffee and charity shops

No more charity shops.

Better variety of shops

Better mix of shops

Right mix of shops

Vary the sectors - too many coffee shops, charity shops

#### **Marketing and Promotion**

Support local businesses with marketing and advertising.

In summer more encouragement for tourists to visit the town as well as seafront advertising or maybe flyers with incentives

### **Car Parking / Enforcement**

Enforcing parking times would mean more cars and customers would use the town

Maintain car parking charges at same level.

Free Parking

Free car parking in town

Happy parking cheap and plentiful.

Reduce car parking charges free train/reduced fares Better parking (Free)

Free after 3pm car parking

#### **Town Centre Enhancement**

Enhance attractiveness of town and environmental improvements

Felixstowe good overhaul.

Communication

Work together – unite

Sign marking more shops etc from main street to Orwell road.

SCDC funded Town Centre business manager Include both ends of the town with the centre as they seem excluded.

Spend more money on town centre amenities.

#### **Crime and Disorder**

Working CCTV. Had phones stolen, the police said CCTV does not work.

More PCSO's patrolling town.

#### Positive

Felixstowe has it about right as it is. We welcome many customers from Ipswich, Woodbridge, Harwich etc who find the town very easy to shop in.

#### Other comments

The town is weather dependent.

Completed pier