

# FELIXSTOWE AND DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR SPORT AND RECREATION



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Dear Ash,

This local sports council which represents around 5000 sports players in Felixstowe and district as the umbrella for almost 35 affiliated clubs welcomes the opportunity to comment upon the possible allocation of the Section 106 Sports Space Fund of some £22500.

The council has always supported the concept of sports hubs as advocated by Suffolk Coastal District Council but strongly believes that they should be properly funded and that the sports clubs involved should be fully aware of the implications for them and the demands that will fall upon club volunteers together with a need for appropriate fundraising.

The council invited representatives from Felixstowe and Corinthians Cricket Club, Felixstowe Hockey Club, Felixstowe Rugby Union Football Club and Felixstowe and Walton United Football Club to its recent Executive Committee meeting to provide summaries of their current positions towards the implementation of the sports hubs and to indicate future aspirations. The representatives were then questioned and, when relevant, suggestions and advice were provided such as the possibility of gaining from Community Amateur Sports Club status. The implications of the Community Infrastructure Levy and its possible reduction of support for sport and play provision were also discussed.

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After eighty minutes, the representatives withdrew and the Executive Committee members discussed how best to comment. All four clubs had very strong junior sections totalling almost seven hundred members. It was clear that Felixstowe Rugby Union Football Club seeking new floodlights and Felixstowe and Walton United Football Club looking for a new clubhouse with changing rooms both had long leases, planning consent and had commenced fundraising in earnest. Felixstowe and Corinthians Cricket Club in a joint enterprise with Felixstowe Hockey Club still had to conclude a long lease with Felixstowe Academy where it was hoped to have two new cricket squares and a new jointly shared clubhouse in place by 2019.

In these circumstances, the Executive Committee considered that all four clubs could be regarded as having strong needs and good cases to apply for Section 106 Sports Space Funding. It was therefore agreed that the most equitable approach should all clubs subsequently apply to Felixstowe Town Council for this funding would be to earmark £10000 for Felixstowe and Corinthians Cricket Club and Felixstowe Hockey Club, £5000 for Felixstowe Rugby Union Football Club and £5000 for Felixstowe and Walton United Football Club leaving some £2500 for any other at present unknown applicants.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael Sherman  
Chairman