



## Single Use Plastic Policy

### Aims and Objectives

Felixstowe Town Council is committed to protecting and enhancing the environment, and aims to make a measurable difference to the environment and to the quality of life of the community we serve. This statement sets out how Council aims to phase out the use of single-use plastic products and encourage facility users, local businesses and the community to do the same by providing information on alternatives.

### Background

There is an increasing awareness around the impact of plastic, both in terms of waste, oil use and climate change. The environment in Felixstowe is one of our greatest assets and we need to do all we can to protect it from plastic pollution. The majority of man-made plastics are not bio-degradable, meaning they will not rot and not all plastic can be recycled. Waste and recycling are a major concern and single use plastics create unnecessary waste with negative impacts on our community.

### How Felixstowe Town Council will make a difference

Felixstowe Town Council commits to phasing out the use of single-use plastics wherever it is practical to do, on the following basis:

- Phase out single-use plastic across Council's activities.
- Immediately resolve to no longer use single-use plastic catering equipment such as plastic containers, cups, cutlery, drinks bottles, straws or plastic promotional items (e.g. flags etc.)
- Work with local businesses and the media to promote the phasing out of single-use plastic and encourage others in the town to move towards biodegradable, paper and other alternatives.
- Request suppliers and service providers contracted by the Council also cut their use of single-use plastics.

### Provision of Information to the Community and Businesses

Leading by example, Felixstowe Town Council will promote the "single use plastic free" campaign though out the Town. Council will raise awareness of the impact of single use plastic, by promoting on its website, social media, and via newsletters. Council will encourage contracted suppliers and service suppliers to also phase out their use of single-use plastic products. Through its community engagement Council will encourage residents, local schools and businesses to reduce their plastic consumption.

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