

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at
TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: Cllr C Franklin (Vice-Chair in the Chair)
Cllr N Barber Cllr T Gale
Cllr J Candy Cllr B Price

OFFICERS: Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Morrison (Planning Administration Assistant)

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public (*via Zoom*)

438. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

439. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Bird, Cllr D Aitchison, Cllr S Bennett and Cllr A Folley.**

440. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Other Registerable Interests were declared and noted:

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr J Candy	All	Other registerable interests (as Members of East Suffolk Council)

441. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 25 February 2026 be confirmed as a true record.

442. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Committee considered the following planning applications received since the last meeting and **RESOLVED** to submit the following recommendations to East Suffolk Council:

A	DC/26/0010/FUL Single-storey rear extension (to infill beneath existing overhang) and change of use of part of ground floor from commercial unit to 2x 1 bed flats and 2x 2 bed flats) Melrose House 7 Sea Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

B	DC/26/0261/FUL Change of use from a C3 home to a C2 residential children's home with independent school education on site 26 Princes Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

C	DC/26/0593/FUL Single storey extension & alterations to dwelling 10 Dovedale
Committee recommended REFUSAL. Committee raised concerns about the potential loss of light and amenity for the neighbour, contrary to SCLP11.2 c) and e); and, believe that the scale and massing of the proposal would lead to overdevelopment of the site, contrary to SCLP11.1 c) i and iii.	

D	DC/25/4932/FUL Retrospective Application - Installation of EV charger as part of Suffolk County Council Charging Channel Pilot. 29 Looe Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

E	DC/26/0544/FUL Removal of existing pyramid rooflight Old Felixstowe Community Centre Ferry Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

443. PLANNING DECISIONS

RESOLVED the decisions on planning applications by East Suffolk Council notified to the Town Council since the previous meeting be noted.

444. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Housing and Employment Land Data

Committee noted the review published by East Suffolk Council regarding the delivery of land allocated for employment and housing development. The review identified a requirement for approximately 54.7 hectares of new employment land up to 31 March 2036, noting that current Local Plans allocate 92.61 hectares to meet and exceed this need. The review also highlighted an ambitious revision of the national standard method for housing, which increases the total annual national target from 300,000 to 370,000 homes and ends the reliance on decade-old population projections. Furthermore, a stronger affordability multiplier has been introduced to focus additional growth on those areas facing the most significant housing affordability challenges.

b) Notice of Road Closures

The Clerk reported a temporary road closure in Felixstowe affecting part of Colneis Road. The closure is scheduled to take place from 6 March 2026 to 20 March 2026 to allow for essential carriageway repairs.

RESOLVED that the correspondence above be noted.

445. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.30am. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 9.30am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____