

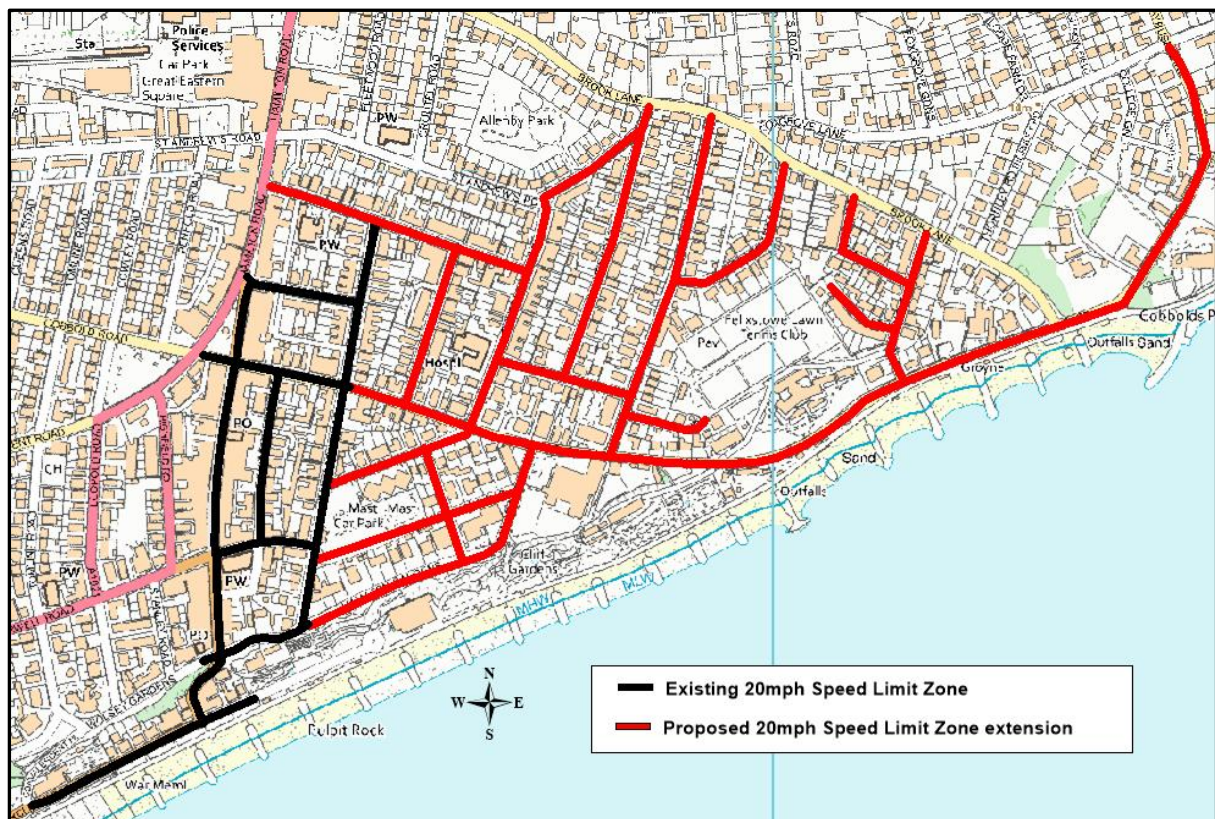
# FELIXSTOWE

## REQUEST FOR A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT ZONE EXTENSION

### Introduction

County Councillor Seamus Bennett contacted the Safety and Speed Management Team about a wish to pursue an extension of the current 20mph speed limit zone in Felixstowe. The proposal was put to the Town Council which supported the proposal.

The extent of the request is shown in the plan below:



### Road Description

Felixstowe is a seaside town located north of where the River Stour and River Orwell meet. Felixstowe is accessed off the A14 and has one of the United Kingdoms biggest and busiest container ports. The 20mph speed limit zone extension is proposed within the current conservation area on the southeastern side of Felixstowe. The location is very popular with visitors, and the main town centre area and sea front is very busy during the tourist season.

Most vehicles wishing to access Felixstowe do so via the A14 and then filter into the town and down to the town centre and sea front areas.

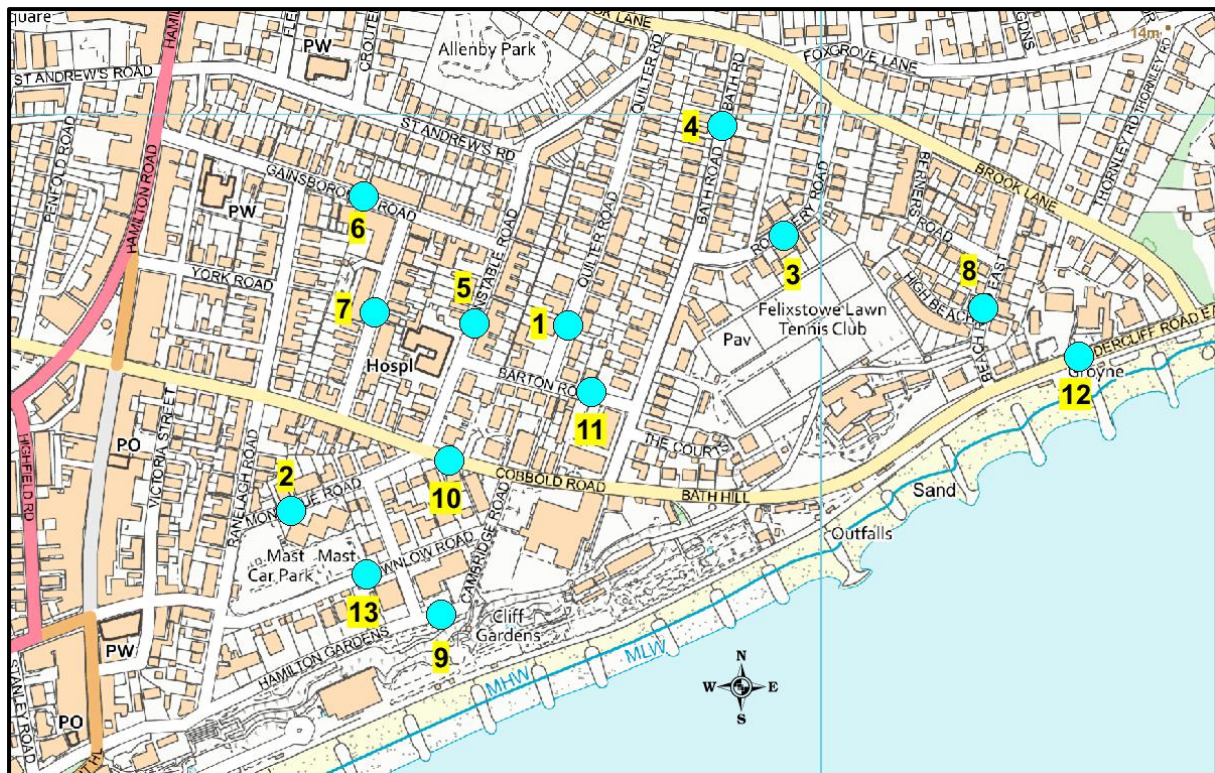
The Town is also a popular destination for cyclists

## Development

The area has a high level of residential development, with a small number of retail outlets and hotels. The proposal is intended to include the remaining areas of the conservation area not included in the original 20mph zone.

## Traffic Survey

Traffic survey data was collected at 13 locations between 9 May 2025 and 15 May 2025. The location map and tables below summarise the speeds and volumes of traffic reported:



**Site 1 – Quilter Road**

	South Bound			North Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	92	18	13	105	18	13
<b>10 May</b>	83	18	13	85	18	13
<b>11 May</b>	77	18	13	74	16	12
<b>12 May</b>	113	20	15	125	19	14
<b>13 May</b>	96	19	15	109	18	14
<b>14 May</b>	107	19	14	92	18	13
<b>15 May</b>	89	19	15	84	19	14
<b>5-day Average</b>	99	19	14	103	18	13
<b>7-day Average</b>	94	19	14	96	18	13

**Site 2 – Montague Road**

	East Bound			West Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	264	23	17	449	23	17
<b>10 May</b>	209	23	17	382	23	17
<b>11 May</b>	162	21	16	298	22	17
<b>12 May</b>	266	23	17	403	23	18
<b>13 May</b>	266	22	16	407	23	17
<b>14 May</b>	257	22	16	390	22	17
<b>15 May</b>	240	23	17	437	23	18
<b>5-day Average</b>	259	22	17	417	23	17
<b>7-day Average</b>	238	22	17	395	23	17

**Site 3 – Rosebery Road**

	East Bound			West Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	74	23	18	49	22	16
<b>10 May</b>	88	24	18	49	21	15
<b>11 May</b>	83	22	16	53	22	17
<b>12 May</b>	101	24	19	65	22	17
<b>13 May</b>	102	24	19	62	23	16
<b>14 May</b>	100	23	18	57	22	16
<b>15 May</b>	83	23	17	54	21	16
<b>5-day Average</b>	92	23	18	57	22	16
<b>7-day Average</b>	90	23	18	56	22	16

**Site 4 – Bath Road**

	South Bound			North Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	366	24	18	436	24	19
<b>10 May</b>	339	24	19	381	24	19
<b>11 May</b>	261	24	19	358	24	19
<b>12 May</b>	378	24	19	443	24	19
<b>13 May</b>	259	24	18	280	24	19
<b>14 May</b>	368	24	18	428	24	19
<b>15 May</b>	342	24	19	385	24	20
<b>5-day Average</b>	343	24	19	394	24	19
<b>7-day Average</b>	330	24	19	387	24	19

**Site 5 – Constable Road**

	South Bound			North Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	443	23	17	362	22	16
<b>10 May</b>	380	23	17	305	22	17
<b>11 May</b>	295	24	18	228	22	17
<b>12 May</b>	424	23	18	387	23	17
<b>13 May</b>	438	23	17	383	23	17
<b>14 May</b>	438	23	17	378	23	17
<b>15 May</b>	468	24	18	412	24	18
<b>5-day Average</b>	442	23	17	384	23	17
<b>7-day Average</b>	412	23	17	351	23	17

**Site 6 – Gainsborough Road**

	East Bound			West Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	437	22	17	262	21	16
<b>10 May</b>	389	22	16	225	20	15
<b>11 May</b>	268	21	16	193	20	16
<b>12 May</b>	347	22	17	218	22	16
<b>13 May</b>	385	22	16	237	22	16
<b>14 May</b>	388	22	16	232	21	15
<b>15 May</b>	401	23	17	214	22	16
<b>5-day Average</b>	392	22	17	233	22	16
<b>7-day Average</b>	374	22	16	226	21	16

**Site 7 – Felix Road**

	South Bound			North Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	105	17	12	127	15	11
<b>10 May</b>	86	16	11	81	14	11
<b>11 May</b>	81	15	11	93	14	11
<b>12 May</b>	90	16	12	90	15	12
<b>13 May</b>	107	17	12	88	15	11
<b>14 May</b>	102	15	11	93	15	11
<b>15 May</b>	94	16	12	91	15	12
<b>5-day Average</b>	100	16	12	98	15	11
<b>7-day Average</b>	95	16	12	95	15	11

**Site 8 – Beach Road East**

	South Bound			North Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	92	17	12	146	18	14
<b>10 May</b>	76	15	12	140	18	14
<b>11 May</b>	90	17	13	164	19	14
<b>12 May</b>	89	15	12	145	18	14
<b>13 May</b>	89	16	12	132	18	13
<b>14 May</b>	75	15	12	124	18	13
<b>15 May</b>	82	17	13	144	18	13
<b>5-day Average</b>	85	16	12	138	18	13
<b>7-day Average</b>	85	16	12	142	18	14



**Site 9 – Hamilton Gardens / Cambridge Road**

	East Bound			West Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	868	29	23	524	25	20
<b>10 May</b>	845	28	22	508	25	19
<b>11 May</b>	760	28	22	516	25	19
<b>12 May</b>	822	28	22	522	25	20
<b>13 May</b>	857	28	23	542	26	21
<b>14 May</b>	773	29	23	490	24	19
<b>15 May</b>	757	29	24	397	25	20
<b>5-day Average</b>	815	28	23	495	25	20
<b>7-day Average</b>	812	28	23	500	25	20

**Site 10 – Cobbold Road / Bath Hill**

	East Bound			West Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	642	25	21	800	24	20
<b>10 May</b>	517	24	20	762	24	20
<b>11 May</b>	508	25	20	742	24	19
<b>12 May</b>	618	24	20	764	24	20
<b>13 May</b>	623	25	20	808	24	20
<b>14 May</b>	618	24	20	730	24	20
<b>15 May</b>	606	25	20	724	24	20
<b>5-day Average</b>	621	25	20	765	24	20
<b>7-day Average</b>	590	25	20	761	24	20

**Site 11 – Barton Road**

	East Bound			West Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	90	20	14	69	18	14
<b>10 May</b>	86	20	14	79	18	13
<b>11 May</b>	86	19	14	63	18	13
<b>12 May</b>	106	19	14	89	18	14
<b>13 May</b>	108	19	14	87	19	14
<b>14 May</b>	110	19	15	84	19	14
<b>15 May</b>	123	20	15	68	19	14
<b>5-day Average</b>	107	20	14	79	19	14
<b>7-day Average</b>	101	19	14	77	19	14

**Site 12 – Undercliff Road East / Maybush Lane**

	East Bound			West Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
<b>9 May</b>	1111	28	21	957	27	21
<b>10 May</b>	1028	25	20	997	24	19
<b>11 May</b>	1019	25	19	1105	24	18
<b>12 May</b>	1118	27	21	1029	26	20
<b>13 May</b>	1088	28	22	1001	27	21
<b>14 May</b>	1032	28	21	955	27	21
<b>15 May</b>	987	28	23	782	29	23
<b>5-day Average</b>	1067	28	21	945	27	21
<b>7-day Average</b>	1055	27	21	975	26	20

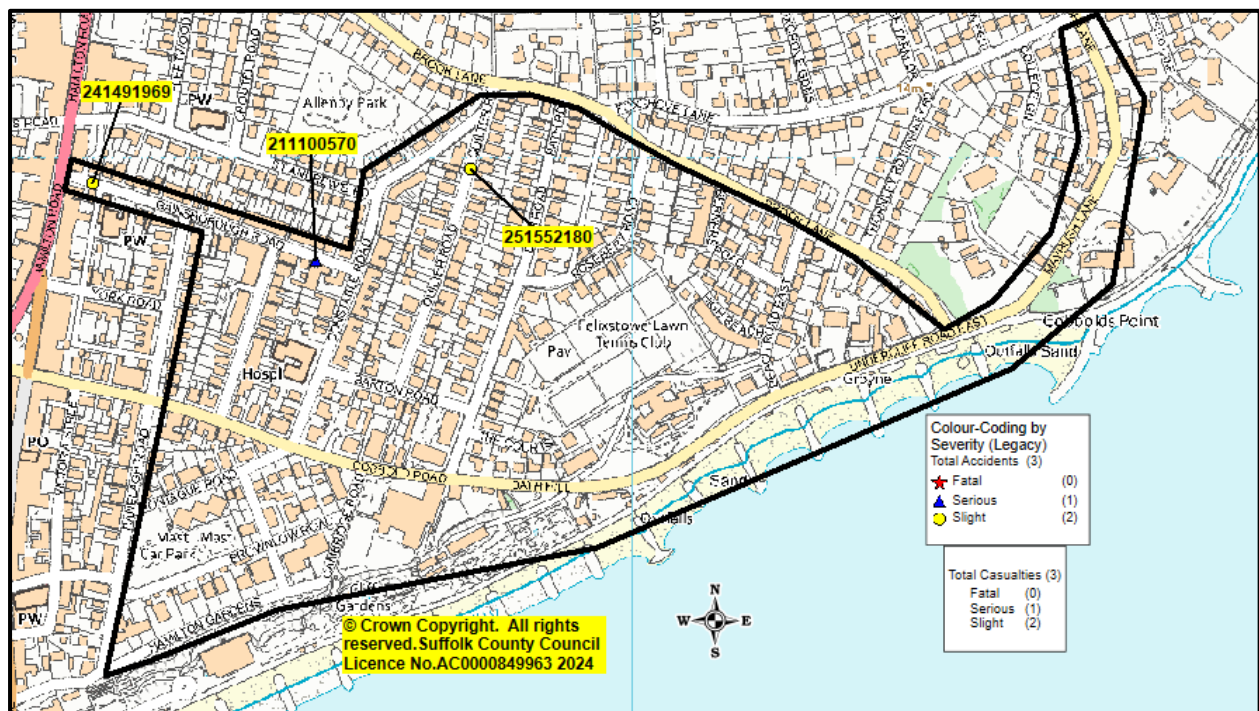


## Site 13 – Brownlow Road

	East Bound			West Bound		
	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean	Volume	85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Mean
9 May	273	21	16	208	23	18
10 May	209	19	15	160	24	18
11 May	175	20	15	116	22	17
12 May	246	21	16	204	23	17
13 May	248	21	16	222	22	17
14 May	233	22	16	195	24	18
15 May	239	21	16	213	22	17
5-day Average	248	21	16	208	23	17
7-day Average	232	21	16	188	23	17

## Collision Data

Injury collisions were checked for the 5-year period between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2025 and three injury collisions were recorded within the area under investigation as shown below:



**211100570** – On 10 October 2021, Vehicle 1, A motorcycle 50cc and under, travelling along Gainsborough Road. The Rider, under the influence of alcohol and not wearing a helmet, loss control and crashed into a kerb. The rider sustained a serious injury.

**241491969** – On 14 September 2024, Vehicle 2, a pedal cyclist, was coming out of a side passage and was struck by Vehicle 1, a car. Vehicle 1 failed to stop, and witnesses were unable to note the registration number of the car. The rider of Vehicle 2 sustained a slight injury.

**251552180** – On 9 February 2025, Vehicle 1, a car, has been travelling along Quilter Road in the direction of Brook Lane when his vehicle has collided with Vehicle 2, A car, causing Vehicle 1 to roll onto its roof and collide with Vehicles 3, a car, and Vehicle 4, a car. Vehicles 2, 3 and 4 were parked and unattended at the time. Driver of Vehicle 1 was able to exit via a broken driver's side window and was located a short distance away from the crash site. The Driver of Vehicle 1 failed a roadside breath test and was subsequently arrested. Driver of Vehicle 1 sustained a slight injury.

### **County Councillors Comments**

*As SCC Councillor for Felixstowe Coastal division, and having instigated this survey and report, I fully support its findings. All the roads surveyed meet Highway's current criteria for implementing 20mph, which in this case represents a logical extension of the small existing 20mph zone to complete 20mph throughout Felixstowe's densely-populated central Conservation Area.*

*Specifically, both sections of the current Highways guidance are met.*

*3.2 The motion to request the surveys was strongly supported by Felixstowe Town Council at Full Council in June 2025, while all mean speeds are below 30mph. No A or B roads are being considered.*

*3.3 all current mean speeds are, as preferred by the police, at or below 24mph, while there is significant walking and cycling within the residential area and to/from facilities such as Felixstowe hospital, Salvation Army, the beach, Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association (the 'Hut'), Fludyers hotel/pub, nearby locations e.g Colneis, Fairfield and Kingsfleet schools, the Town Ground, Spar shop & post office, and of course the town centre itself. All these facilities are well within walking / cycling / mobility scooter distance of the residential streets surveyed in this report so the completion of a consistent 20mph zone will reduce risk of collisions and injuries (which have occurred on these roads in the last 5 years) and calmer streets will encourage more use of healthier, cleaner walking & wheeling to reach key locations, visit friends etc.*

*For clarity, I also support the retention of Bath Hill and Undercliff Road East in the zone: these roads are partly residential and include a large number of beach huts and chalets which generate significant pedestrian movement to/from/among parked vehicles, including children, families and the elderly accessing the seaside and associated facilities. Cllr Seamus Bennett*

### **Parish Council Comments**

(to be added when available)

### **Police Comments**

Having had a quick look at the report and being familiar with the locations, I agree in the main with your assessment.

My only observation would be that Undercliff Road and Bath Hill may need some additional engineering measures to achieve compliance. I note that the mean speeds imply it, but this location still has a significant number (indicated by the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile) that would be offending.

Personally, I feel that since this road serves more as an access road and less residential, in addition to the lack of any recorded RTCs along these roads, the 20mph request may be best excluding this section. Compliance to the 30mph is excellent and as stated there are no reported RTCs.

## Summary for consideration

Suffolk County Council's Speed Limit Policy gives guidance on where speed limits less than the national levels should be considered. For a 20mph speed limit the following should be considered, officer comments are inserted below:

3.2 Unless in exceptional circumstances, locations will not be considered for 20mph speed limit schemes where any of the following apply:

- **They are on A or B class roads**  
*There are no A or B class roads within the area being considered. This criterion does not apply.*
- **They have existing mean speeds above 30mph**  
*All mean speeds are below 30mph.*
- **There is no significant community support as assessed by the Local County Councillor**  
*The speed limit is being supported by both the County Councillor, and the Parish Council adopted the proposal which suggests community support.*

3.3 Locations will then only be considered for 20mph limits or zones if two out of three of the following criteria are met:

- **Current mean speeds are at or below 24mph**  
*All mean speeds are at or below 24mph. Officers are satisfied that this meets the criterion*
- **There is a depth of residential development and evidence of pedestrian and cyclist movements within the area**  
*There is significant residential development within this area and with the odd retail outlets there will be significant pedestrian movements. Felixstowe is a popular destination for leisure cyclists as well. Officers believe this criterion has been met.*
- **There is a record of injury accidents (Based on Police accident data) within the area within the last five years**  
*There have been three recorded injury collisions in the 5-year period. Two have been reported as being under the influence of Alcohol and one being a hit and run. Officers are unsure if this satisfies this criterion.*

## Conclusion

(to be added when all comments have been received and the report is to be finalised).