



SPRING 2022 YOUTH VOICE REPORT

Felixstowe Peninsula



This term, Youth Voice asked the young people of the area what they like about where they live, and what needs to be improved.

The seafront including beach, pier and spa gardens had the highest response in what they liked most about where they live. Other responses included the easy to access public toilets, skatepark and other sporting facilities.

41%



However, 41% of young people asked said there is not enough variety of things to do.

Young people of the Felixstowe Peninsula advised they would like to see improvements to the skate park, and other sporting opportunities such as badminton and basketball. Other interests such as politics and the need for a youth parliament or council were an item of discussion.

22% said that young adults taking drugs and vaping makes them feel uncomfortable. Some advised older teenagers carrying knives and congregating in large crowds at the skatepark makes them feel intimidated and unsafe.



PC Partridge from Felixstowe Police says

"The Skate Park in Felixstowe is there for everyone to use and it is a shame to hear that there are instances where people are feeling intimidated by others. Each summer the Police patrol parks and open spaces as part of Operation Lolworth. Any incidents can be reported to Police on Tel 101 or online via www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something

Morrisons is a safe place to attend near the Skatepark if you need immediate assistance and you are unable to use your phone, a staff member will help you. In an emergency always dial 999. "

"We have had information that vapes are being sold to young people in Felixstowe and we are currently working with Trading Standards.

Information can be reported anonymously via [CrimeStoppers 0800 555 111](tel:0800555111)"



of young people's concerns related to the environment and amount of litter they see on the street. However, a hot topic of discussion came from environmental impacts of 'throw away culture' and 'fast fashion'.

Other comments received were in relation to the town centre. This included lack of places young people like to shop in, but also shops in general as many have closed down. The general look of the town was also discussed citing that the disused billboards didn't look very nice.

The Community Partnership have recently revised their priorities to include 'Improving the physical health and wellbeing of primary school children'.

This term, youth voice is asking for young people's opinions on healthy eating habits and attitudes to help with this priority. To be involved, follow the QR code and select Felixstowe Peninsula under 'Have your Say'



Councillor Mark Jepson says "I want to thank the young people for raising some very important and thought provoking issues. I encourage you all to participate in this term's theme on healthy eating so the Community Partnership has real voices from those this priority affects."