

List of Streets – Further Information

Under the Highways Act (1980), Section 36(6), every highway authority has to keep corrected and up to date a record of highways maintainable at public expense which may be inspected by the public. This is referred to as the 'List of Streets'.

The presence of a street on our list does not necessarily mean it can be driven or ridden along. For example it may be subject to a traffic regulation order restricting use.

The streets within each file are organised by Parish and Street Type (see definitions below), and ordered alphabetically by Street Name.

In addition to the Parish, Street Type & Street Name, four additional items of data have been included:

Route No	For Carriageways this is usually the commonly known road number (A120, B1123, C711, U8222, etc.) For other entries this is usually a reference number used for searching purposes
Length KM	This is the total length of a particular street Where a street is partially maintained at public expense, this is blank
Public	Denotes which proportion of the street is maintainable at public expense
USRN	The National Street Gazetteer is a database of all streets in England and Wales compiled from the responsible highway authorities. Within this database, each Street is assigned a Unique Street Reference Number

Street Type Definitions

Each street within the List of Streets has been assigned a Definition:

Bridleway	A way over which the public have a right of way on foot, horseback or on pedal cycle
Byway Open to All Traffic	A way over which the public have a right of way on foot, horseback, pedal cycle or with a vehicle but the route is mainly used by the public for walking or for riding.
Carriageway	A way over which the public may have a right of way for the passage of vehicles, pedestrians and/or horses.
Cycle Track or Cycle Way	A way over which the public have the following, but no other, rights of way, that is to say, a right of way on pedal cycles other than pedal cycles which are motor vehicles within the meaning of the Road Traffic Act (1988) with or without a right of way on foot

Green Lane	The term 'green lane' is not legally defined. However, in our List of Streets it describes an unsurfaced unclassified road, which may or may not have public vehicular rights
Pedestrian Way or Footpath	A way over which the public have a right of way on foot only
Restricted Byway	A way over which the public have a right of way on foot, pedal cycle, horseback, when leading a horse, and with a nonmechanically propelled vehicle

Please note that, although all public rights of way have been included in the list (in order to include them in the database for the National Street Gazetteer) there are a minority of public rights of way which are not maintainable at public expense. If you need to confirm the maintainable status of a public right of way please contact the definitive map team by email: definitivemap.enquiries@suffolk.gov.uk or telephone: 01473 264774.

What does the List of Streets not show?

The 'list of streets' does not show:

All the streets in Suffolk	The List of Streets only indicates highways that are maintainable at public expense and does not include streets that are privately maintained
Trunk Roads	Please contact the Highways Agency Information Line
Who owns the land	Highways can run over land that is recorded as being in private ownership
The width of the Highway	Entries on the list may include a length but the width of the highway is not given
Private access rights	The records show which highways can be used by the public, they do not show private rights of access
Private streets maintained by the council	The List of Streets does not show streets that the Council maintains that are not highway. For example some access roads to Council depots and within school boundaries