

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER  
SECTION 53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE PARISH OF BACTON  
IN THE DISTRICT OF MID SUFFOLK**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF BACTON) MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

On 14 July 2025 Suffolk County Council confirmed the above-named order as unopposed. The effect of the order as confirmed is to modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding a public footpath at Pulham's Lane from the southern end of the unclassified road at Ordnance Survey grid reference 60550,26704 (point I) to a junction with footpath 14 at Ordnance Survey grid reference 60534,26664 (point B); adding another footpath from footpath 13 at Ordnance Survey grid reference 60585,26702 (point C) running alongside the railway line to a junction with footpath 14 at Ordnance Survey grid reference 60552,26642 (point D); and adding another footpath linking these from Ordnance Survey grid reference 60539,26675 (point F) to Ordnance Survey grid reference 60561,26659 (point E), as shown on the order map.

A copy of the order and the order map may be obtained by email or post free of charge by contacting David Last on tel: 01473 264770 or email: [david.last@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:david.last@suffolk.gov.uk). They can also be viewed at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/making-changes-to-the-definitive-map-and-statement> or inspected at Bacton Post Office, Shop Green, Wyverstone Road, Bacton, Stowmarket, IP14 4LG. Opening times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 09.00 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 17.30, Wednesday and Saturday 09.00 to 12.30. Sunday closed.

The order became operative on 14 July 2025 but if any person aggrieved by the order desires to question its validity or any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53 or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 have not been complied with, then they may within 42 days of the date of publication of this notice apply to the High Court.

Dated: 31 July 2025



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**WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF BACTON)  
MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

This Order is made by Suffolk County Council under section 53(2)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act"), because it appears to that authority that the Definitive Map and Statement for the parish of Bacton in the district of Mid Suffolk require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in sections 53(3)(b) namely, the expiration, in relation to any way in the area to which the map relates, of any period such that the enjoyment by the public of the way during that period raises a presumption that the way has been dedicated as a public path.

The authority has consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates. The Suffolk County Council hereby order that:

1. For the purpose of this Order the relevant date is 1 March 2025.
2. The Definitive Map and Statement for the parish of Bacton in the district of Mid Suffolk shall be modified as described in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to the Order.
3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the Suffolk County Council (Parish of Bacton) Modification Order 2025.

Date: 19 MARCH 2025

The common seal of  
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL  
was hereunto affixed  
in the presence of:

*JM*



An authorised Officer of the Council

This within written Order was this 14<sup>th</sup> day of JULY  
2025 confirmed as an unopposed Order by Suffolk  
County Council

Signed:

*[Signature]*

**Nigel Inniss**  
Head of Legal Services

## SCHEDULE

### PART 1

#### Modification of Definitive Map

Description of footpaths to be added:

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for the parish of Bacton a footpath from Ordnance Survey grid reference 60550,26704 (point I) to Ordnance Survey grid reference 60534,26664 (point B) as shown on the attached map.

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for the parish of Bacton a footpath from Ordnance Survey grid reference 60539,26675 (point F) to Ordnance Survey grid reference 60561,26659 (point E) as shown on the attached map.

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for the parish of Bacton a footpath from Ordnance Survey grid reference 60585,26702 (point C) to Ordnance Survey grid reference 60552,26642 (point D) as shown on the attached map.

### PART 2

#### Modification of Definitive Statement

Particulars of footpaths to be added:

There shall be added to the Definitive Statement for Bacton the following particulars:

#### **Bacton footpath 37**

Commencing at a junction with the unclassified maintainable highway that is known as Pulham's Lane at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 60550,26704 (point I) and progressing in a south south-westerly direction for 315 metres to a junction with footpath 38 at OSGR 60539,26675 (point F); continuing for 187 metres looping to the east and south around a pond feature to terminate at a junction with footpath 14 at OSGR 60534,26664 (point B).

Width: 3 metres

(Based on an average of the widths stated in user evidence, which fits within the existing boundaries of Pulham's Lane).

#### **Bacton footpath 38**

Commencing at a junction with footpath 37 at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 60539,26675 (point F) and progressing in an east north-easterly direction as a field edge path north of a moat feature for 83 metres to OSGR 60548,26676; changing to a south-



easterly direction around the moat and continuing as a field edge path for 230 metres to terminate at a junction with footpath 39 at OSGR 60561,26659 (point E).

Width 1.5 metres

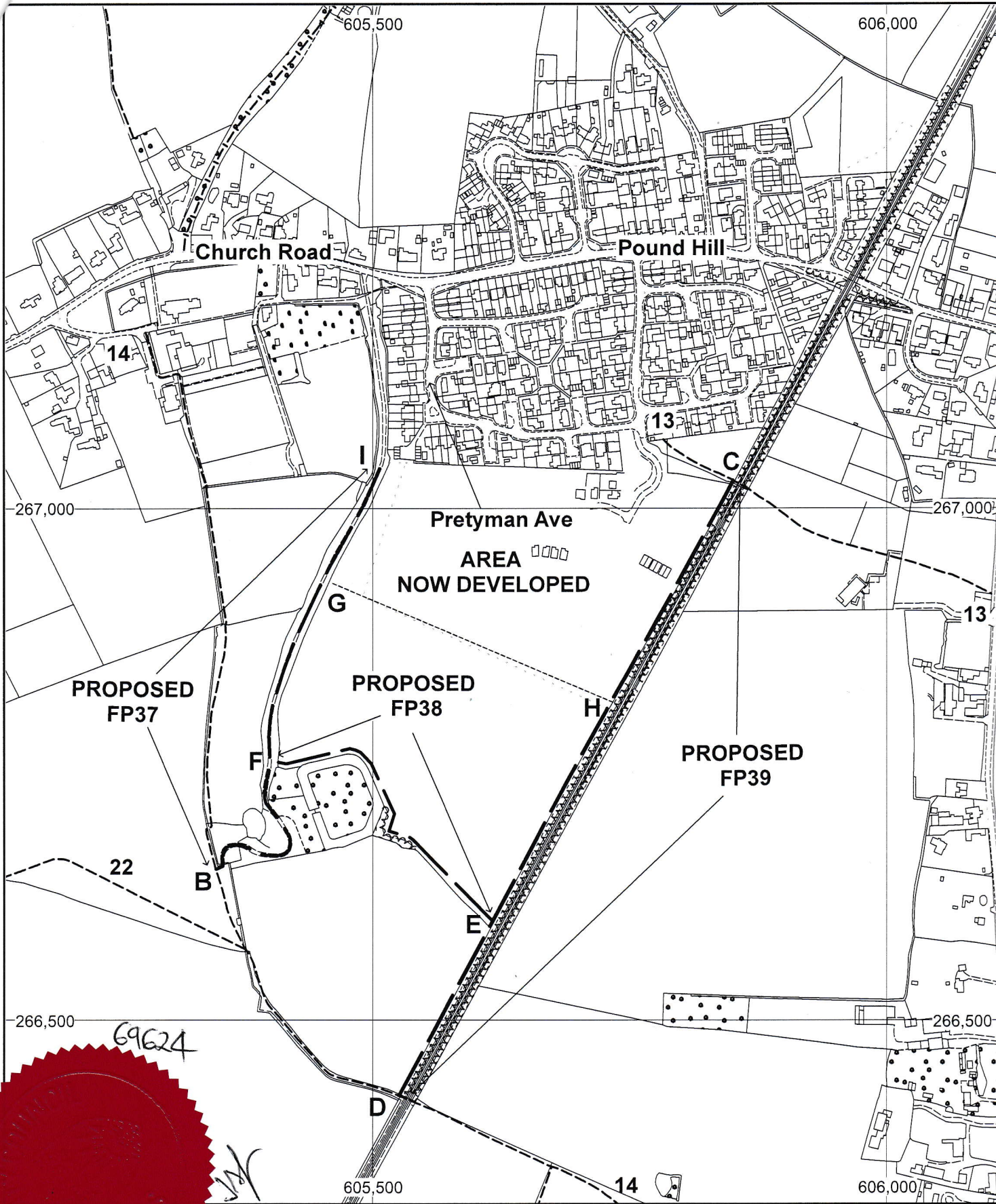
(The widths stated in the user evidence mainly relate to when the wider field margins were in place as part of the government scheme, not before. Therefore in the absence of any other evidence this is the minimum width that the highway authority would seek to be reinstated following disturbance or obstruction, as set out in the Highways Act 1980 Schedule 12a).

### **Bacton footpath 39**

Commencing at a junction with footpath 13 at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 60585,26702 (point C) and progressing in a south-westerly direction for 490 metres parallel to the railway line fencing, to a junction with footpath 38 at OSGR 60561,26659 (point E); and continuing for 194 metres to terminate at a junction with footpath 14 at OSGR 60552,26642 (point D).

Width 1.5 metres

(The widths stated in the user evidence mainly relate to when the wider field margins were in place as part of the government scheme, not before. Therefore in the absence of any other evidence this is the minimum width that the highway authority would seek to be reinstated following disturbance or obstruction, as set out in the Highways Act 1980 Schedule 12a).



### Proposed Bacton Footpaths 37, 38 and 39



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- Existing Public Footpath
- |-|-|-|- Existing Bridleway
- Claimed Public Footpath



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