NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL PARISH OF TRIMLEY ST MARTIN (FOOTPATH 30 (PART) AND FOOTPATH 32(PART)) FOOTPATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2025

The above order was made on 25 June 2025 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. The order will:

- a) divert part of Trimley St Martin Footpath 30 commencing from a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 31 at Ordnance Survey grid reference (OSGR) TM 27053732 and proceeding in a south-south-westerly direction to join the existing route at OSGR TM 27013712; to a new line commencing at a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 and the new route of Footpath No 32 at OS grid reference TM 27033733, and proceeding in a southerly direction to join the existing route at OS grid reference TM 27013712, as shown on the order map;
- b) divert part of Trimley St Martin Footpath 32 commencing from OS grid reference TM 27063763 and proceeding in south-south-westerly and southerly directions to a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 at OS grid reference TM 27013733; to a new line commencing at OS grid reference TM 27063763 and proceeding in a south-south-westerly direction to OS grid reference TM 27033733 at a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 and the new route of Footpath No 30, as shown on the order map.

A copy of the order and the order map and an explanatory statement may be seen free of charge at Felixstowe Library, Crescent Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7BY. Opening times: Sunday and Monday between 10.00am until 4.00pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9.00am and 5:30pm, Wednesday between 9.00am and 7:30pm and Saturday between 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Copies of the order and the order map and an explanatory statement may be obtained by email or post free of charge by contacting Hannah Treacy on telephone: 01284 758246 or email: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/making-changes-to-the-definitive-map-and-statement

Any representation or objection relating to the order must be sent in writing to the Definitive Map Manager, Rights of Way and Access, Suffolk Highways, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich IP1 5NP to arrive not later than 1 August 2025. Please state the grounds on which they are made. Please bear in mind that such correspondence cannot be treated as confidential and may be inspected by any interested party. For further information please refer to Suffolk County Council's Rights of Way and Access Privacy Notice which can be viewed online at:

https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/privacy-notice/rights-of-way-and-access-privacy-notice/

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Suffolk County Council may confirm the orders as unopposed. If the orders are sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation, any representations or objections that have not been withdrawn will be sent with them.

Dated: 3 July 2025

Nigel Inniss

Head of Governance, Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 1BX

THIS IS AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL PARISH OF TRIMLEY ST MARTIN (FOOTPATH 30 (PART) AND FOOTPATH 32 (PART)) FOOTPATH DIVERSION ORDER 2025

Under the Highways Act 1980, county and district councils have the power to make orders to create, extinguish (close) or divert public rights of way. A notice that such an order has been made has to be advertised on the site of the path in question and in the local press. This provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made to the proposed change.

Suffolk County Council has made an order to divert part of Trimley St Martin Footpath 30 and part of Trimley St Martin Footpath 32 as shown on the order map. The new routes of Footpath 30 and 32 will be 2 metres wide.

Before making a diversion order the County Council must be satisfied that it is expedient to divert the path in the interests either of the public, or of the owner, lessee or occupier of the land, or both.

The County Council must also be satisfied that the diversion order does not alter any point of termination of the path, other than to a point on the same path, or another highway connected with it, and which is substantially as convenient to the public.

We must also have regard to the needs of agriculture, forestry and the breeding or keeping of horses, nature conservation and any material requirement of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

We believe that the legal tests for making and confirming a diversion order can be met.

The diversion of Footpath 30 is in the interests of the owners of the land and of the public. The section of the route to be diverted runs through an arable field, and over time has shifted up to 20 metres west of the recorded legal alignment to the edge of the field. The proposed route will be easier for the public to follow and won't be subject to cultivation and seasonal disturbance. The northern termination point will move 20 metres to the west and link to Footpath 58. The southern termination point is unchanged.

The diversion of Footpath 32 is in the interests of the owners of the land and of the public. The section of the route to be diverted runs through the centre of an arable field, and over time has shifted up to 30 metres east from the recorded legal alignment. The new route is more direct and easier for the public to follow. The northern termination point is unchanged, and the new southern termination point is 13 metres east of the existing termination point with the link to Footpath 58 retained.

Taken together, these minor network changes will meet Objectives 2.1.1, 2.2.2 and 2.3.5 of Suffolk's Rights of Way Improvement Plan (Green Access Strategy 2020-30), whilst also regularising the situation on the ground and avoid impacting on the landowner's current agricultural operations.

The order will come into effect only after it has been confirmed: making and advertising the order simply provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made.

Objections or representations relating to the order must be made in writing by 1 August 2025 to: The Definitive Map Manager, Rights of Way and Access, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP. The County Council is willing to discuss the concerns of those considering objecting or making representations relating to the order. Please contact Hannah Treacy by email: Hannah.Treacy@suffolk.gov.uk or telephone: 01284 758246.

The right of objection to an order is a statutory right, but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner. The costs involved in dealing with objections to orders are normally awarded against objectors only in cases of unreasonable behaviour.

If any objections are made and not withdrawn then the County Council will have to refer the opposed order or orders to the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate will then hear the objections at a public inquiry or hearing, or in writing if the objectors agree. The Inspector can confirm an order, confirm it with modifications, or refuse to confirm it. If no objections are received the County Council will be able to confirm the order itself but it has no power to modify orders.

Nigel Inniss

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PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF TRIMLEY ST MARTIN (FOOTPATH 30 (PART) AND FOOTPATH 32 (PART)) FOOTPATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2025

This Order is made by Suffolk County Council ('the authority') under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 ('the 1980 Act') because it appears to the authority that in the interests of the public and the owners of the land crossed by the footpath described in paragraph 1 of this Order, it is expedient that the line of the footpaths should be diverted.

This Order is also made under Section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") because it appears to the authority that the Definitive Map and Statement for the former rural district of Deben in the former County Council of East Suffolk, require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(a)(i) of the 1981 Act, namely, the diversion (as authorised by this Order) of a highway shown or required to be shown in the map and statement.

East Suffolk District Council has been consulted as required by section 120(2) of the 1980 Act.

BY THIS ORDER:

- 1. The public rights of way over the land situate at Trimley St Martin shown by bold continuous lines marked on the map attached to this and described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this order shall be stopped up with effect from the date on which Suffolk County Council certifies that the work to bring the public footpaths described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this order into a fit condition for use by the public has been carried out. Certification shall not take place prior to the creation of the new routes described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this order, and thereupon the definitive map and statement for the former Rural District of Deben in the former County Council of East Suffolk, shall be modified by deleting from it those public rights of way.
- 2. The relevant date of this Order will be as specified in paragraph 1.
- 3. There shall at the end of 44 days from the date of confirmation of this order, be public footpaths over the land situated at Trimley St Martin described in Part II of the Schedule to this order and shown by bold broken lines on the Map contained in this Order, and thereupon the Definitive Map for the former rural district of Deben in the former County Council of East Suffolk shall be modified by adding the public footpaths to it.
- 4. The Definitive Statement for the former rural district of Deben in the former County Council of East Suffolk shall be modified as described in Part III of the Schedule to this Order.

Date:

THE COMMON SEAL OF SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL was affixed in the presence of:

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SCHEDULE

PART I

DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF EXISTING PATH OR WAY

Parish of Trimley St Martin

Footpath 30 (part)

The entire width of that part of Trimley St Martin Public Footpath No 30 commencing at a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 31 at OS grid reference TM 27053732 at point C and continuing in a generally south-south-westerly direction for approximately 207 metres to join the existing route at OS grid reference TM 27013712 at point D; this being the route shown between points C – D on the order map.

Footpath 32 (part)

The entire width of that part of Trimley St Martin Public Footpath No 32 commencing at OS grid reference TM 27063763 at point A and continuing for approximately 316 metres in generally south-south-westerly and southerly directions to a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 at OS grid reference TM 27013733 at point B; this being the route shown between points A – B on the order map.

PART II

DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF NEW PATH OR WAY

Parish of Trimley St Martin

Footpath 30

Commencing at a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 and the new route of Footpath No 32 at OS grid reference TM 27033733 at point E and continuing along the western boundary of the cultivated field in a generally southerly direction for approximately 210 metres to join the existing route at OS grid reference TM 27013712 at point D; this being the route shown between points E – D on the order map.

Width: 2 metres

Footpath 32

Commencing at OS grid reference TM 27063763 at point A and continuing for approximately 310 metres in a generally south-south-westerly direction through the cultivated field to OS grid reference TM 27033733 at point E at a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 and the new route of Footpath No 30; this being the route shown between points A – E on the order map.

Width: 2 metres

PART III

MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIVE STATEMENT

Variations of Particulars of Path or Way

Particulars of Public Footpaths to be amended

There shall be deleted from the definitive statement for the former rural district of Deben in the former County Council of East Suffolk, in the parish of Trimley St Martin in respect of Public Footpath 30, the words:

"Starts at a point branching off path 31 about 35 yards from path No. 32 and continues across field due south ..."

In place of the above, the following words shall be inserted: "Commencing at a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 and Footpath No 32 at a point at OS grid reference TM 27033733 and continuing along the western boundary of the cultivated field in a generally southerly direction for approximately 210 metres to a point at OS grid reference TM 27013712, ..."

After the words: "Recommencing from a point at stairs to a point.", the following words shall be inserted: "Width: From OS grid reference TM 27033733 to OS grid reference TM 27013712: 2 metres"

The amended Definitive Statement in respect of Public Footpath 30 will read:

"Commencing at a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 and Footpath No 32 at a point at OS grid reference TM 27033733 and continuing along the western boundary of the cultivated field in a generally southerly direction for approximately 210 metres to a point at OS grid reference TM 27013712, thence along fencing to a point near railway; thence to a point at stairs continuing over stairs to a point. Recommencing from a point at stairs to a point.

Width: From OS grid reference TM 27033733 to OS grid reference TM 27013712: 2 metres"

There shall be deleted from the definitive statement for the former rural district of Deben in the former County Council of East Suffolk, in the parish of Trimley St Martin in respect of Public Footpath 32, after the words "...Methodist Chapel and continues due south-west...", the words:

"... along edge of cultivated land and terminates at junction of path 31 and 33."

In place of the above, after the words: "Methodist Chapel and continues due south-west", the following words shall be inserted: "to a point at OS grid reference TM 27063763 and continuing for approximately 310 metres in a generally south-south-westerly direction through the cultivated field to a point at OS grid reference TM 27033733 at a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 and Footpath No 30.

Width: From OS grid reference TM 27063763 to OS grid reference TM 27033733: 2 metres"

The amended Definitive Statement in respect of Public Footpath 32 will read:

"Starts at a point on the south-west side of Felixstowe-Ipswich main road about 30 yards south of the Methodist Chapel and continues due south-west to a point at OS grid reference TM 27063763 and continuing for approximately 310 metres in a generally south-south-westerly direction through the cultivated field to a point at OS grid reference TM 27033733 at a junction with Trimley St Martin Footpath No 58 and Footpath No 30.

Width: From OS grid reference TM 27063763 to OS grid reference TM 27033733: 2 metres"

