

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

**DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE PARISHES OF ELVEDEN, WANGFORD AND
LAKENHEATH IN THE DISTRICT OF WEST SUFFOLK**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARISHES OF ELVEDEN, WANGFORD AND LAKENHEATH)
MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

The above order made on 27 August 2025 if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding a byway open to all traffic between the B1106 road at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 58161,27954 (point A) and the A1065 road at OSGR 57559,28182 (point J) as shown on the order plan.

A copy of the order and the order map and an explanatory statement may be obtained by email or post, free of charge by contacting David Last by telephone: 01473 264770 or email: 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 Lakenheath Library, 65 High Street, Lakenheath, IP27 9DS. Opening times:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10.00 – 14.00
Wednesday	14.00 – 17.00
Thursday	12.00 – 17.00
Friday	09.00 – 14.00
Saturday	09.00 – 12.00
Sunday	10.00 – 15.00

Any representation or objection relating to the orders must be sent in writing to the Definitive Map Manager, Rights of Way and Access, Suffolk County Council, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP. Objections should be received not later than 24 October 2025, and applicants are requested to 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. The Rights of Way and Access Privacy Notice can be viewed at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/privacy-notice/rights-of-way-and-access-privacy-notice/>

If no representations or objections are duly made to an order, or to any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, Suffolk County Council, instead of submitting the order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the authority has by notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the order (or that part of the order). If an order is submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in whole or in part, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated: 12 September 2025



Nigel Inniss

Monitoring Officer and Assistant Director Governance, Legal & Assurance,
Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 1BX

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

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

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Public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic are recorded on definitive maps and statements. These maps and statements provide conclusive legal evidence of the existence of public rights. Suffolk County Council is responsible for the definitive map and statement and has a duty to amend them when evidence suggests that they are inaccurate or incomplete. Such amendments are made by means of modification orders under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. These orders do not come into effect until confirmed, and if there are any objections the County Council must refer the order and objections to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in Bristol.

Following a successful appeal by the applicant, the County Council has been directed by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to make a modification order under Section 53 to add a byway open to all traffic as detailed in the order. The order simply recognises the public rights that are believed to exist. The order does not create any new public rights.

The evidence that has been considered may be consulted free of charge at the following locations:

By prior appointment at the offices of the County Council, Phoenix House, Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP:

- Formal application with attachments dated 20 January 2021
- Secretary of State's direction letter dated 16 April 2025
- Inspector's 2002 decision
- Rights of Way Committee Report for Meeting on 12 September 2012
- Inspector's 2013 decision
- 1813 Ordnance Survey Manuscript Map
- Extracts of 1910 Finance Act Maps
- Aerial photography from 1945 and 2005
- Email dated 22 January 2024, Sarah Shepherd, Estate Surveyor for Elveden Farms Ltd
- Landowner's information form for Center Parcs dated 6 February 2024
- Email following circulation of draft report from Elveden Estate dated 15 July 2024
- Email following circulation of draft report from Lakenheath Parish Council dated 15 July 2024
- Comments received following circulation of draft report from John Andrews (applicant) dated 22 July 2024

Objections or representations relating to the orders must be made in writing by 24 October 2025 to the Definitive Map Manager, Suffolk County Council, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP. The Rights of Way and Access Privacy Notice can be viewed at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/privacy-notice/rights-of-way-and-access-privacy-notice/> To be relevant, objections or representations should relate to the question of the existence or status of rights of way. Other objections or representations (eg relating to privacy, security or amenity) are not relevant to the evidential test.

The County Council is willing to discuss the concerns of those considering objecting or making representations relating to the order, and you may contact David Last at the above address, by telephone on 01473 264770 or email david.last@suffolk.gov.uk

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 there are no objections to the order, or if all objections are withdrawn, the County Council will confirm the order, and the definitive map and statement will then be modified. If there are any objections which are not withdrawn, the County Council must refer the order and objection/s to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, who will appoint an independent Inspector to consider the order and hear the objection/s, by holding a public inquiry or written representations process. The Inspector may confirm an order, with or without modifications, or may decide that an order should not be confirmed.

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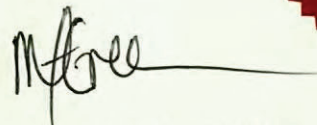
This Order is made by Suffolk County Council under section 53(2)(b) and schedule 15 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act"), in accordance with a direction made to that authority by the Secretary of State under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 14 to the Act to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the parishes of Elveden, Wangford and Lakenheath in the district of West Suffolk in consequence of the occurrence of events specified in sections 53(3)(c)(i) namely, that a byway open to all traffic between the B1116 and the A1065 which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates.

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 May 2025.
2. The Definitive Map and Statement for the parishes of Elveden, Wangford and Lakenheath in the district of West 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 (Parishes of Elveden, Wangford and Lakenheath) Modification Order 2025.

Date: 27 AUGUST 2025

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



An authorised Officer of the Council



SCHEDULE

PART 1

Modification of Definitive Map

Description of byways open to all traffic to be added:

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for Elveden, Wangford and Lakenheath byways open to all traffic: from Ordnance Survey grid reference (OSGR) 58161,27954 to OSGR 57559,28182 as shown on the order map (A-B-D-E-F-G-H-J); from OSGR 58063,27974 to OSGR 58013,27975 to OSGR 58012,27993 as shown on the order map (B-C-D); and from OSGR 58013,27975 to OSGR 57992,27998 as shown on the order map (C-E).

PART 2

Modification of Definitive Statement

Particulars of byways open to all traffic to be added:

There shall be added to the Definitive Statements for Elveden, Wangford and Lakenheath the following particulars:

Elveden Byway 6

Commencing on the western side of the B1106 road at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 58161,27954 (point A) and proceeding in a generally west north westerly direction for 557 metres to a junction with the A11 at OSGR 58106,27964; crossing the A11 for 48 metres to OSGR 58101,27965 and continuing for 394 metres to a junction with Byway 6A at OSGR 58063,27974 (point B); continuing for 546 metres to the boundary of Elveden Forest Holiday Village and a second junction with Byway 6A at OSGR 58012,27993 (point D); continuing adjacent to the boundary for 36 metres then passing into the Holiday Village at OSGR 58008,27994; continuing for 166 metres to a junction with Byway 6B at OSGR 57992,27998 (point E) then continuing for 498 metres and passing out of the Holiday Village at OSGR 57946,28016 (point F) and continuing for 519 metres to the parish boundary and a junction with Wangford Byway 5 at OSGR 57898,28036 (point G).

Width: Between OSGR 58161,27954 and OSGR 58145,27955 as shown by the solid boundary lines on Sheet OS 22/1 First Edition (1882) Scale 1:2500 - 6 metres

Between OSGR 58143,27955 and OSGR 57898,28036 - 3 metres

Elveden Byway 6A

Commencing at a junction with Byway 6 at OSGR 58063,27974 (point B) and progressing in a westerly direction for 508 metres to OSGR 58013,27975 (point C); changing to a northerly direction and continuing for 184 metres to the boundary of Elveden Forest Holiday Village to re-join Byway 6 at OSGR 58012,27993 (point D).

Width: 3 metres

Elveden Byway 6B

Commencing at a junction with Byway 6A at Ordnance Survey grid reference (OSGR) 58013,27975 (point C) and progressing in a north westerly direction for 311 metres to a junction with Byway 6 at OSGR 57992,27998 (point E).

Width: 3 metres

Wangford Byway 5

Commencing at a junction with Elveden Byway 6 at the parish boundary at Ordnance Survey grid reference (OSGR) 57898,28036 (point G) and proceeding in a west north westerly direction for 1086 metres to the Lakenheath parish boundary at OSGR 57792,28060.

Recommencing at OSGR 57777,28066 and proceeding in a west north westerly direction for 424 metres to the Lakenheath parish boundary at OSGR 57737,28079.

Recommencing at OSGR 57687,28105 and proceeding in a generally north westerly direction for 1455 metres to the Lakenheath parish boundary at OSGR 57566,28181.

Width: 3 metres

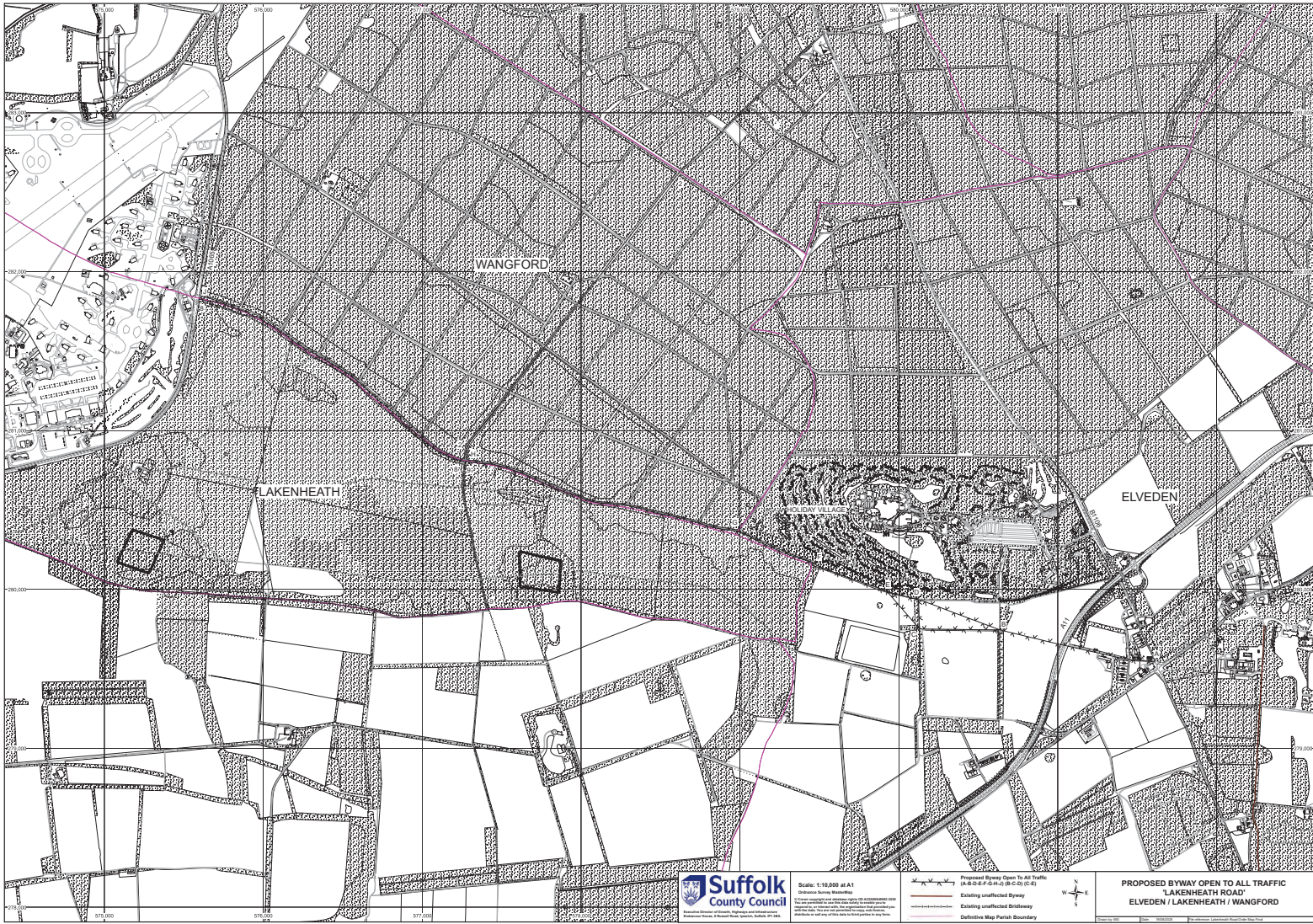
Lakenheath Byway 26

Commencing at the Wangford parish boundary at Ordnance Survey grid reference (OSGR) 57792,28060 and proceeding in a west north westerly direction for 161 metres to the Wangford parish boundary at OSGR 57777,28066.

Recommencing at OSGR 57737,28079 and proceeding in a west north westerly direction for 104 metres to the junction with Lakenheath Bridleway 9 and Wangford Bridleway 2 at OSGR 57727,28080 (point H); changing to a generally north westerly direction and continuing for 476 metres to the Wangford parish boundary at OSGR 57687,28105.

Recommencing at OSGR 57566,28181 and proceeding in a generally west north westerly direction for 67 metres to a junction with the A1065 road at OSGR 57559,28182 (point J).

Width: 3 metres



Scale: 1:10,000 at A1
Ordnance Survey, Southampton
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Proposed Byway Open To All Traffic
(A14 & A1309) (B1 & B2) (C1 & C2)
Existing unclassified Byway
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Definitive Map Parish Boundary

PROPOSED BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC
LAKENHEATH ROAD
ELVEDEN / LAKENHEATH / WANGFORD