

## **Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 26644**

*Please supply any and all information you hold in relation to:*

*1 The Essex and Suffolk Hunt holding their annual Boxing Day, and/or other seasonal event for December 2025 and January 2026 in and on Suffolk CC owned or managed land.*

*This should include, but is not limited to application forms, emails, telephone conversations etc regarding:*

- a. any licenses applied for regarding the event (eg road closures etc)*
  - b. any advice sought as to the holding of the event*
  - c. any risk assessments or similar completed in respect of these events*
  - d. any permissions or licences SCC has granted in respect of these events 2025/2026*
- These events are referred to as 'annual events' by the Essex and Suffolk Hunt and the BHSA, involve the attendance of Hunt staff, supporters, followers and members of the public, which can amount to 200 people, up to 50 horses and up to 30 dogs off lead. Hunt staff collect money from the public and each other for the Hunt, may consume alcohol and allow the dogs to run off lead in the roads and pavements in Hadleigh Market Place, Duke Street and the car park associated with the River Walk by Toppesfield Bridge. It's my understanding that no permissions, licences or risk assessments were sought/ issued last year in respect of Boxing Day 2025.*

*Hadleigh Market Place, Duke Street, Hadleigh, and the Car Park at River Walk by Toppesfield Bridge, Hadleigh do not form part of Suffolk County Council's Built or Rural Estate, are not owned by Suffolk County Council, and Suffolk County Council's property division is not responsible for their management.*

*We can also confirm that there have been no approaches from the Essex and Suffolk Hunt or permissions granted, by Suffolk County Council to carry out trail hunting on Suffolk County Council's County Farms Estate.*

*2 The Essex and Suffolk Hunt attending any information events arranged by SCC which were designed to engage with holders and arrangers of events and provide help and guidance on how to comply with legal or other requirements when doing so.*

*Suffolk County Council provides information and advice to the public on a case-by-case basis, as and when they are approached and as required. Specific information events are not carried out, and as already stated above, Suffolk County Council's property division has no approaches or engagement with the Essex and Suffolk Hunt.*