

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 27882

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Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding the traffic management arrangements, road closures, and Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs) implemented for all recent occurrences of the Beccles Carnival.

Specifically, I am requesting copies of the following documents for the events held on the following dates:

- *16th and 17th August 2025*
- *17th and 18th August 2024*
- *19th and 20th August 2023*

(I am aware the carnival did not take place between 2020 and 2022.)

No information is held by Suffolk County Council in relation to Beccles Carnival for 2023 or 2024. The information provided below, together with the attached documentation, relates to Beccles Carnival 2025.

1. The Approved Traffic Management Plans: The final, approved traffic management plans submitted by the event organizers or their contracted private traffic management company (reportedly based out of Great Yarmouth) for each of the above dates.

Please find attached a copy of the event plan (27882-Plan-Beccles Carnival.jpg).

2. Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs): Copies of all active TTROs, closure notices, and statutory legal orders associated with the road closures and route changes implemented for each of these events.

Please find attached a copy of the event order (27882-Order-Beccles Carnival.pdf).

3. Contractor Details: The name and business address of the private traffic management contractor(s) authorized to execute the road closures and signage for each event.

The applicant identified “Phoenix Events East Ltd” as the organisation that would provide the traffic management for the event on their behalf. No other information is held by Suffolk County Council.

Redacted Information

All information released in response to a Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or Environmental Information Regulation 2004 (EIR) request is deemed to be in the public domain. As such we must consider whether or not the requested information qualifies as personal information and should therefore not be released into the public domain.

The council has determined that this is personal information and is therefore exempt from disclosure under **section 40** of the FOIA and **regulation 13** of the EIR.

The Council considered the following, including the possible consequences of disclosure for the data subjects concerned and their reasonable expectations as to the use of their data:

- expectations of the individuals concerned about personal information being put into the public domain;
- reasonable expectations - the data subjects concerned would have a legitimate expectation of privacy concerning their personal information and would not have anticipated this being put into the public domain;
- whether or not the requested information could be anonymised; and
- balancing the individual's rights and the legitimate interests - In past cases the Information Commissioner has weighed the individual's rights to privacy against the public interest in disclosure. There is no presumption in favour of releasing personal data.

This is an absolute exemption, which means that if the condition is satisfied there is no additional public interest test to consider.

In assessing fairness, the Council considered the likely consequences of disclosure of the requested information. Personal information should not be used in ways that have unjustified adverse effects on the individuals concerned. The council also considered whether such disclosure would be within the reasonable expectations of the individuals, given that any response to a request under the FOIA or EIR is deemed to be in the public domain. The council believes that in this instance it is not fair to disclose personal data and is therefore withholding the requested information under section 40 of the FOIA and regulation 13 of the EIR.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARISH OF BECCLES) (VARIOUS ROADS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT) ORDER 2025**

WHEREAS Suffolk County Council ('the Council') being the highway authority for the roads specified in this Order, is satisfied that traffic on the said roads should be restricted to enable Beccles Carnival to hold Beccles Town Carnival and VJ Parade (hereinafter referred to as 'the event').

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council in exercise of its powers under Section 16A(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994 and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:

1. The provisions of this order will operate as and when required at the discretion of the police and event organisers.
2. Except as provided in Articles 3, 4 or 5, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, a police community support officer or a civil parking enforcement officer, cause or permit any motor vehicle to proceed in schedule 1.
3. Nothing in Article 2 of this Order shall make it unlawful for a person to cause or permit any motor vehicle to proceed in the length of road referred to in that Article if the vehicle is taking part in the event in an official capacity.
4. Nothing in Article 2 of this Order shall make it unlawful for a person to cause or permit any motor vehicle to proceed in the length of road specified in that Article if the persons and vehicles taking part in the event have passed and a police constable in uniform or anyone acting with his authority has removed the signing.
5. (1) Insofar as safe passage permits, nothing in Article 2 of this Order shall make it unlawful for a person to cause any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the length of road referred to in that Article in order to gain access to or egress from premises adjacent to or accessible only from that length of road.

(2) Nothing in Article 2 of this Order shall make it unlawful for a person to cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the lengths of road specified in this Order if the vehicle:

(i) is to be used for police operational, fire brigade or ambulance purposes;

(ii) cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road and is to be used in an emergency in connection with any of the following operations, namely: the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or on land adjacent to the said length of road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunications system as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984;
6. This Order is made on condition that Beccles Carnival will:
 - a) advise all residents and businesses affected by the closure of the aforesaid road or roads;
 - b) keep the local police informed of all proceedings related to the event;
 - c) indemnify the Council from and against all legal liability in respect of loss, damage, actions, proceedings, suits, claims, demands, costs, damages, liability and expenses in respect of any injury to or death of any person or destruction of or damage to any

property (whether movable or immovable) by reason of or arising in any way directly or indirectly from the holding of the event;

- d) reinstate and make good to the satisfaction of the Council any damage caused as a result of the holding of the event; and
 - e) pay to the Council a fee for legal and administration costs as shall be agreed with the Council.
7. Nothing in this Order shall prevent access by vehicles being used for police operational, fire brigade or ambulance purposes.
8. This Order shall be operative on 17th August 2025 and shall continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days (unless extended by the Secretary of State). It may be cited as the Suffolk County Council (Parish of Beccles) (various roads) (Temporary Closure for a Special Event) Order 2025.

Date: 23/07/2025

[Redacted Signature]

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Schedule 1; All Rolling Road Closures

Elliot Garrood Gardens entire road
Roys Carpark Entrance to Gosford Road entire length
Station Road Entire length
Market Street Entire length
New Market Entire length
The Walk Entire length
Saltgate Entire length
Northgate Entire length
Fen Lane entire length
New Road entire length

Schedule 2: No parking/waiting on parade route also Prohibition of Waiting from 06:00 17th august 2025

Suffolk County Council (Parish of Beccles) (Various Streets) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1976

Elliot Garrood Gardens entire road
Gosford Road Car park entrance to Station Road
Station Road Entire length
Market Street Entire length
New Market Entire length
The Walk Entire length
Saltgate Entire length
Northgate Entire length
Fen Lane Entire length
New Road entire length

