

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

**DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE PARISHES OF BRENT ELEIGH, LAVENHAM
AND PRESTON ST MARY IN THE DISTRICT OF BABERGH**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARISHES OF BRENT ELEIGH, LAVENHAM AND PRESTON ST MARY)
MODIFICATION ORDER 2020**

On 16 July 2025 an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed the above-named order with modifications to the wording of the definitive statements. The effect of the order as confirmed is to modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding a restricted byway along the route known as Clay Lane between Ordnance Survey Grid references (OSGR) 59430,24884 and 59262,24914 by upgrading Brent Eleigh Bridleway 7 where it is recorded within the lane and by adding a restricted byway within the lane where Bridleway 7 is recorded outside the lane, with the parts of the bridleway outside the lane being deleted. Also, a restricted byway is to be added from a junction with Clay Lane at OSGR 59279,24918 heading generally north and north east to a junction with the U8133 road at OSGR 59314,24988 upgrading the parts of Preston St Mary Footpaths 10 and 11 that fall within the route 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. 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 Lavenham Library, Lavenham Village Hall, Church Street, Lavenham, CO10 9QT. Opening times: Monday 10.00 to 13.00; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 17.00; Saturday 10.00 to 14.00; Wednesday and Sunday closed.

The order became operative on 16 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: 13 August 2025



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WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

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LAVENHAM AND PRESTON ST MARY

IN THE DISTRICT OF BABERGH

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

(PARISHES OF BRENT ELEIGH, LAVENHAM AND PRESTON ST MARY)
MODIFICATION ORDER 2020

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 parishes of Brent Eleigh, Lavenham and Preston St Mary in the district of Babergh require modification in consequence of the occurrence of events specified in sections 53(3)(c)(i), 53(3)(c)(ii) and 53(3)(c)(iii) namely, the discovery by the authority of evidence which shows; that a restricted byway, which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist; that a highway shown in the map and statement as a highway of a particular description ought to be there shown as a highway of a different description; that there is no public right of way over land shown in the map and statement as a highway of any description.

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 December 2020.
2. The Definitive Map and Statement for the parishes of Brent Eleigh, Lavenham and Preston St Mary in the district of Babergh shall be modified as described in Part I and Part II 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 Brent Eleigh, Lavenham and Preston St Mary) Modification Order 2020.

Date: 23 December 2020

The common seal of
SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
Was hereunto affixed

In the presence of

The foregoing order is hereby confirmed
subject to the red ink modifications thereon

Nigel Farthing

An Inspector appointed by The Secretary
of State for Environment, Food and
Rural Affairs
16 JUL 2025

S. Nguyen-Millard
An authorised Officer of the Council



SCHEDULE

PART 1

Modification of Definitive Map

Description of restricted byways to be added:

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for the parish of Brent Eleigh a restricted byway from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59360,24916 (point Y) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59262,24914 (point X).

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for the parish of Lavenham a restricted byway from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59279,24918 (point A) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59262,24914 (point X).

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for the parish of Preston St Mary a restricted byway from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59284,24921 (point W) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59279,24918 (point A).

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for the parish of Preston St Mary a restricted byway from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59279,24918 (point A) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59272,24945 (point B) and from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59274,24950 (point C) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59284,24983 (point D).

Description of bridleway to be deleted:

There shall be deleted from the Definitive Map for the parish of Brent Eleigh a bridleway from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59360,24916 (point Y) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59259,24913 (point X1).

Description of footpaths to be upgraded to restricted byways:

There shall be upgraded to restricted byway a footpath in the parish of Preston St Mary from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59272,24945 (point B) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59274,24950 (point C) and from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59284,24983 (point D) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59314,24988 (point E).

Description of bridleway to be upgraded to restricted byway:

There shall be upgraded to restricted byway in the parish of Brent Eleigh a bridleway from a point at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference 59430,24884 (point Z) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 59360,24916 (point Y).

PART 2

Modification of Definitive Statement

Particulars of restricted byways to be added:

There shall be added to the Definitive Statement for Preston St Mary the following particulars:

Preston St Mary Restricted Byway 26

Commencing at the parish boundary and a junction with Brent Eleigh restricted byway 7, Preston St Mary restricted byway 27 and Lavenham restricted byway ~~29~~³⁰ at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 59279,24918 (point A) and proceeding in a north-north-westerly direction for 278 metres to the eastern end of Lavenham footpath 19 at OSGR 59272,24945 (point B); changing to a north-north-easterly direction and continuing for 60 metres to the western end of Preston St Mary footpath 11 at OSGR 59274,24950 (point C); continuing for 348 metres to a junction with Preston St Mary footpath 10 at OSGR 59284,24983 (point D); changing to a generally east north-easterly direction and continuing for 315 metres to a junction with the U8133 road at OSGR 59314,24988 (point E).

Width: Varying between a minimum of 4 metres and a maximum of 10 metres.

As shown between solid boundaries or solid boundary and parish boundary on the Ordnance Survey County Series map of 1884 sheet 64/10. *and 1885 sheet 64/14*

Preston St Mary Restricted Byway 27

Commencing at the parish boundary with Brent Eleigh and a junction with Brent Eleigh restricted byway 7 at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 59284,24921 (point W) and continuing in a generally south-westerly direction for 59 metres adjacent to Brent Eleigh restricted byway 7 and terminating at a junction with Preston St Mary restricted byway 26 and Lavenham restricted byway ~~29~~³⁰ at OSGR 59279,24918 (point A).

Width: Varying between a minimum of 4 metres and a maximum of 5.5 metres.

As shown between solid boundary and parish boundary as depicted on the Ordnance Survey County Series map of ~~1884 sheet 64/10.~~ *1885 sheet 64/14*

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

Lavenham Restricted Byway ~~29~~³⁰

Commencing at a junction with Preston St Mary restricted byway 26 and restricted byway 27 at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 59279,24918 (point A) and continuing in a generally west south-westerly direction adjacent to Brent Eleigh restricted byway 7 for 180 metres to a junction with the U8138 road at OSGR 59262,24914 (point X).

Width: Varying between a minimum of 5 metres and a maximum of 6.5 metres.

As shown between solid boundary and parish boundary as depicted on the Ordnance Survey County Series map of ~~1884 sheet 64/10.~~ *1885 sheet 64/14*

Particulars of rights of way to be amended:

There shall be amended on the Definitive Statement for Preston St Mary the following particulars:

Preston St Mary footpath 10

Delete the words from the current statement from “; recommencing” through to “hedge” and replace with “at a junction with the U8133; recommencing at a junction with Restricted Byway 26, at OSGR 59284,24983”. Under width delete “TL 9314 4988” and replace with “OSGR 59284,24983”.

Preston St Mary footpath 11

Delete from the current statement the words “Lavenham Parish Boundary” at the end of the statement and replace with “Restricted Byway 26 at OSGR 59274,24950.”

There shall be amended on the Definitive Statement for Brent Eleigh the following particulars:

Brent Eleigh bridleway 7

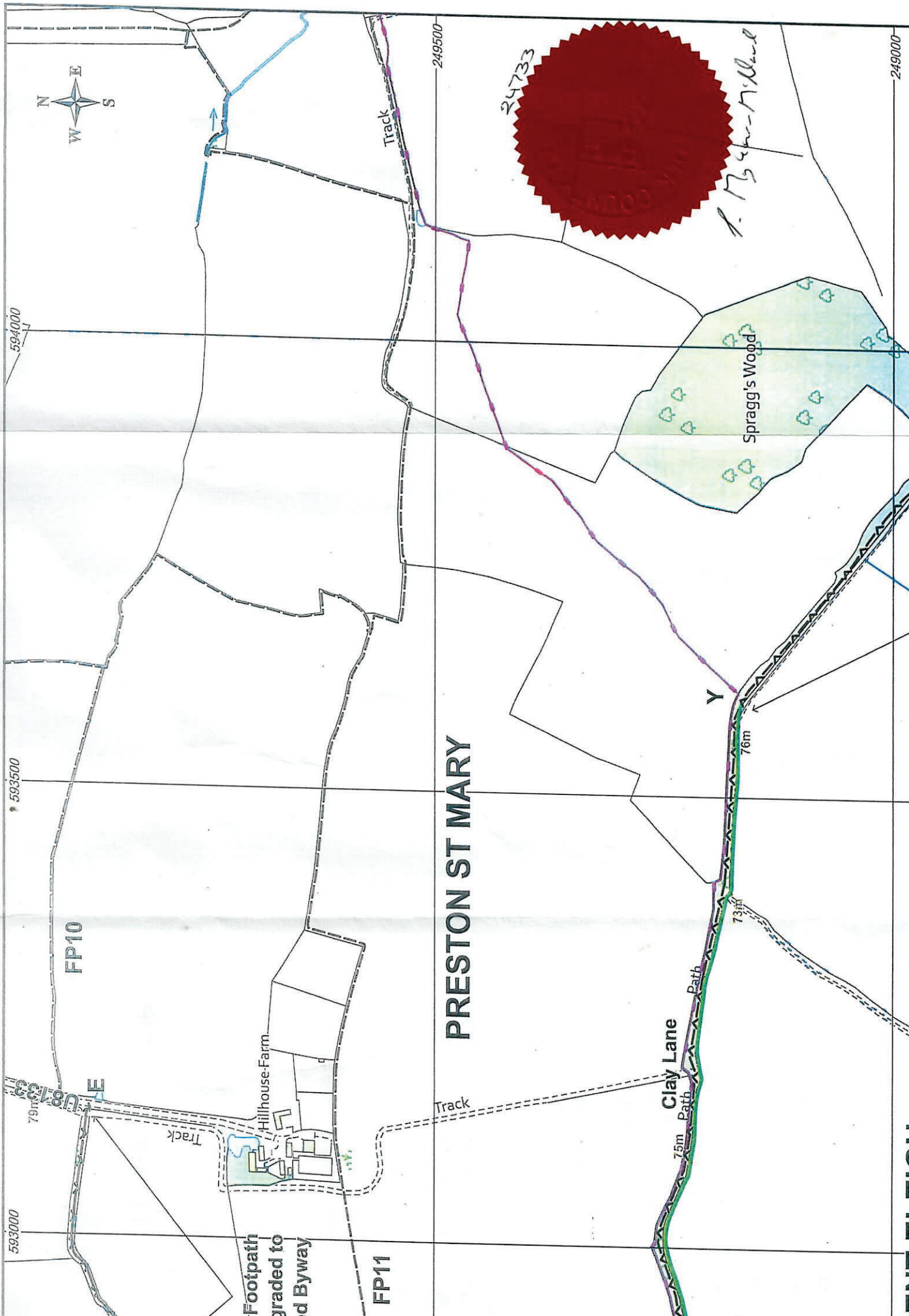
Change the status to restricted byway 7 and add to the definitive statement after “...in a N.W. direction” the words “along Clay Lane”, and add:

“Width: Varying between a minimum of 5 metres and a maximum of 21 metres between OSGR 59430,24884 and OSGR 59284,24921. (Points Z-W)

Varying between a minimum of 3 metres and a maximum of 7 metres between OSGR 59284,24921 and OSGR 59262,24914. (Points W-X)

As shown between solid boundaries or solid boundary and parish boundary as depicted on the Ordnance Survey County Series map of ~~1884 sheet 64/10.~~

1885 sheet 64/14 and 1886 sheet 64/13.



PRESTON ST MARY

24733

P. Morgan-McLellan

Spragg's Wood

Clay Lane

Footpath
graded to
Byway

FP10

FP11

Track

Track

75m

73m

76m

Y

593500

593000

594000

249500

249000