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

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE PARISH OF ICKLINGHAM IN THE DISTRICT OF WEST SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF ICKLINGHAM) MODIFICATION ORDER 2025

The above order made on 19 November 2025 if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding a bridleway between the B1112 road at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 57663,27686 (point A) and the A11 road at OSGR 57746,27684 (point B) 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 Mildenhall Library, Mildenhall Hub, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, IP28 7JX. Opening times: Monday to Friday 9.00 to 17.30; Saturday 9.00 to 17.00 and Sunday 10.00 to 16.00.

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 15 January 2026, 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If no representations or objections are duly made to an order, or to any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, Suffolk County Council, instead of submitting the order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the authority has by notice to the Secretary of State so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Food and Rural Affairs in whole or in part, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.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: 4 December 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

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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 <u>evidence</u> 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 bridleway 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 8 December 2021
- Secretary of State's direction letter dated 25 September 2025
- Inspector's 2009 decision
- Text of Applicant's analysis of evidence dated 29 December 2023
- 1807 Brandon Inclosure Award and Map
- 1838 Brandon Tithe Map
- Extracts from Ordnance Survey Object Name Book
- Extract of 1802 Diversion Order map Eriswell Warren
- Extract of Map of Estate belonging to Prince Duleep Singh circa. 1871
- Extracts of Bartholomew's half inch maps of 1903 and 1942
- Consultation reply from Elveden Estate dated 22 January 2024
- Consultation reply from Icklingham Parish Council dated 20 March 2024
- Email following circulation of draft report from County Councillor Colin Noble dated 12 July 2024
- Email following circulation of draft report from Jenny Bradin, local Ramblers Association Representative dated 13 July 2024
- Email following circulation of draft report from Elveden Estate dated 15 July 2024
- Comments received following circulation of draft report from John Andrews (applicant) dated 18 July 2024
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Objections or representations relating to the orders must be made in writing by 15 January 2026 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 (e.g. 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.

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE PARISH ICKLINGHAM IN THE DISTRICT OF WEST SUFFOLK

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF ICKLINGHAM) MODIFICATION ORDER 2025

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 parish of Icklingham in the district of West Suffolk in consequence of the occurrence of events specified in sections 53(3)(c)(i) namely, that a bridleway between the B1112 and the A11 roads 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 October 2025.
- 2. The Definitive Map and Statement for the parish of Icklingham 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.

 This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the Suffolk County Council (Parish of Icklingham) Modification Order 2025.

Date: 9 NOVEMBER 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 bridleway to be added:

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for the parish of Icklingham a bridleway from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 57663,27386 to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 57746,27684 as shown on the attached map (A-B).

PART 2

Modification of Definitive Statement

Particulars of bridleway to be added:

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

Icklingham Bridleway 14

Commencing at a junction with the B1112 road at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 57663,27386 (point A) and proceeding in a generally north north-easterly direction for a distance of 3137 metres to join the A11 road at OSGR 57746,27684 (point B).

Width: 3 metres

