

**NOTICE OF MAKING OF PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE
MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER**

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 26
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF BRANDON)
(BRIDLEWAYS 1, 18, 23 AND 24) PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER
AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2025**

The above order was made on 19 November 2025 under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 and Section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The order will create public bridleways as follows and as shown on the order map:

Brandon Bridleway 1 - Commencing at the junction with the High Street at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 57831 28699 and proceeding in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of 73 metres to join Bridleway 15 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk at OSGR 57825 28695.

Brandon Bridleway 18 (part) - Commencing at the junction with BR15 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk at OSGR 57735 28694, and proceeding in a generally north westerly direction, then curving in a generally westerly direction along the northern bank of the Little Ouse River for 136 metres to OSGR 57726 28703, continuing in the same general direction along the edge of a field for 136 metres to join Bridleway 23 at OSGR 57712 28702, a total distance of 272 metres.

Brandon Bridleway 23 - Commencing at the junction with Bridleway 18 at OSGR 57712 28702 and proceeding in a generally west, north westerly direction along the field edge alongside the Little Ouse River, for 100 metres to join Bridleway 14 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk, at OSGR 57703 28706.

Brandon Bridleway 24 - Commencing at OSGR 57688 28708 at the junction with Bridleway 14 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk and proceeding within a field alongside the Little Ouse River in a generally westerly and then west, north westerly direction for 119 metres to the junction with Bridleway 13 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk, at OSGR 57676 28710.

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 Stephen Kerr on telephone: 01473 264745 or email: steve.kerr@suffolk.gov.uk. They can also be inspected free of charge at Brandon Library, Bury Road, Brandon, IP27 0BQ between the hours of: 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm Monday; 10am to 5pm Tuesday; 10am to 3pm Wednesday; 10am to 5:30pm Thursday; 10am to 3:30pm Friday; and 10am to 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

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>

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing to Definitive Map Manager, Suffolk Highways, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 5NP to arrive not later than 15 January 2026. Please 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. For further information please refer to Suffolk County Council's Rights of Way and Access Privacy Notice which can be viewed online at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/privacy-notice/rights-of-way-and-access-privacy-notice>

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Suffolk County Council may confirm the order as an unopposed order. If the order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the order.

Dated: 18 December 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nigel Inniss', written in a cursive style.

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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Under the Highways Act 1980, county and district councils have the power to make orders to create, extinguish (close) or divert public rights of way. A notice that such an order has been made has to be advertised on the site of the path in question and in the local press. This provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made to the proposed change.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) has made an order to upgrade existing public footpaths to bridleways and create new bridleways to link to recorded existing bridleways in the parish of Weeting-with-Broomhill, in the county of Norfolk. This statement has been prepared to explain various aspects of the order.

The Council has made the order for the following reasons:

Before making a creation order it must appear to the County Council that there is a need for a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway and that it is expedient to create the path or way having regard to the extent to which it would add to the convenience or enjoyment of a substantial section of the public or to the convenience of persons resident in the area; and the effect the creation of the path or way would have on the rights of persons interested in the land, taking account of the provisions for compensation.

The Council considers that there is a need to address the status of the existing recorded public footpaths and missing sections of bridleway in the county of Suffolk, to provide continuous bridleway status alongside the Little River Ouse and address long-standing Definitive Map anomalies. The river path is already in use by members of the public and the Council considers that it is expedient to upgrade the existing public footpaths to bridleway status and create new bridleways, having regard to the extent to which these would add to the convenience of persons resident in the area and the effect which the creation would have on the rights of the owners of the land, taking account of the provisions for compensation. The new bridleways will have a width of 3 metres.

The Council also has to have regard to the needs of agriculture, nature conservation and any material provision of its Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

The proposal is not considered to have any significant adverse effect on the needs of agriculture or on nature conservation, as the existing long standing recorded bridleways in Norfolk and the missing sections of bridleways in Suffolk are being used and no physical works are proposed for the order routes. The proposal meets Objectives 1.1.3 (Making orders in the public interest), 2.1.1 (Make the network better for all users), and 2.3.5 (Create a more connected network) of its Green Access Strategy (Rights of Way Improvement Plan) 2020-30.

The Council is satisfied that the order complies with the legal grounds and tests laid down in the Highways Act 1980.

The order will come into effect only after it has been confirmed: making and advertising the order simply provides an opportunity for objections or representations to be made.

Objections or representations relating to the order must be made in writing by 15 January 2026 to The Definitive Map Manager, Rights of Way and Access, Suffolk Highways, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP. The Council is willing to discuss the concerns of those considering objecting or making representations relating to the order. Please contact Stephen Kerr at the above address or telephone on 01473 264745.

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 any objections are made and not withdrawn then the council will have to refer the order to the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination. An Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate will then hear the objections at a public inquiry or hearing, or in writing if the objectors agree. The Inspector can confirm an order, confirm it with modifications, or refuse to confirm it. If no objections are received the Council will be able to confirm the order itself but it has no power to modify orders.

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This order is made by Suffolk County Council ('the authority') under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 ('the 1980 Act') because it appears to the authority that, having regard to the matters set out in section 26(1), there is a need for public bridleways over the land to which this order relates and that it is expedient that the bridleways should be created.

This order is also made under section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ('the 1981 Act') because it appears to the authority that the definitive map and statement for the former Rural District of Mildenhall in the former County Council of West Suffolk, require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(a)(iii) of the 1981 Act, namely, the creation (as authorised by this order) of new rights of way over land in the area to which the map relates, being rights of way such that the land over which the rights subsist is a public path.

West Suffolk District Council has been consulted as required by section 26(3) of the 1980 Act.

BY THIS ORDER:

1. There shall be at the end of 70 days from the date of confirmation of this order public bridleways over the land situate at Brandon described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this order and shown by bold broken lines on the map attached to this order and thereupon the definitive map for the former Rural District of Mildenhall in the former County Council of West Suffolk, shall be modified by adding those paths to it, and the definitive statement shall be modified as described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this order.
2. The relevant date of this order shall be as specified in paragraph 1.

Date: 19 NOVEMBER 2025

THE COMMON SEAL OF SUFFOLK)
COUNTY COUNCIL was affixed)
in the presence of:)


(An authorised Officer of the Council)

SCHEDULE

Part 1: Description of Public Rights of Way to be Created

Brandon Bridleway 1

The whole of Public Footpath 1, commencing at the junction with the High Street at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 57831 28699 and proceeding in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of 73 metres to join Bridleway 15 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk at OSGR 57825 28695, this being the route marked A – B on the attached Map.

Width: 3 metres, except at OSGR 57830 28699 and OSGR 57827 28696 where the width is reduced to 1.5 metres between posts

Brandon Bridleway 18

That part of Public Footpath 18, commencing at the junction with Bridleway 15 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk at OSGR 57735 28694, and proceeding in a generally north westerly direction, then curving in a generally westerly direction along the northern bank of the Little Ouse River for 136 metres to OSGR 57726 28703, continuing in the same general direction along the edge of a field for 136 metres to join Bridleway 23 at OSGR 57712 28702, a total distance of 272 metres, this being the route marked C – D on the attached Map.

Width: 3 metres

Limitations: Kissing gate at OSGR 57729 28701

Brandon Bridleway 23

Commencing at the junction with Bridleway 18 at OSGR 57712 28702 and proceeding in a generally west north westerly direction along the field edge alongside the Little Ouse River, for 100 metres to join Bridleway 14 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk, at OSGR 57703 28706, this being the route marked D – E on the attached Map.

Width: 3 metres

Brandon Bridleway 24

Commencing at OSGR 57688 28708 at the junction with Bridleway 14 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk and proceeding within a field alongside the Little Ouse River in a generally westerly and then west north westerly direction for 119 metres to the junction with Bridleway 13 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county

boundary with Norfolk, at OSGR 57676 28710, this being the route marked F – G on the attached Map.

Width: 3 metres

Part 2: Modification of Definitive Statement

Variation of Particulars of Path or Way.

Particulars of Footpath 1 to be deleted

There shall be deleted from the definitive statement for the former Rural District of Mildenhall in the former County Council of West Suffolk, in the parish of Brandon in respect of Footpath 1, the words:

“Brandon Footpath 1
Ram Hotel The River Ouse Bank
From the S.E. corner of the Ram Hotel in a S.W. direction to the Norfolk County
Boundary at the river.”

Particulars of Bridleway to be Added

There shall be added to the definitive statement for the former Rural District of Mildenhall in the former County Council of West Suffolk, in the parish of Brandon in respect of Bridleway 1, the words:

“Brandon Bridleway 1

Commencing at the junction with the High Street at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 57831 28699 and proceeding in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of 73 metres to join Bridleway 15 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk at OSGR 57825 28695.

Width: 3 metres, except at OSGR 57830 28699 and 57827 28696 where the width is reduced to 1.5 metres between posts

Particulars of Footpath 18 to be deleted

There shall be deleted from the definitive statement for the former Rural District of Mildenhall in the former County Council of West Suffolk, in the parish of Brandon in respect of Footpath 18, the word: “three”.

Particulars of Bridleways to be added

There shall be added to the definitive statement for the former Rural District of Mildenhall in the former County Council of West Suffolk, in the parish of Brandon in respect of Bridleway 18, the words:

"Brandon Bridleway 18

Commencing at the junction with BR15 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk at OSGR 57735 28694, and proceeding in a generally north westerly direction and then curving in a generally westerly direction along the northern bank of the Little Ouse River for 136 metres to OSGR 57726 28703, continuing in the same general direction along the edge of a field for 136 metres to join Bridleway 23 at OSGR 57712 28702, a total distance of 272 metres.

Width: 3 metres

Limitations: Kissing gate at OSGR 57729 28701"

There shall be added to the definitive statement for the former Rural District of Mildenhall in the former County Council of West Suffolk, in the parish of Brandon in respect of Bridleway 23, the words:

"Brandon Bridleway 23

Commencing at the junction with Bridleway 18 at OSGR 57712 28702 and proceeding in a generally west north westerly direction along the field edge alongside the Little Ouse River, for 100 metres to join Bridleway 14 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk, at OSGR 57703 28706.

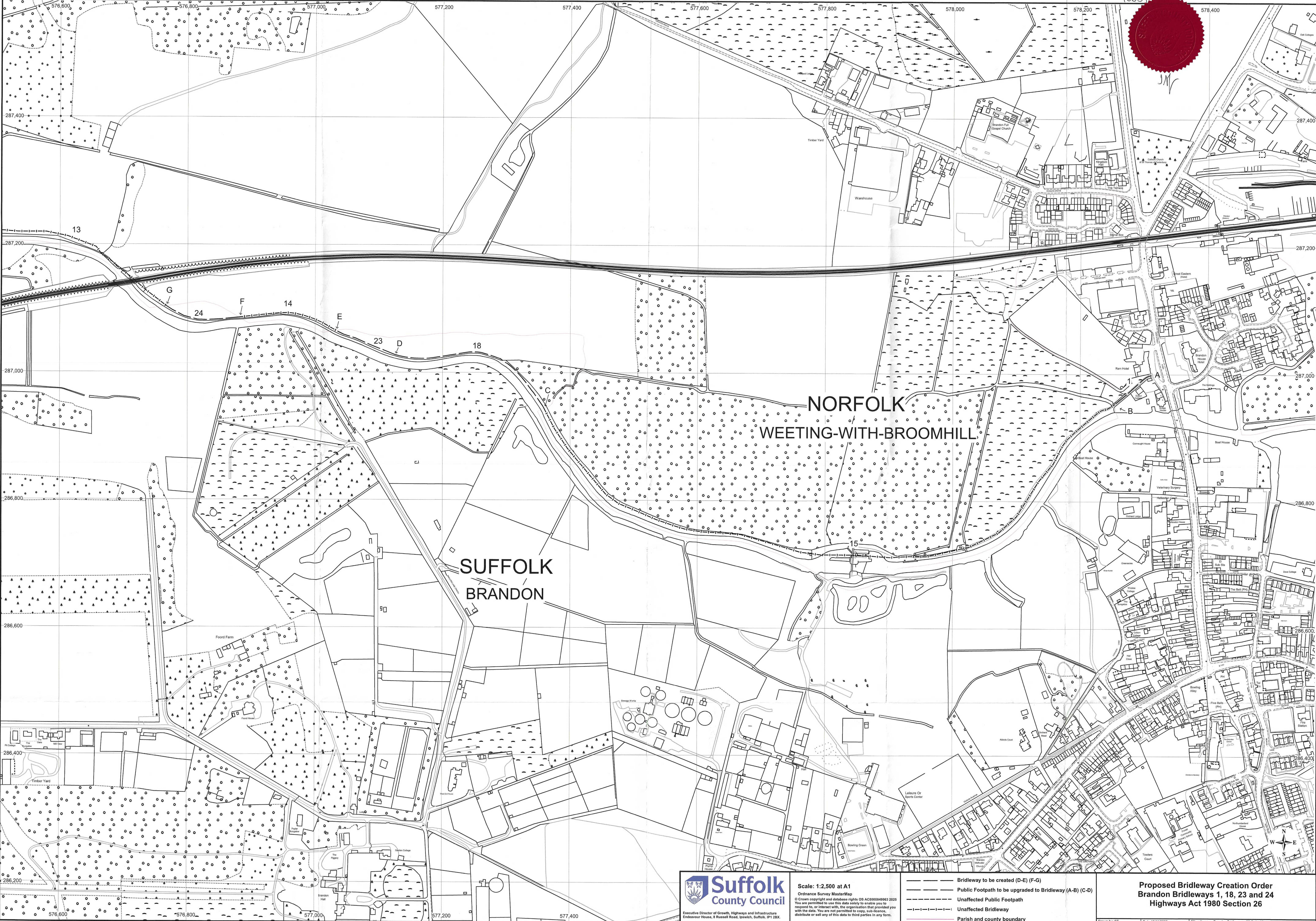
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There shall be added to the definitive statement for the former Rural District of Mildenhall in the former County Council of West Suffolk, in the parish of Brandon in respect of Bridleway 24, the words:

"Brandon Bridleway 24

Commencing at OSGR 57688 28708 at the junction with Bridleway 14 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk and proceeding within a field alongside the Little Ouse River in a generally westerly and then west north westerly direction for 119 metres to the junction with Bridleway 13 Weeting-with-Broomhill at the county boundary with Norfolk, at OSGR 57676 28710.






Width: 3 metres"



 **Suffolk**
County Council

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-  Bridleway to be created (D-E) (F-G)
-  Public Footpath to be upgraded to Bridleway (A-B) (C-D)
-  Unaffected Public Footpath
-  Unaffected Bridleway
-  Parish and county boundary

**Proposed Bridleway Creation Order
Brandon Bridleways 1, 18, 23 and 24
Highways Act 1980 Section 26**