

This is an explanatory statement and does not form part of the order

Highways Act 1980

Public Path Order

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.

West Suffolk Council has made an order under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert part of Wickhambrook Public Footpath 1 in the interests of the owners of the land crossed by the footpath. This statement has been prepared to explain various aspects of the order.

The applicants' consider the diversion is in their interests for the reasons set down below:

- *Better and safer use of paddocks and grazing*
- *Easier access to maintaining paddocks*
- *Minimizing interactions with public when leading horses who can be unpredictable.*
- *More privacy for our private dwelling*
- *Preserving wildlife habitat for resident Barn Owls*
- *Peace of mind that horses are kept as separate as possible from general public and their dogs.*
- *Enhanced safety by creating a double barrier between horses and new footpath.*

The existing footpath has no legally recorded width. The proposed footpath will be 2.5 metres wide with a grass surface.

The Council is satisfied that the order complies with the legal grounds and tests laid down in the Highways Act. It considers that the proposal is in the interests of the owners of the land, that the order does not alter any termination points of the footpath other than to other points on the same path or highway connected with it and which are substantially as convenient to the public, that the proposed route will not be substantially less convenient to the public as a consequence of the diversion and that the proposal will not have an adverse effect on public enjoyment of the footpath as a whole.

The order will come into effect only after it has been confirmed and the necessary site works have been undertaken: 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 14 August 2026 to Mrs T Halliday, Head of Service (Governance), at the address below.

Please note that any such correspondence cannot be treated as confidential and may be inspected by any interested party. For further information please refer to <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/privacy/>

The Council is willing to discuss the concerns of those considering objecting or making representations relating to the order. Please contact the Council's representative, Ms Sharon Berry of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, telephone 01449 724634 or email public.realm@baberghmidsuffolk.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 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.

T Halliday
Head of Service (Governance)
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West Suffolk House
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Dated: 17 July 2026

Notice of Public Path Order



Highways Act 1980

West Suffolk Council (Wickhambrook Footpath 1(part)) Public Path Diversion Order 2026

The above order, made on 9 July 2026 under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the entire width of that part of Wickhambrook Footpath 1 at Toad Hall Barn, Peacocks Farm, Farley Green commencing at Ordnance Survey grid reference (OSGR) TL73445374 and proceeding in a north north easterly direction for approximately 176 metres to OSGR TL73515391 to a line running from OSGR TL73445374 in an east south easterly direction between two rows of paddock fencing for approximately 29 metres to OSGR TL73475373 then in a north easterly direction between paddock fencing and a boundary hedge for approximately 189 metres to OSGR TL73585388 then in a west north westerly direction between paddock fencing and a boundary hedge for approximately 75 metres to join the existing route at OSGR TL73515391 as shown on the order map.

A copy of the order and the order map and an explanatory statement have been placed and may be seen free of charge at Bury St Edmunds Library, Sergeants Walk, St Andrews Street North, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1TZ between the hours of 8.30am and 5.30pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8.30am and 7.30pm Tuesday and Friday, 8.30am and 5pm Saturday and 10am and 4pm Sunday. A copy of the order and the order map and an explanatory statement may be obtained by post or email free of charge by contacting the council's representative, Sharon Berry, via email at public.realm@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk or telephone 01449 724634. They can also be viewed at <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/parking/Travel/public-rights-of-way.cfm>

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing to Mrs T Halliday, Head of Service (Governance), at West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU not later than 14 August 2026. Please state the grounds on which they are made. Please note that any such correspondence cannot be treated as confidential and may be inspected by any interested party. For further information please refer to West Suffolk Council's Privacy Notice which can be viewed which can be viewed at <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/privacy/>

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, West Suffolk 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.

T Halliday
Head of Service (Governance)
West Suffolk Council

Dated: 17 July 2026

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL
(WICKHAMBROOK FOOTPATH 1(PART))
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2026

This order is made by West Suffolk Council ("the authority") under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act") because it appears to the authority that in the interests of the owners of the land crossed by the footpath described in paragraph 1 of this order it is expedient that the line of the path should be diverted.

C J Macklin and S A Macklin have agreed to defray any compensation which becomes payable in consequence of the coming into force of the order, and any expenses which are incurred in bringing the new site of the path into a fit condition for use by the public.

Suffolk County Council has been consulted as required by section 120(2) of the 1980 Act and Suffolk County Council has consented to the making of the order.

BY THIS ORDER:

1. The public right of way over the land situate at Wickhambrook and shown by a bold continuous line on the map contained in this order and described in Part 1 of the Schedule to this order shall be stopped up with effect from the date on which Suffolk County Council certifies that the work to bring the public footpath described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this order into a fit condition for use by the public has been carried out. Certification shall not take place prior to the creation of the new route as described in Paragraph 2 of this order.
2. There shall at the end of eighty four days from the date of confirmation of this order be a public footpath over the land situate at Wickhambrook described in Part 2 of the Schedule and shown by a bold broken line on the map contained in this order.

THE COMMON SEAL of)
WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL)
was hereunto)
affixed in the presence of)



Authorised Signatory:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "OW".

Dated: 9 July 2026

SCHEDULE
PART 1
DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF EXISTING PATH

Wickhambrook Footpath 1(part) – The entire width of that part of Wickhambrook Footpath 1 commencing at Ordnance Survey grid reference TL73445374 at point A and proceeding in a north north easterly direction for approximately 176 metres to Ordnance Survey grid reference TL73515391 at point B; this being the route shown between points A – B on the order map.

PART 2
DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF NEW PATH

Wickhambrook Footpath 1(part) – Commencing at Ordnance Survey grid reference TL73445374 at point A and proceeding in an east south easterly direction between two rows of paddock fencing for approximately 29 metres to Ordnance Survey grid reference TL73475373 at point C then in a north easterly direction between paddock fencing and a boundary hedge for approximately 189 metres to Ordnance Survey grid reference TL73585388 at point D then in a west north westerly direction between paddock fencing and a boundary hedge for approximately 75 metres to join the existing route at Ordnance Survey grid reference TL73515391 at point B; this being the route shown between points A – C – D – B on the order map.

Width: 2.5 metres



MAP REFERRED TO IN THE WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL (WICKHAMBROOK FOOTPATH 1 (PART)) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2026 - HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119



- Footpath to be diverted (A - B)
- Proposed Footpath (A - C - D - B)
- ... Unaffected Footpath



Scale: 1:2,500 at A4