

**PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER  
AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER**

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF THORNHAM MAGNA)  
(FOOTPATH 10 (PART)) FOOTPATH DIVERSION ORDER 2026**

This order is made by Suffolk County 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 public and the owners of the land crossed by the footpath described in paragraph 1 of this Order, it is expedient that part of the line of the path should be diverted.

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 Hartismere in the former County Council of West Suffolk, require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(a)(i) of the 1981 Act, namely, the diversion (as authorised by this Order) of a highway shown or required to be shown in the map and statement.

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

**BY THIS ORDER:**

1. The public right of way over the land situate at Thornham Magna shown by a bold continuous line marked on the map attached to 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 described in Part 2 of the Schedule to this order, , and thereupon the Definitive Map and Statement for the former Rural District of Hartismere in the former County Council of West Suffolk shall be modified by deleting from it that public right of way.
2. The relevant date of this Order will be as specified in paragraph 1.
3. There shall be at the end of 44 days from the date of confirmation of this order, a public footpath over the land situate at Thornham Magna described in Part 2 of the schedule to this order and shown by a bold broken line marked on the map contained in this order, and thereupon the definitive map for the former Rural District of Hartismere in the former County Council of West Suffolk shall be modified by adding the public footpath to it.

4. The Definitive Statement for the former rural district of Hartismere in the former County Council of West Suffolk shall be modified as described in Part 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

Date: *23 February* 2026

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



*A. M. C. - M. D. D.*  
(An authorised Officer of the Council)

## SCHEDULE

### PART 1

#### DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF EXISTING PATH OR WAY

Parish of Thornham Magna

Footpath 10

The entire width of that part of Footpath no 10 Thornham Magna commencing at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 60868,27130 (Point A) proceeding in a generally easterly direction to terminate at its junction with Thornham Magna Footpath no 11 at OSGR 60893,27128 (Point B), a total distance of 263 metres; this being the route shown between points A – B on the order map.

### PART 2

#### DESCRIPTION OF SITE OF NEW PATH OR WAY

Parish of Thornham Magna

Footpath 10

Commencing at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 60868,27130 (Point A) and proceeding in a generally easterly direction for a distance of 118 metres to OSGR 60880,27130, and then proceeding in a generally north easterly direction for a distance of 71 metres to OSGR 60886,27134, and then proceeding in a generally easterly direction for a distance of 77 metres to its junction with Thornham Magna Footpath no 11 at OSGR 60893,27134 (Point C).

Width: 2 metres

### PART 3

#### MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIVE STATEMENT

Variation of Particulars of Path or Way

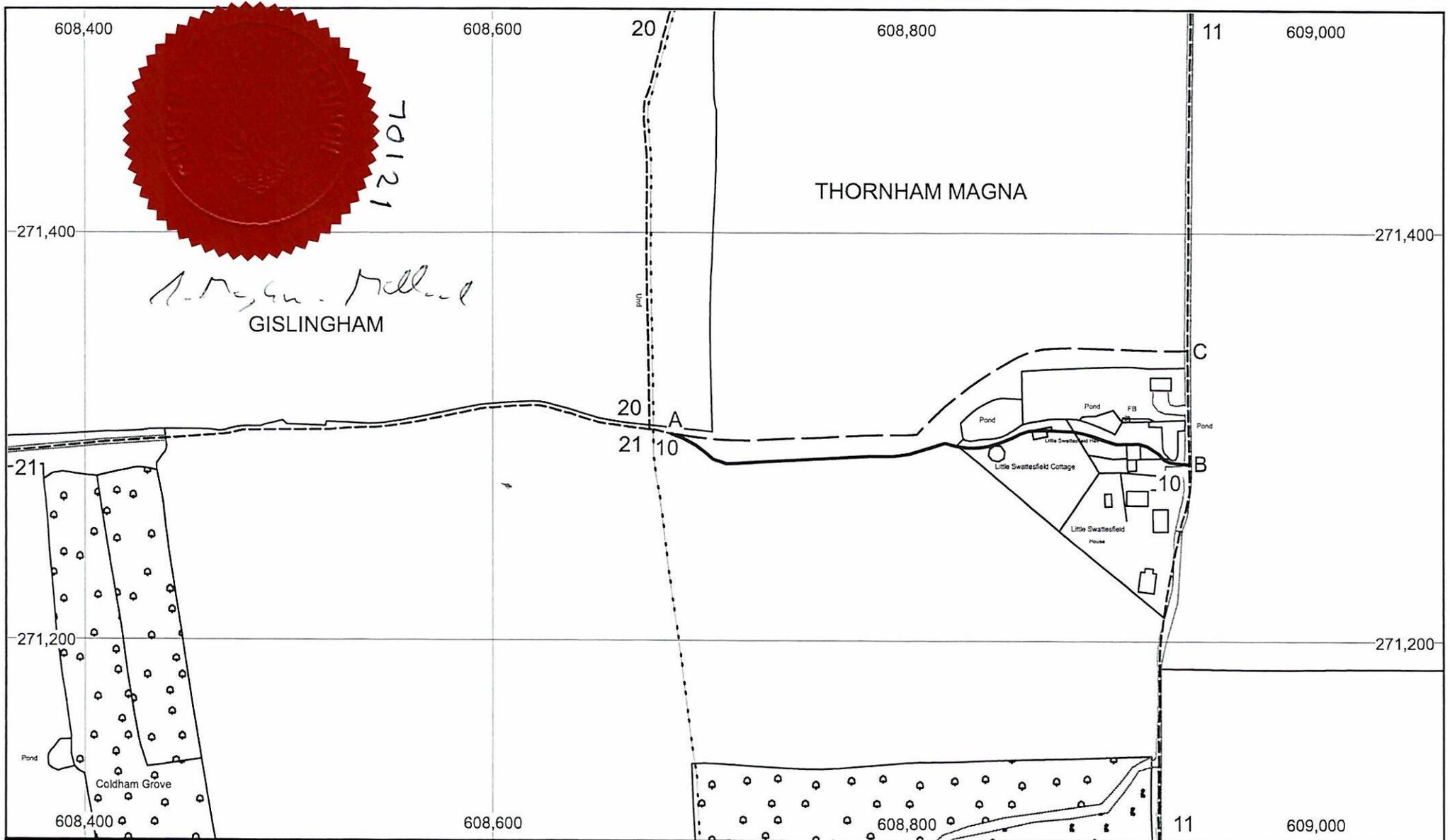
#### **Particulars of Public Footpath to be amended**

There shall be deleted from the Definitive Statement for the former Rural District of Hartismere in the former County Council of West Suffolk, in the parish of Thornham Magna in respect of Footpath 10, the words:

“From Little Swattisfield Hall to Gislingham Road.”

There shall be added to the Definitive Statement for the former Rural District of Hartismere in the former County Council of West Suffolk, in respect of Footpath 10, the words:

“Commencing at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 60867,27130 proceeding in a generally easterly direction for a distance of 118 metres to OSGR 60880,27130, and then proceeding in a generally north easterly direction for a distance of 71 metres to OSGR 60886,27134, and then proceeding in a generally easterly direction for a distance of 77 metres to its junction with Thornham Magna Footpath no 11 at OSGR 60893,27134.



Executive Director of Growth, Highways and Infrastructure  
 Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX

- Proposed footpath (A - C)
- Section of footpath to be diverted (A - B)
- Unaffected footpath
- Definitive Map Parish Boundary



Scale: 1:2,500 at A4

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF THORNHAM MAGNA) (FOOTPATH 10 (PART)) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2026 - HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119**

## NOTICE OF MAKING OF PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER

### HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119

#### SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF THORNHAM MAGNA) (FOOTPATH 10 (PART)) FOOTPATH DIVERSION ORDER 2026

The above named order was made on 23 February 2026 under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980. The order will divert part of Thornham Magna Footpath 10 from its existing route from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 60868,27130 proceeding in a generally easterly direction to terminate at its junction with Thornham Magna Footpath 11 at OSGR 60893,27128; to a new line which still commences at OSGR 60868,27130 then proceeds in a generally easterly direction for a distance of 118 metres to OSGR 60880,27130, and then proceeding in a generally north easterly direction for a distance of 71 metres to OSGR 60886,27134, and then proceeding in a generally easterly direction for a distance of 77 metres to its junction with Thornham Magna Footpath no 11 at OSGR 60893,27134.

A copy of the order and the order map, together with an explanatory statement, may be seen free of charge at Eye Library, 9 Cross Street, Eye, IP23 7AA. Opening times: Tuesday 9.00am to 1.00pm, Wednesday 9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 6.00pm, Thursday 2.00pm to 5.00pm, Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm, Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm, and Sunday 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Copies of the order, the order map and the explanatory statement can also be obtained by email or post free of charge by contacting Alexandra Maher on 01473 264769 or by email at [alexandra.maher@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:alexandra.maher@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>

Any representation or objection relating to the order must state the grounds on which they are made and 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, to arrive no later than 23 April 2026. 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 such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Suffolk County Council may confirm orders as unopposed. If the orders are sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation, any representations or objections that have not been withdrawn will be sent with them.

Dated: 25 March 2026



**Nigel Inniss**

Head of Governance, Suffolk County Council,  
Endeavour house, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX

**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 has made an order to divert part of Thornham Magna Footpath 10 as shown on the order map. The new route of Footpath 10 will be 2 metres wide.

Before making a diversion order the County Council must be satisfied that it is expedient to divert the path in the interests either of the public, or of the owner, lessee or occupier of the land, or both.

The County Council must also be satisfied that the diversion order does not alter any point of termination of the path, other than to a point on the same path or another highway connected with it, and which is substantially as convenient to the public.

The County Council must also have regard to the needs of agriculture, forestry and the breeding or keeping of horses, nature conservation and any material requirement of a rights of way improvement plan.

We believe that the legal tests for making and confirming a diversion order can be met in this case.

The diversion of Footpath 10 is in the interests of the owners of the land and of the public. The section of the route to be diverted runs through an arable field and a hedged area of land containing houses and other domestic buildings. Over time the route has been obstructed by the buildings. The proposed route will run between two arable fields and slightly north of the hedged area. This will allow the public full use of the path. The eastern termination point will move approximately 56 metres north and will still link to Thornham Magna Footpath 11. The western termination point is unchanged.

This minor network change will meet Objectives 2.1.1, 2.2.2 and 2.3.5 of Suffolk's Rights of Way Improvement Plan (Green Access Strategy 2020-30), whilst also resolving a longstanding obstruction on the ground, clarifying the route for the public, and protecting it for the future.

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 23 April 2026 to The Definitive Map Manager, Rights of Way and Access, Suffolk County Council,

Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP. The County Council is willing to discuss the concerns of those considering objecting or making representations relating to the order. Please contact Alexandra Maher by email at [alexandra.maher@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:alexandra.maher@suffolk.gov.uk) or telephone on 01473 264769.

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 County Council will have to refer the opposed 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 County Council will be able to confirm the order itself but it has no power to modify orders.