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1	Strategic	Policy-level approach	Identify and utilise opportunities to embed air quality and climate change into relevant internal and external policies	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Future internal and external policies have regard to air quality and climate change, where relevant	Ongoing	All	Suffolk Joint Needs Assessment – Health and Climate Change
2	Strategic	Policy-level approach	Work with the Suffolk Climate Change Energy and Environment Board (SCCEEB) to influence and support wider system work delivered through the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan (SCEP) to ensure that: a) health impacts of climate change and air quality are considered b) actions are targeted towards those most vulnerable to the effects of climate change and air pollution	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short & long term	The health impacts of climate change and air quality are considered in delivery of actions within the SCEP and targeted towards those most vulnerable, where relevant Effective working relationships are developed and maintained with internal and external partners in relation to air quality and climate change	Ongoing	All	Green Suffolk
3	Strategic	Policy-level approach	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan (SCEP) – embed a mechanism to systematically include air quality co-benefits in relevant SCEP funding proposals to support the delivery of the SCEP and environmental improvement	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment and Waste team	Short term	A mechanism to systematically include air quality co-benefits in relevant SCEP funding proposals is embedded Funding applicants are encouraged to consider potential air quality co-benefits in project delivery where relevant	Ongoing	All	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan
4	Strategic	Policy-level approach	Suffolk Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) to include reference to air quality in the four main themes, but primarily in the Health, Wellbeing and Social inclusion theme. Air quality data will be used to influence County-wide, area-wide, and local-level plans.	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Transport Strategy team	Short and long term	Air quality will be referenced in the LTP4 four main themes Inclusion of air quality data in area plan assessments, and where an AQMA exists, mitigation measures proposed All road transport-related AQMAs have been revoked across Suffolk	Ongoing	All	Suffolk Local Transport Plan

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5	Strategic	Policy-level approach	a) develop and utilise relevant funding opportunities to expand monitoring of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and particulate matter (PM) in the County, to assist in evaluating the impact of interventions on local outdoor or indoor air quality b) develop and utilise relevant funding opportunities to enable wider interventions relating to Air Quality to be developed	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Funding applications are submitted where relevant funds are available Where funding is secured and monitors are obtained, ability to evaluate the impact of interventions on local outdoor or indoor air quality	Ongoing	ALL	West Suffolk Council Ipswich Borough Council East Suffolk Council Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council
6	Strategic	Policy-level approach	Wherever possible, work with the academic partners to develop the evidence base about air quality and health, to inform policy and ongoing approach to air quality	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	An evidence base is developed and maintained The evidence base is used to inform policy and ongoing approach to air quality	Ongoing	ALL	University of Suffolk - Suffolk Sustainability Institute
7	Strategic	Policy-level approach	Support the University of Suffolk and relevant internal and external partners to develop a project to evaluate the impact of a School Street on children's health outcomes, subject to available funding	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short term	An evaluation project is developed and delivered Health impacts of a School Street on children's health outcomes have been evaluated Evidence of health impacts is available to support the development of future School Streets, if appropriate	Ongoing	ALL	West Suffolk Council Ipswich Borough Council East Suffolk Council Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council University of Suffolk - Suffolk Sustainability Institute
8	Strategic	Policy-level approach	Make use of relevant S106 / CIL funding opportunities that benefit air quality in Suffolk (multiple leads across SCC	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Relevant S106 / CIL funding opportunities are utilised to improve air quality in Suffolk	Ongoing	Prevent Mitigate	Developers guide to infrastructure contributions

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9	Strategic	Partnership working	Engage with internal and external partners and elected members to raise awareness of air quality, and influence system action to reduce the health impacts associated with poor air quality	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Effective working relationships are developed and maintained between SCC internal directorates and with its external partners in relation to air quality	Ongoing	All	West Suffolk Council Ipswich Borough Council East Suffolk Council Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board Green Plan Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board Green Plan
10	Strategic	Partnership working	Support the University of Suffolk to develop and promote the Suffolk Air Quality Network	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	The University of Suffolk is supported to develop and promote the Suffolk Air Quality Network	Ongoing	ALL	West Suffolk Council Ipswich Borough Council East Suffolk Council Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council University of Suffolk - Suffolk Sustainability Institute
11	Strategic	Partnership working	Work with the Suffolk Food Partnership to explore and support opportunities to reduce air pollution emissions associated with Suffolk's food network	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making Team	Short and long term	Reduced air pollution emissions associated with food production, food supply and food waste in Suffolk's food network	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Food Partnership Community Action Suffolk

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12	Strategic	Behaviour change and communication	a) Develop and deliver a rolling programme of public engagement to raise awareness of the health impacts of air quality and how individuals can make choices that protect their health and the health of others, targeted towards those most vulnerable to air pollution b) Develop and deliver a public engagement plan to raise awareness of the sources and health impacts of indoor air quality and the actions that people can take to protect themselves	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Delivery of targeted engagement towards those most vulnerable to air pollution Increase in general awareness of the health impacts of air pollution Increase in the awareness of the sources, impacts, and mitigations Increase in public awareness of the sources and health impacts of indoor air quality and the actions that people can take to protect themselves	Ongoing	All	West Suffolk Council Ipswich Borough Council East Suffolk Council Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council
13	Strategic	Behaviour change and communication	Explore and develop opportunities to deliver Suffolk-wide public awareness campaigns, with system partners wherever possible	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Public Awareness Campaigns are developed and delivered where possible	Ongoing	ALL	
14	Strategic	Behaviour change and communication	Work with partners to embed air quality into respiratory health pathways, to empower patients to manage their health and improve patient outcomes	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Air quality is embedded into respiratory health pathways Respiratory patients are given information about how air quality might affect their condition and are empowered to manage it themselves	Ongoing	ALL	West Suffolk Council Ipswich Borough Council East Suffolk Council Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council
15	Strategic	Behaviour change and communication	Work with partners and patients to coproduce patient advice about air quality and respiratory health	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Advice is developed Advice is made available in healthcare settings Patients are aware of how air quality might affect their health and what they can do to protect themselves	Not started	ALL	Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board Green Plan Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board Green Plan Warm Homes, Healthy People / Warm Homes Suffolk

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16	Strategic	Behaviour change and communication	Act in an advisory and consultatory role to support system wide partners, stakeholders and the public with relevant advice and guidance relating to air quality and health	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Individuals / organisations seeking public health advice relating to air quality and health are provided with relevant support, guidance and expertise	Ongoing	ALL	Healthy Suffolk – Suffolk Air Quality
17	Homes and Businesses	Carbon reduction	Warm Homes Suffolk – enabling homes to become more energy efficient through retrofit measures	Suffolk Retro-fit Team / Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Waste and Environment team	Short and long term	Number of homes receiving energy efficiency retrofit measures Reduced carbon emissions associated with homes receiving energy efficiency retrofit measures Improved indoor air quality in homes receiving energy efficiency retrofit measures	Ongoing	Prevent	Warm Homes Suffolk Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan
18	Homes and Businesses	Carbon reduction	Contract manage the Warm Homes Healthy People (WHHP) programme to increase targeting of energy-efficiency interventions towards those most vulnerable to the effects of cold and damp homes	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Improved energy efficiency in homes most vulnerable to fuel poverty Lower carbon emissions in homes most vulnerable to fuel poverty Improved air quality inside homes most vulnerable to fuel poverty	Ongoing	Prevent	Warm Homes, Healthy People / Warm Homes Suffolk
19	Homes and Businesses	Carbon reduction	Working with businesses – via the Carbon Charter Network – to increase awareness of how they can reduce their impact on climate change and air quality	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment and Waste team	Short and long term	Businesses to engage in a range of energy-saving behaviours to reduce air pollution and carbon emissions. Businesses are aware of their impact on air pollution and climate change and how they can reduce their impact	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Change Partnership Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Carbon Charter Network

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20	Homes and Businesses	Carbon reduction	Working with schools – via the Carbon Charter Network – to increase awareness of how they can reduce their impact on climate change and air quality	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Short and long term	Schools to engage in a range of energy-saving behaviours to reduce air pollution and carbon emissions. Number of schools that have become Eco Schools Schools are aware of their impact on air pollution and climate change and how they can reduce their impact Improved air quality in and around schools	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Change Partnership Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan
21	Homes and Businesses	Carbon reduction	Work with the Suffolk Housing Board Health & Housing subgroup to explore and develop opportunities to improve housing conditions and improve IAQ	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Opportunities to improve indoor air quality through improving housing conditions are developed Indoor air quality is improved in the most vulnerable populations	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Change Partnership Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Warm Homes Suffolk Suffolk Housing Board (no link available)
22	Homes and Businesses	Carbon reduction	Identify opportunities and develop solutions to improve energy efficiency across the Suffolk County Council estate, including Children's Homes	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Long term	Reduced air pollution and carbon emissions associated with the SCC estate	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan
23	Homes and businesses	Behaviour change and communication	Engage with businesses to raise awareness of the health impacts of air pollution and support them to reduce their transport-related emissions Target engagement towards businesses which might be 'high emitters' and / or located in or close to an AQMA / area of high pollution	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Businesses are aware of their impact on air pollution and how they can reduce their transport-related air pollution emissions	Not started	Prevent	Carbon Charter Network Good Health at Work Hub

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24	Homes and businesses	Behaviour change and communication	Support businesses to analyse employee travel behaviour and develop strategies for more active and sustainable travel	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure - Behaviour Change Team (Transport Strategy Team)	Short and long term	Citizens who are able, to swap car journeys for walking / cycling Citizens who are able, to swap car journeys for cycles / e-bikes Citizens who are able, to swap car journeys for public transport Citizens who drive, to share car journeys Encourage businesses to complete the annual Suffolk travel to work survey	Not started	Prevent	Carbon Charter Network The Way to Go Suffolk
25	Transport	Traffic- and congestion-related emissions	Scope out evidence-based initiatives to reduce congestion-related transport emissions and improve air quality	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Transport Strategy team	Short term	Completion of scoping exercise	Ongoing	Prevent	Local Transport Plan
26	Transport	Traffic- and congestion-related emissions	a. Change SCC small fleet to EV by end 2024 b. Transition all SCC fleet to Zero Emissions Vehicles	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Short and long term	% of SCC small fleet vehicles that are EV % of all SCC fleet vehicles to Zero Emission Vehicles	Ongoing	Prevent	Local Transport Plan
27	Transport	Traffic- and congestion-related emissions	Encourage businesses to change to Low Emission Delivery vehicles via the Carbon Charter Network	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment and Waste team	Short and long term	Businesses to transition from fossil fuel freight to zero-emission vehicles	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Local Transport Plan Carbon Charter Network
28	Transport	Traffic- and congestion-related emissions	Encourage and support the development of first / last mile delivery initiatives, where feasible to do so	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Transport Strategy team	Short and long term	First / Last Mile delivery initiatives are implemented, where feasible	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Local Transport Plan Carbon Charter Network

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29	Transport	Traffic- and congestion-related emissions	Incentivise use of public transport (train, park and ride, bus), subject to available funding	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Passenger Transport team	Short and long term	Citizens who are able, to swap car journeys for public transport	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Design Guide for Residential Areas Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Local Transport Plan Suffolk Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan Ipswich Borough Council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
30	Transport	Sustainable and active travel	Enable other modes of transport (walking / cycling) through making best use of infrastructure, behaviour change campaigns and initiatives	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Behaviour Change Team (Transport Strategy Team)	Short and long term	Citizens who are able, to swap car journeys for walking / cycling	Ongoing	Prevent	Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Sustainable and Active Travel Plans District and borough council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)
31	Transport	Sustainable and active travel	Modal Shift Accreditation – support schools to analyse staff and student travel behaviour through annual hands up surveys Use this information to support schools’ strategies for Modeshift Accreditation	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Behaviour Change Team (Transport Strategy Team)	Short and long term	Citizens who are able, to swap car journeys for walking / cycling Citizens who are able, to swap car journeys for cycles / e-bikes Citizens who are able, to swap car journeys for public transport Citizens who drive, to share car journeys Schools are encouraged to do their annual hands up survey Improved air quality in and around schools	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Local Transport Plan

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32	Transport	Traffic- and congestion-related emissions	Work with schools to develop School Streets where practical to do so and where County Councillor support is in place	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Behaviour Change Team (Transport Strategy Team)	Short and long term	Improved air quality around schools Number of schools that have had School Streets designated	Ongoing	Prevent	Local Transport Plan West Suffolk Council Ipswich Borough Council East Suffolk Council Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council
33	Transport	Traffic- and congestion-related emissions	Develop a toolkit for schools to support them to improve air quality outside their school	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure - Behaviour Change Team (Transport Strategy Team)	Short term	Toolkit is developed Schools are aware of the health impacts of air pollution Improved air quality around schools Schools are aware of initiatives to support pupils / staff / families to switch to active and sustainable modes of travel to school	Complete	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Local Transport Plan West Suffolk Council Ipswich Borough Council East Suffolk Council Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council The Way to Go Suffolk
34	Transport	Traffic- and congestion-related emissions	Support bus operators through the Bus Service Improvement Plan and Enhanced Partnership to transition to low emission vehicles	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Passenger Transport team	Short and long term	Bus operators transition vehicles to low emission vehicles Reduced air pollution emissions associated with bus travel	Ongoing	Prevent	Local Transport Plan Bus Service Improvement Plan
35	Transport	Carbon reduction	Development of standard EV Charging Stations and Ultra-Rapid Charging Stations across the county	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Long term	Number of standard EV charging stations per head of Suffolk population Number of rapid EV charging stations per head of Suffolk population	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Local Transport Plan Suffolk Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy

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36	Transport	Carbon reduction	Encouraging the public to switch to Low Emission Vehicles	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Short and long term	Citizens who own fossil fuel cars, to swap fossil fuel cars for electric Positive change in public perception of ability to charge EVs	Ongoing	Prevent	Local Transport Plan Suffolk Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy
37	Transport	Carbon reduction	Encouraging SCC staff to opt for lower emission choices for commuting	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Short and long term	Staff who use fossil fuel cars for commuting, to swap fossil fuel cars for electric / low emission vehicles/ car sharing / public transport / active travel Positive change in staff perception of ability to charge EVs	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Local Transport Plan Suffolk Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy
38	Transport	Carbon reduction	Encouraging SCC staff to opt for lower emission choices for grey fleet (business travel)	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Short and long term	Staff who use fossil fuel cars for commuting, to swap fossil fuel cars for electric / low emission vehicles/ car sharing / public transport / active travel Positive change in staff perception of ability to charge EVs	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Local Transport Plan Suffolk Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy
39	Transport	Sustainable and active travel	Assess whether Travel Plans are required and acceptable in any planning applications for new developments or variations to existing permissions, and request them where appropriate in consultation responses	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Transport Strategy team	Short and long term	Travel Plans are requested in consultation responses where appropriate Number of travel plans achieving annual targets Increased levels of EV charging and EV use in developments Increased levels of active and sustainable travel in developments	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan Local Transport Plan

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40	Transport	Sustainable and active travel	Work with ITFC and relevant partners to reduce emissions associated with home football games	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Transport Strategy team	Short term	Citizens who are able, to swap car travel to Portman Road for sustainable / active modes of travel Reduced transport-related air pollution emissions associated with home football games	Ongoing	Prevent	Local Transport Plan ITFC Environmental Sustainability Policy
41	Transport	Sustainable and active travel	Identify opportunities and develop interventions to reduce transport-related air pollution emissions associated with Suffolk County Council operations and staff commuting	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Short and long term	Staff who are able, to swap car journeys for walking / cycling Staff who are able, to swap car journeys for cycles / e-bikes Staff who are able, to swap car journeys for public transport Staff who drive, to share car journeys Encourage SCC staff to complete the annual Suffolk travel to work survey Reduced air pollution emissions associated with SCC activities	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan
42	Transport	Sustainable and active travel	Support Suffolk County Council to analyse employee travel behaviour and develop strategies for more active and sustainable travel	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Short and long term	Staff who are able, to swap car journeys for walking / cycling Staff who are able, to swap car journeys for cycles / e-bikes Staff who are able, to swap car journeys for public transport Staff who drive, to share car journeys Encourage SCC staff to complete the annual Suffolk travel to work survey Reduced air pollution emissions associated with SCC activities	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan

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43	Planning	Monitoring and enforcement	Managing and monitoring of developments determined by SCC (Minerals and Waste / Regulation 3 applications) to ensure that they comply with environmental and air quality policies for planning permissions granted by SCC	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Planning enforcement team	Short and long term	All reported incidents are investigated by monitoring and enforcement team.	Ongoing	All	Suffolk Minerals and Waste Plan
44	Planning	Carbon reduction	Encouraging energy-efficient housing in new housing development applications through the planning system	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Increase in availability of energy-efficient housing in new housing developments Reduced air pollution and carbon emissions associated with new housing developments	Ongoing	Prevent	Suffolk Design Guide for Residential Areas Net Zero Carbon Toolkit WHO guidelines for indoor air quality
45	Planning	Carbon reduction	Where relevant, highlight air quality concerns and the need for appropriate mitigations to reduce the health impacts of air pollution in responses to applications through the planning system	Suffolk Public Health and Communities – Place Making team	Short and long term	Reduced air pollution and carbon emissions associated with relevant sites / locations	Ongoing	ALL	National Planning Policy Framework
46	Planning	Sustainable and active travel	Identify emerging policy in AQ management and review existing policy docs leading up to the review of the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Plan Highlight the need for sustainable industrial movements through reference to local air quality data and AQMAs when commenting on local plans.	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Planning team	Short and long term	Local policies include a focus on sustainable industrial movements to help address air quality.	Ongoing	Prevent	AQMA interactive map

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47	Green infrastructure	Environmental and Green Space Management	To deliver Biodiversity Net Gain through planning applications (excluding NSIPs)	SCC Planning team / SCC Ecologist / SCC Landscape Officer	Short and long term	To increase biodiversity net gain by 10 percent on all projects	Ongoing	Mitigate	Suffolk Minerals and Waste Plan Suffolk's Nature Strategy Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership Suffolk and Nature Recovery Partnership
48	Green infrastructure	Environmental and Green Space Management	Seek to identify opportunities to use trees and hedgerows (or similar) in approach to highways maintenance and other council land to help improve air quality	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Natural and Historic Environment Team / Environment Strategy Team	Short and long term	Opportunities to improve air quality are identified Increase in biodiversity across the SCC estate (to contribute towards the goal to have 30% biodiversity coverage across the SCC estate as part of SCC's wider diversity duty)	Ongoing	Mitigate	Suffolk's Nature Strategy
49	Green infrastructure	Environmental and Green Space Management	Working with partners around projects to plant species-appropriate trees in urban spaces where they have the greatest value for air quality, particularly in areas where AQMAs have been declared (subject to new resources and funding being available)	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure - Natural and Historic Environment Team	Short and long term	Increase in canopy cover in urban spaces	Ongoing	Mitigate	West Suffolk Council East Suffolk Council Ipswich Garden Suburb Greener Ipswich Green Suffolk – in the garden
50	Green infrastructure	Environmental and Green Space Management	Supporting more nature friendly farming through the County Farms Programme	Growth, Highways and Infrastructure – Environment Strategy Team	Short and long term	Increase in biodiversity across Suffolk Farms estate Reduction in carbon emissions associated with Suffolk Farms estate Decrease in air pollution emissions related to farming practices associated with Suffolk Farms estate	Ongoing	All	Suffolk County Farms Estate# Suffolk Food Partnership