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AGM 2025

Report from
Group Footpath Secretary
Area 1A

Flempton Bridge FP5

River Lark Path/St Edmunds Way

- ▶ This footpath had been closed for over a year as it was considered unsafe.
- ▶ It is now open after numerous reports to SCC and queries.
- ▶ Have learned from SCC Access Manager that there is no money available to repair and upgrade the river bank at the present time.

River Lark Flooding some years ago.
Up to my knees!



Present Day Footpath after extensive repairs to bank in last 10 years



BRIDGE STILL CLOSED AT AMPTON WATER



Bridge closure at Ampton Water

FP 13 Gt Livermere and FP3 Lt Livermere

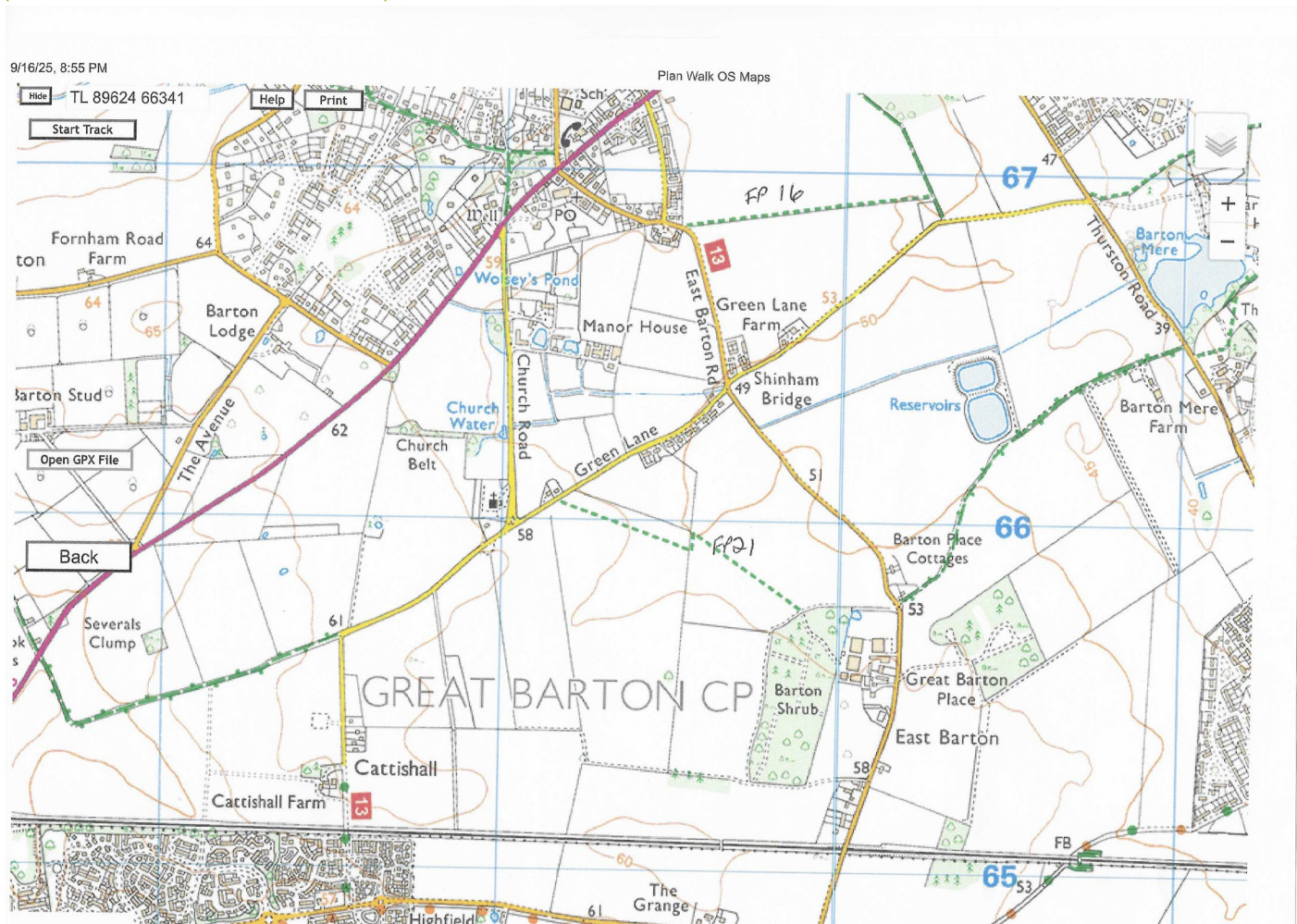
- ▶ Update
- ▶ The wooden bridge between Ampton Water and Long Water on the Ampton Estate has been closed since 3rd February 2022 as it was considered beyond repair.
- ▶ Ownership of the structure discussed with landowner, parish council and SCC. Currently looking at potential location for new crossing point to reduce costs of replacement.
- ▶ Awaiting results of survey carried out week of 21st July 2025.
- ▶ Next stage - replacement and planning permission of new structure including potential diversion.
- ▶ SCC to update on progress alongside Parish Council. (ONGOING)

Bridge requiring repair at Ampton Water possible new location



Great Barton FP21

Original route ending at Barton Shrub (cul-de-sac)



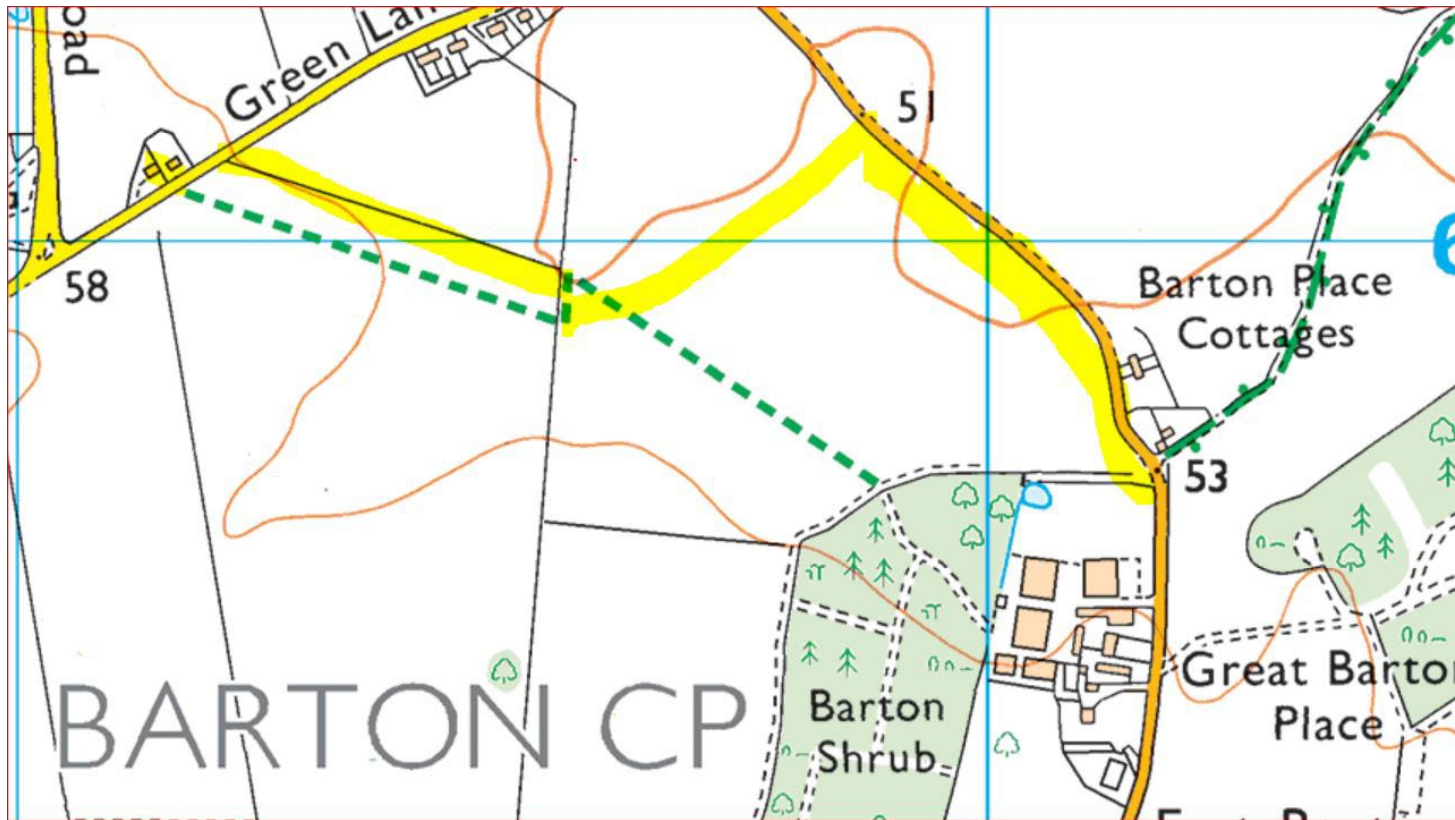
Great Barton FP21

New route agreed with landowner

- ▶ Secured funding through S106 agreement to cover costs of diversion of FP21 and a proposed upgrade to bridleway status.
- ▶ (A section 106 agreement is a legally binding agreement or planning obligation between a local planning authority and a property owner)
- ▶ Landowner has agreed to additional width and bridleway status with fencing. The route will run along the inside of the hedge bordering East Barton Road and will link up with bridleway 3 to Thurston Road.
- ▶ The diversion process will include the withdrawal of John Andrews original claimed route.

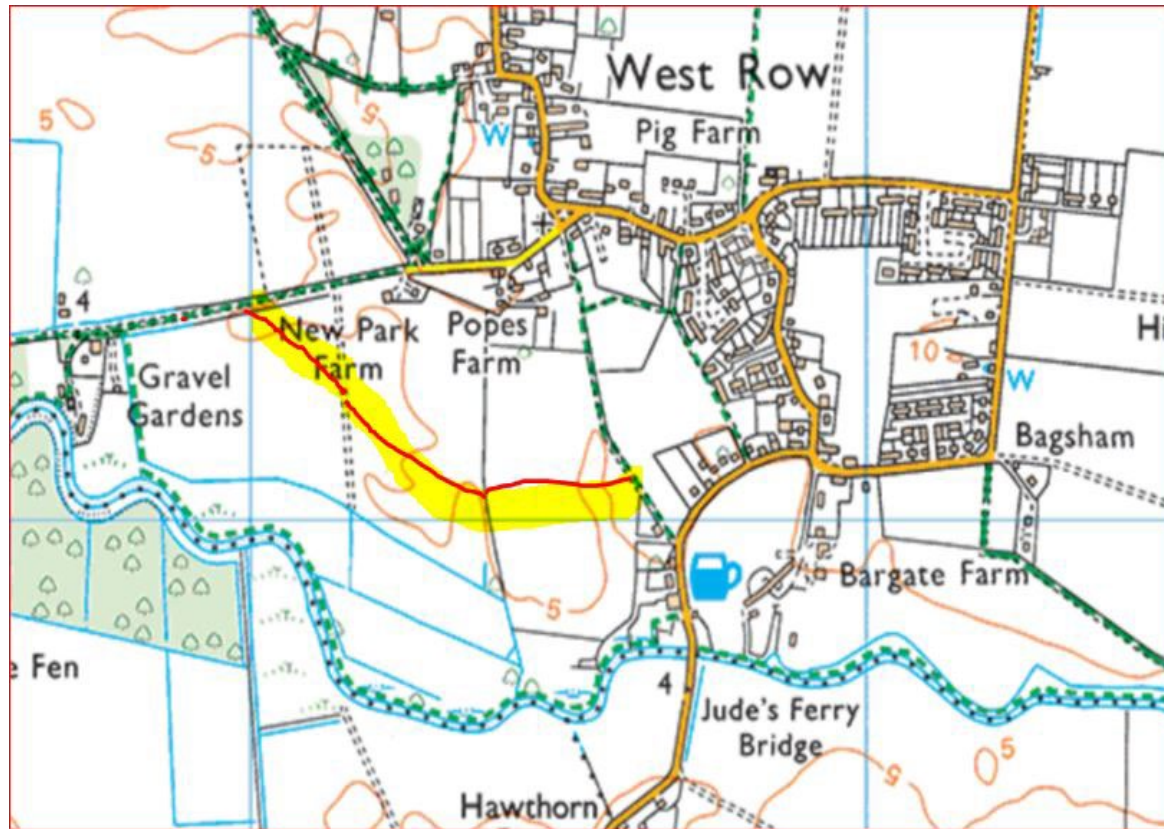
FP21 Green Lane to East Barton Road

Agreed new diverted route

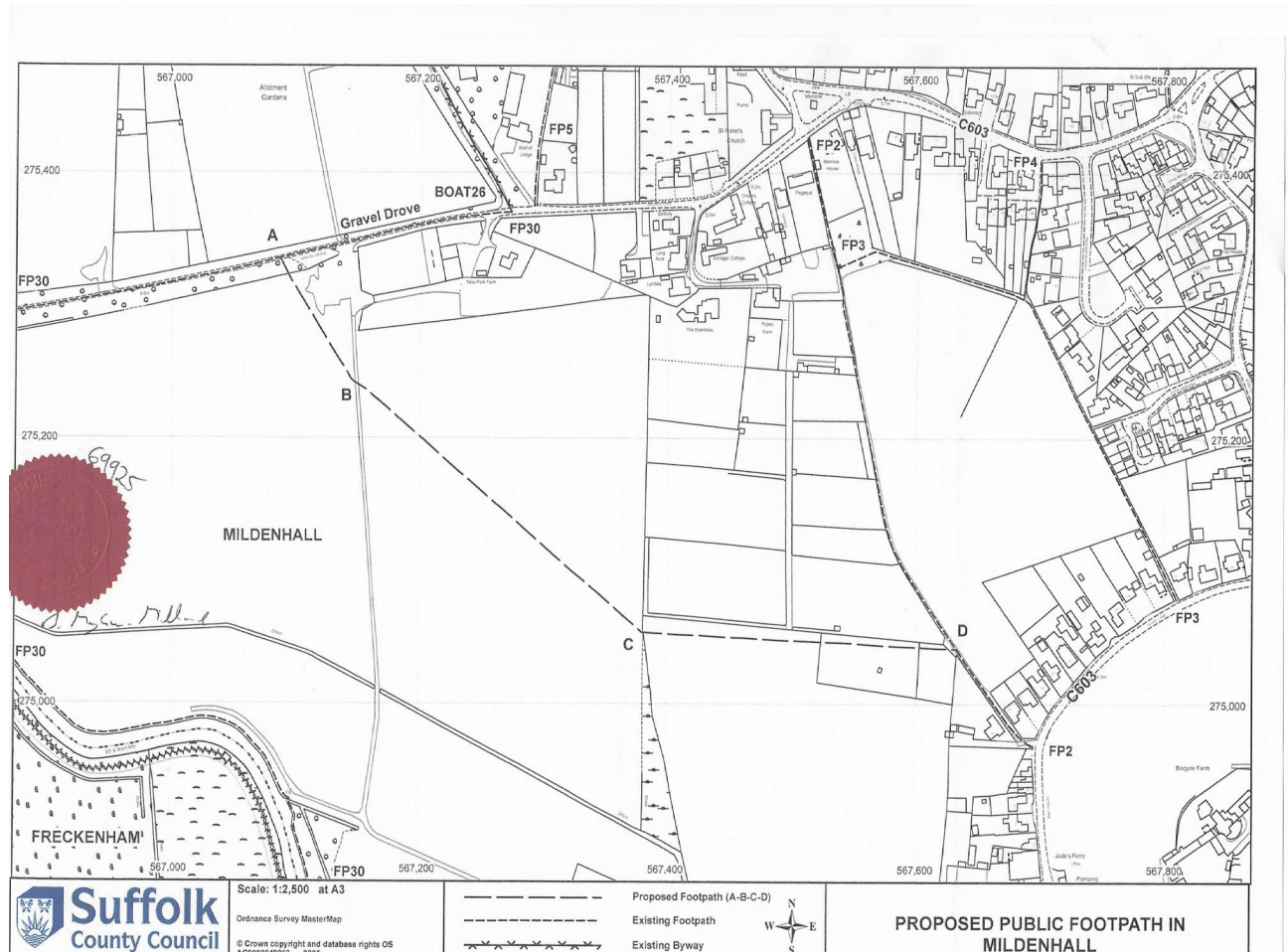


Claimed footpath from FP30 (Gravel Drove) to FP2 West Row rejected by SCC 23/10/24

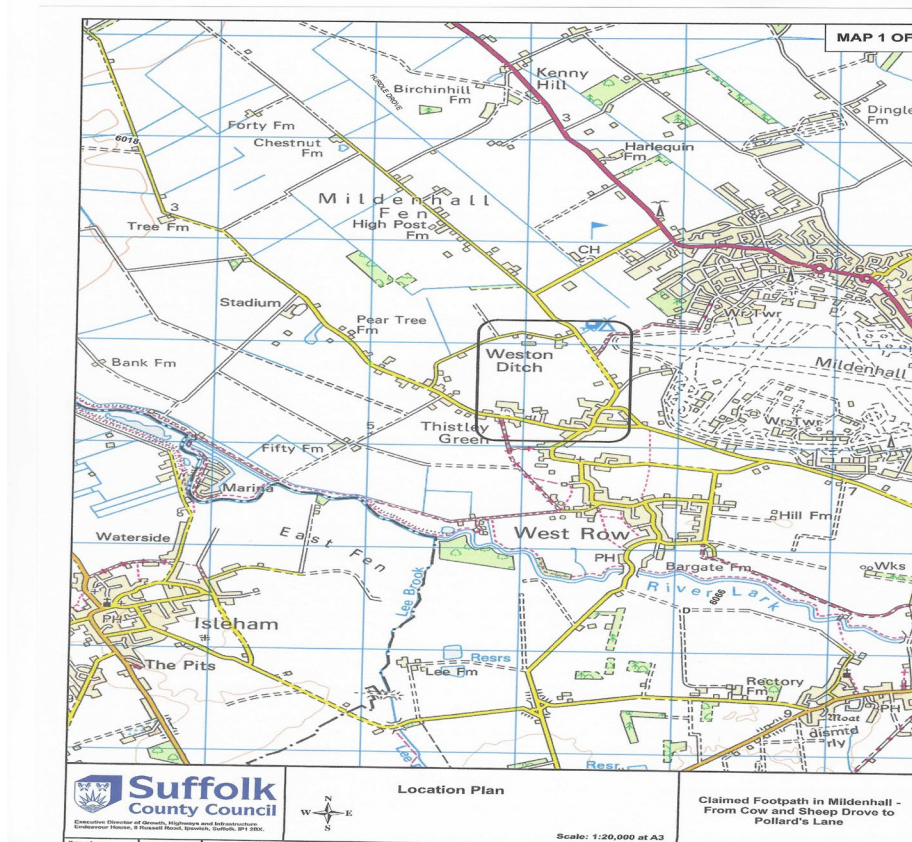
Appeal by the claimant Mr Michael Peachey was successful dated 9th July 2025 against SCC rejection of claim. Appeal allowed and SCC directed to make the Order.



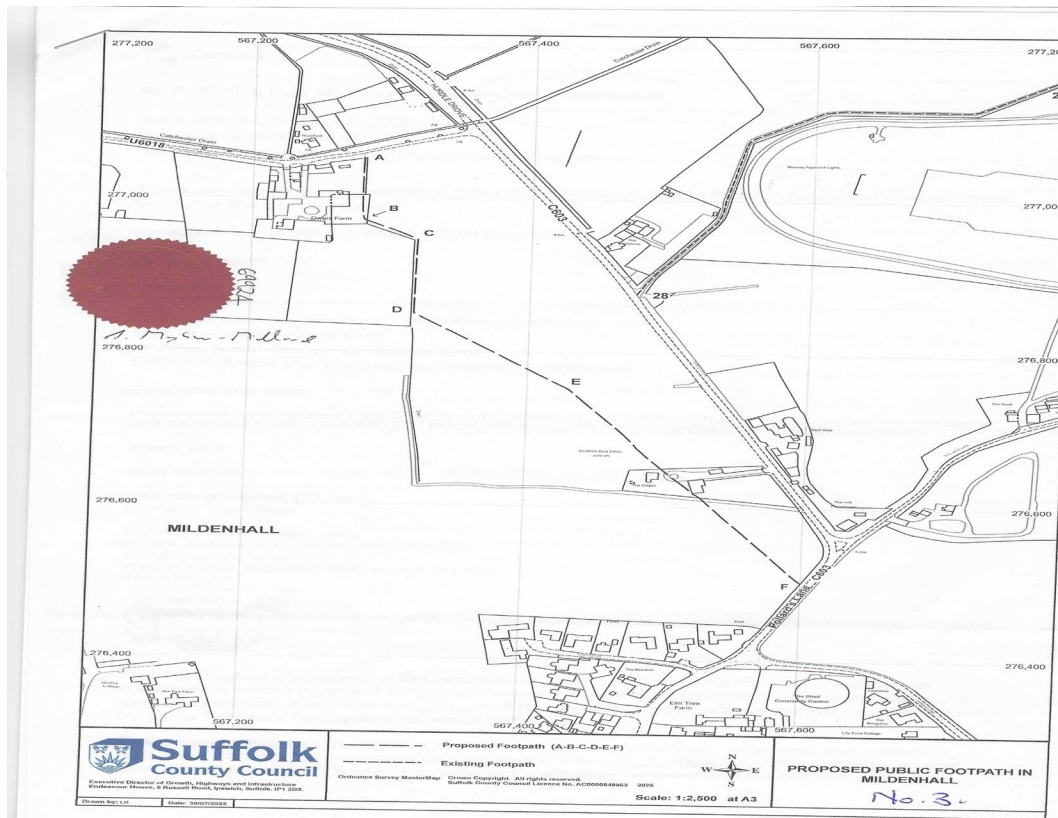
Parish of Mildenhall (No 2) West Row Gravel Road to Footpath 2



Cow and Sheep Drove, West Row another successful footpath claim by Michael Peachey



Definitive Map Order (no3) Mildenhall
to add the route between Cow and Sheep
Drove and Pollard's Lane West Row as a
footpath dated 1st September 2025

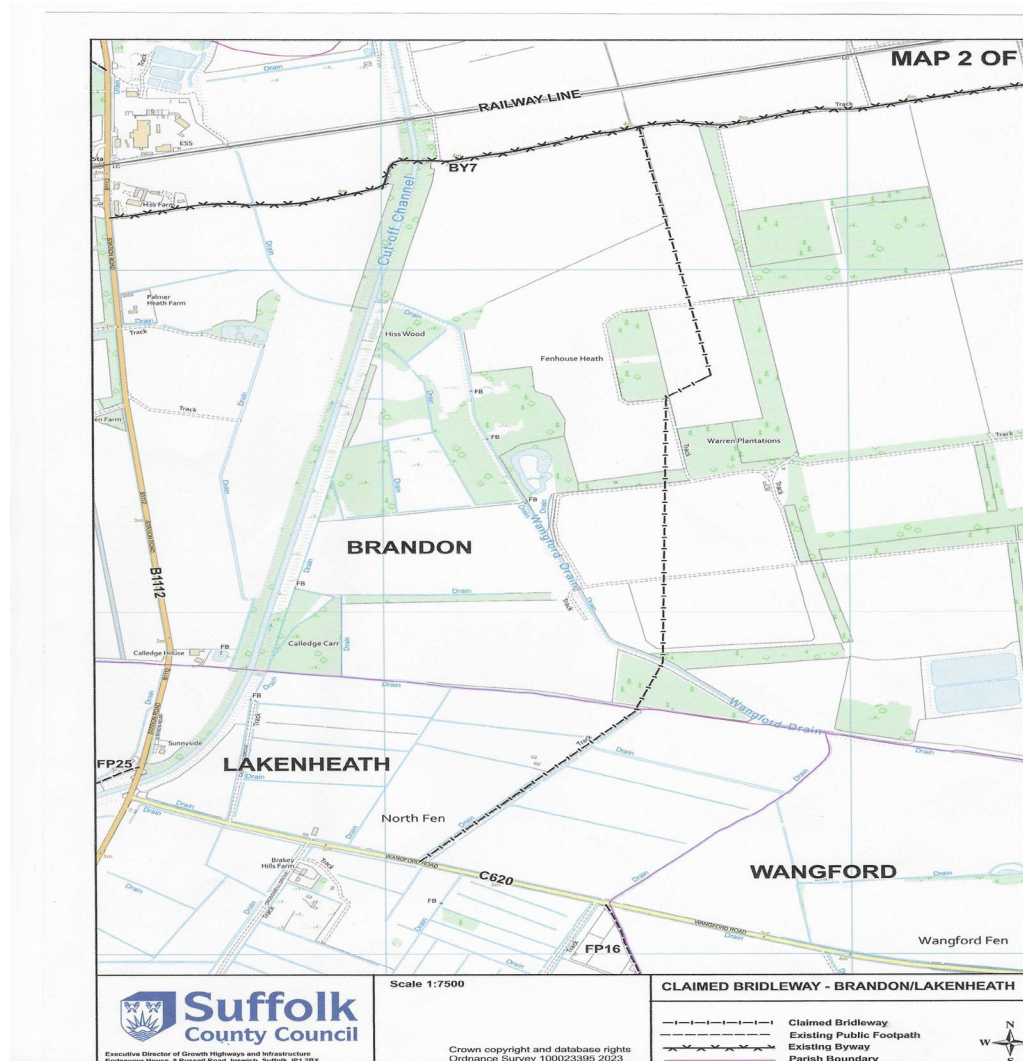


Claimed footpath by John Andrews
Hinderclay Fen FP18 to Blo Norton FP5,
Order made 2021
Building of footbridge postponed by Norfolk
CC to next financial year due to lack of funds



Brandon and Lakenheath

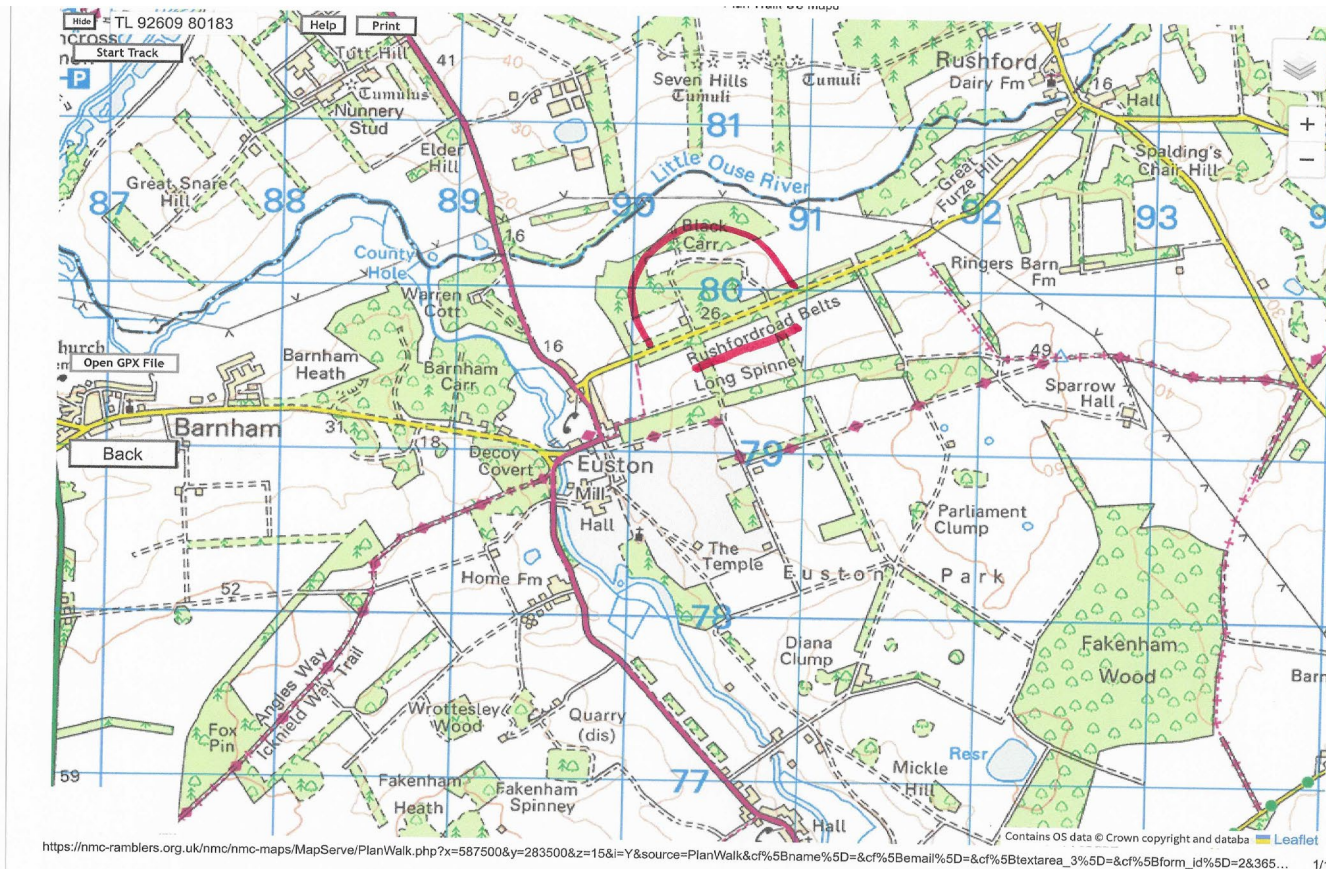
New Bridleway claimed by John Andrews



New Bridleway 22 Brandon/Lakenheath



Public consultation by Natural England Open access rights at Euston Estate



Countryside and Rights of Way Act Consultation by Natural England

Restrictions and exclusions under the CROW Act section 24

Review of Open Access

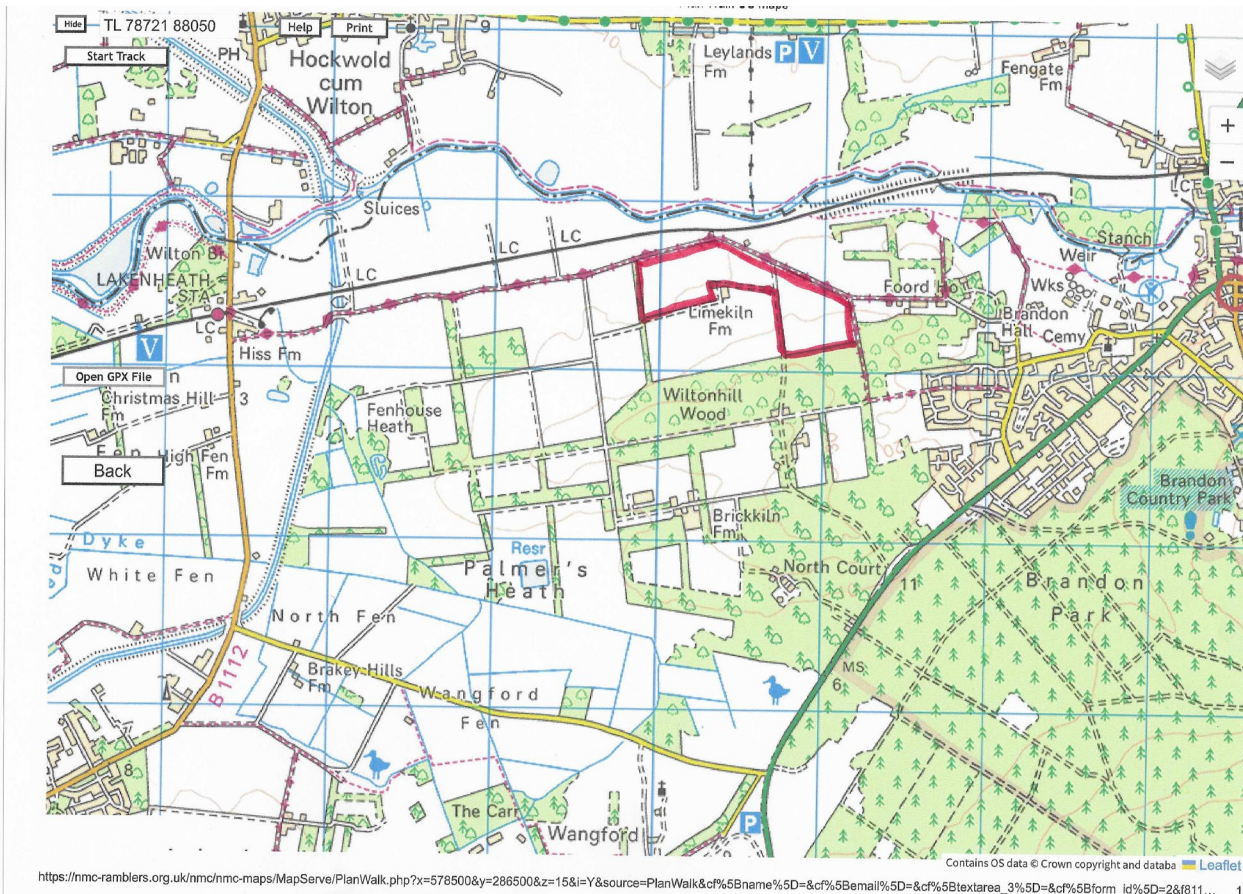
Dates of exclusion between 1st September and 31st October annually (usually 4 weeks)

Requirement by Euston Estate for **no public access** due to disturbance of game. Rutting season for stags.

The Estate would like to exclude CROW access rights during the rutting season.

No objection put forward by Ramblers to the exclusion as still being necessary for the original purpose.

Planning application for solar farm Land at Access Road from Brandon to Fenhouse Farm Brandon



Response by SCC ROW team to application

- ▶ Planning application objected in the first instance by Public ROW and Green Access.
- ▶ Detrimental effect upon Hereward Way (Byway Open to All Vehicles) which borders site to north and northeast.
- ▶ Proposed cables to run under the PROW.

Suffolk Area Council

- ▶ All meetings took place via Zoom. Subjects raised:
- ▶ Lack of Walks leaders which was common to all Groups. But general increase in numbers of walkers.
- ▶ King Charles III England Coast path - still work to finish, but whole path should be opened around the beginning of December.
- ▶ National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Project - Consultation completed. 180 km long pylon route. The total number of rights of way affected is 449 - Essex 208, Suffolk 188, Norfolk 53. Original route through Gislegham has now been amended to avoid centre of village.
- ▶ Anglian Water new 69k pipeline scheme from BSE to Colchester nearing completion - obstructions to footpaths have been minimal.
- ▶ Ramblers Governance Review Consultation. Areas and Groups discussed
- ▶ Ramblers Suffolk Area 'Don't lose your way team' led by John Andrews have submitted some applications with success. Others pending.
- ▶ **The Suffolk Area Council AGM 2026 will be at Lavenham village hall**