

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL DIGITAL PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY DATA EXPORT/IMPORT INFORMATION SHEET

Suffolk County Council maintain the definitive map and statement, which are the definitive legal records of public rights of way. The details contained in **the data supplied are for information only**, they are a digital interpretation of the definitive map and statement, **not the legal records themselves**.

For legal purposes, the data does not replace the definitive map and statement and changes may be made to the legal records that will not be included in this data. The data may also contain errors and anomalies.

The end user will require the appropriate software for base mapping to be displayed and a suitable GIS system to enable the data to be viewed.

Spatial data

The data that will be exported and imported will consist of: a unique identifier; the routecode; the status of the right of way and the line on the map.

The routecode consists of:

- the Area identifier: E – East Area; W – West Area /
- the Parish reference number (see Suffolk Parish List.xls)/
- the individual path number/
- if applicable, a suffix A, B, C etc; or a combination route section suffix X, Y, Z.

The status of the Right of Way:

1. Footpath
2. Restricted Byway
3. Bridleway
4. Byway Open to All Traffic

The line on the map consists of a linear sequence of Ordnance Survey MasterMap Grid Reference datum points. No rights of way line symbols or other annotations will be sent by the Export/Import process.

Definitive Statement

The definitive statement data is exported as an Excel document. Every parish has a set of statements for each route in the parish. The parish statements are grouped alphabetically. The former and modern district councils that each parish is located within are included separately in the Suffolk Parish List document.

The individual statement may include various information:

- The description of the route – the level of detail may vary. Recent descriptions will include grid references, older descriptions can be very short and sometimes refer to historic landmarks which no longer exist.
- The status:
 1. FP = Footpath
 2. RB = Restricted Byway
 3. BR = Bridleway
 4. BY = Byway Open to All Traffic
- Width – a width is not included in every statement and may vary between routes, if specified the width may be in metres, feet or more general terms.
- Limitations – not included in every statement, where applicable this section records structures such as gates, stiles or bollards.

The data will be contained in a dated zip file and will also include this information sheet and the Suffolk Parish List.xls.

For any queries about using the data please contact:
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