

Dear Clerk,

Suffolk County Council is undertaking a review of recommended lorry routes across the county. The review is formed of two parts: a technical review of routes and a community-led review of issues on lorry routes. It is the first meaningful review of the plan since 2011 and in the meantime various changes have been made to the local highway network.

The technical review is nearing completion and has considered a range of factors affecting the suitability of lorry routes including road safety data, restrictions to HGV movements on certain routes and the overall resilience of the network. The review has drawn on customer reports received from members of the public and local stakeholders as well as findings from Lorry Watch schemes to provide some local context.

The County Council is commencing a community-led review by inviting parish and town councils to use a survey link <https://forms.office.com/r/EXa8fHbhAr> to report the three most important issues associated with lorry movements in their community. Parish councils are then asked to liaise with their local County Councillor to endorse the issues for inclusion as part of the review.

The County Council will collate responses and review the feedback to ensure changes to the Lorry Network map are appropriate and to collate information about local issues. The review will help to inform future plans and proposals associated with lorry movements as part of any future developments.

The outcome of the technical and community review will be a newly published and more interactive Lorry Route Network map. It should be noted that we anticipate a small number of minor changes to the map as there are limitations to our highway network.

The community-led review will commence on 22nd October 2021 and responses are required by 17th December 2021.

The County Council would like to thank all participants in advance and all responses will be evaluated in due course, however, it will not be possible to respond to submissions on an individual basis.

Please see below a link to a more detailed briefing note that includes the questions on the survey:  
[https://mcusercontent.com/7e08469569c2cfa1901c585e2/files/7fc3904e-ef92-d1bf-8849-a04e043f39e3/Town\\_and\\_Parish\\_Council\\_Briefing\\_Note\\_v1.docx](https://mcusercontent.com/7e08469569c2cfa1901c585e2/files/7fc3904e-ef92-d1bf-8849-a04e043f39e3/Town_and_Parish_Council_Briefing_Note_v1.docx)

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For further information, please visit:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/lorry-route-plan-review-in-suffolk/>

Yours faithfully

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