

## Suggested Unaccompanied Inspection Route (by Car) for Planning Inspectorate Examining Body **B1122 Leiston Road (Aldeburgh to Aldringham)**

The route from the Aldeburgh roundabout to the Aldringham crossroads is the main road to Leiston and there is concern that it would be used by commercial vehicles and workers to reach NGET's development site from the Friday Street junction on the A12.

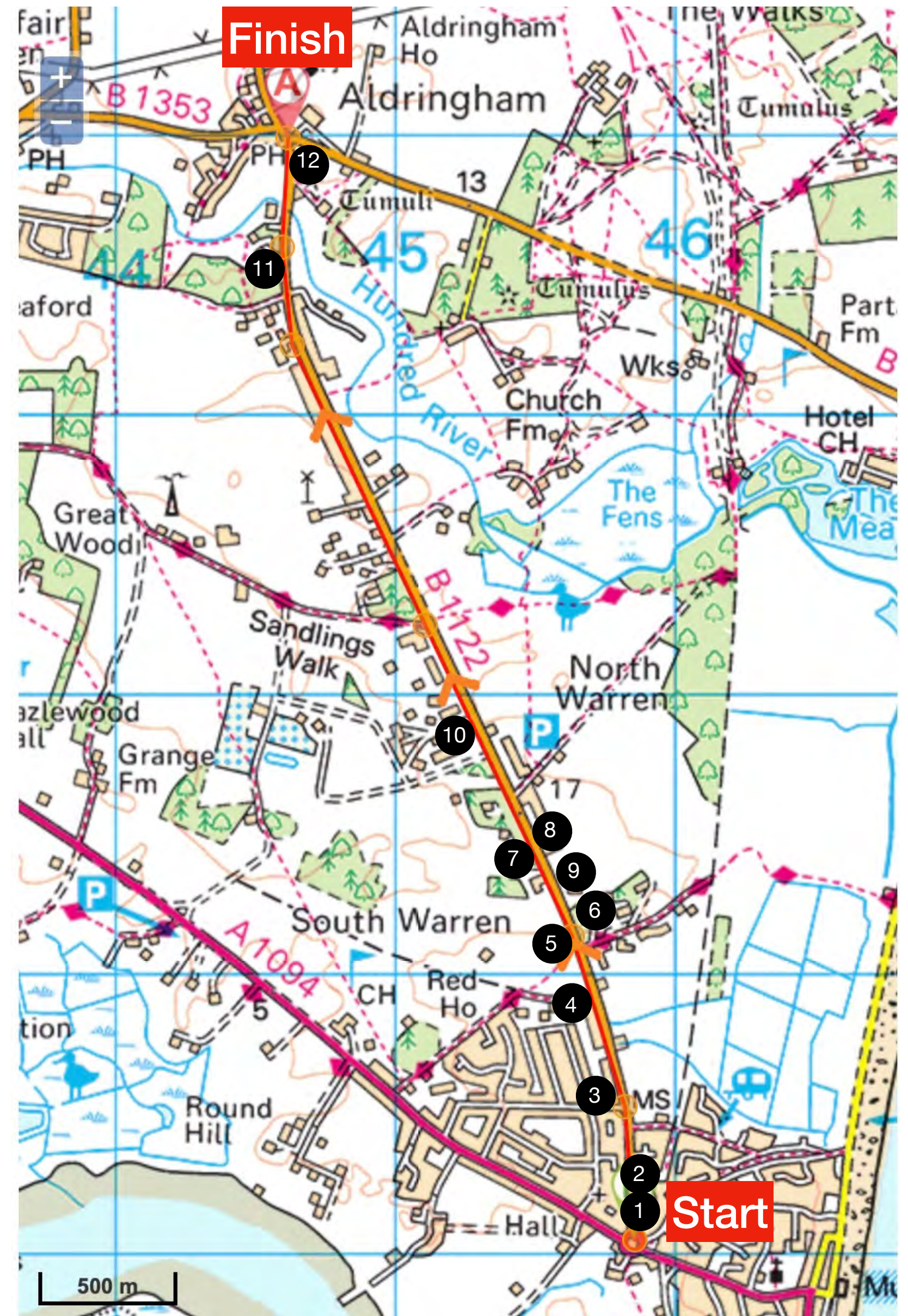
Distance: 4.2km

Time: 10 minutes by car without stops

Background:

- The B1122 from Aldeburgh to Aldringham forms the main route between Aldeburgh and Leiston. Initially passing through a residential area, it becomes a rural road with numerous footpaths and property entrances across or turning off it.
- Beyond Golf Lane, heading north, the pavement terminates.
- On leaving the 30mph zone it becomes 40mph. This speed limit was imposed in about 2018, reduced from 60mph, in view of the dangerous nature of the road which has many blind summits, vehicle exit points, long stretches of double white lines and a number of footpath crossings.
- When there is excessive rainfall, the road floods in the dips making it even more treacherous.
- **The key point is that this road is a busy rural road, particularly in summer with visitors to the area and forms the western boundary of the North Warren Nature Reserve. The extensive wildlife, including free roaming deer, is vulnerable to accidents with vehicles particularly in view of the blind crossing points across the carriageway. It is unsuitable for significant HGV and commercial vehicle movements of any nature and indeed any increase in general traffic on route to NGET's development site. Any increase in traffic volumes would raise pollution levels considerably in an area to which people come to walk and enjoy the open landscape.**

## Map and photograph points





## The route by car

- On leaving the Aldeburgh roundabout, the road immediately becomes one-way traffic only due to the narrow width of the road and the number of cars parked in front of the houses (photo 1). Vehicles often have difficulty negotiating this exit and any significant increase in traffic volumes, particular if large commercial vehicles, would cause considerable inconvenience to other road users. Please note the proximity of the residential properties - a significant increase in traffic, both of a general and large commercial vehicles nature would cause considerable noise and pollution to residents along this road (photos 1 & 2);

**Photo 1**



**Photo 2**



- The zebra crossing on Leiston Road provides safe access for residents to reach the Tesco's zebra crossing on Saxmundham Road which provides access to the supermarkets and all of the town's amenities (photo 2);
- It should also be noted that the crossing is used by school children on route to the primary school and also to the bus stop to take the bus to Leiston school.



- Linden Road is a residential road that links to the Saxmundham Road. If access to Saxmundham Road via the roundabout were to become slow or blocked there is a serious risk that Linden Road would become a rat-run for traffic seeking to reach National Grid's construction site (Photo 3)
- The footpath comes to an end on the east side of Leiston Road opposite Golf Lane (photo 4) so pedestrians wishing to get to North Warren Nature Reserve must cross the road and walk a stretch of grass verge along the edge of the road to reach the footpath down Warren Hill (photos 5/6);

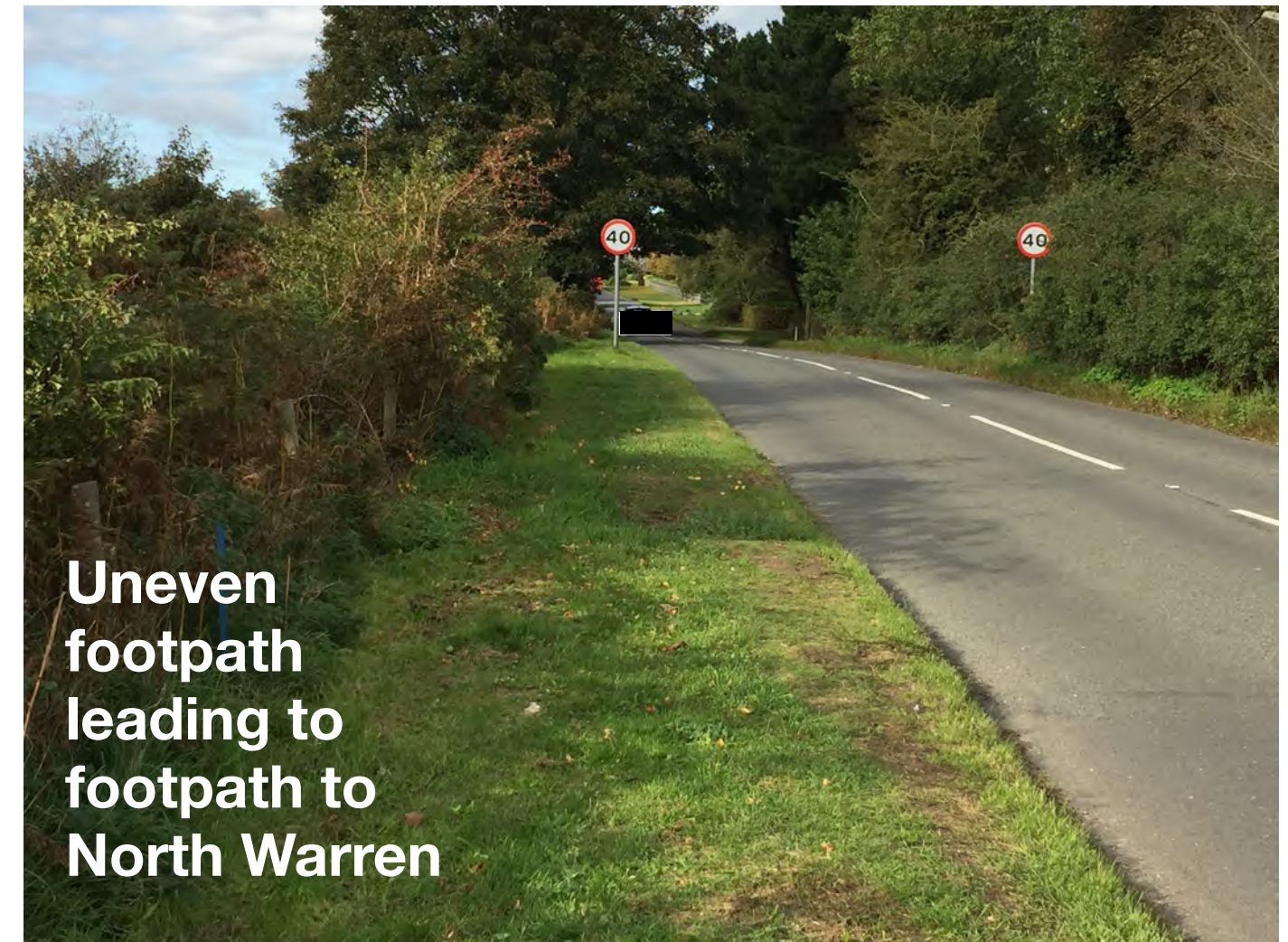
**Photo 3**



**Photo 4**



**Photo 5**



- From this point north the road becomes undulating with numerous blind summits and no overtaking double white lines (photos 6/ 7/8).

**Photo 6**





- There are numerous hidden property entrances along this road and half way along the route, the Sandling Walk crosses the road (photo 8)

**Photo 7**



**Photo 8**



- The rural nature of this route should be noted (photos 9 & 10) and these two photos show the view to the potential site of the drilling pits and the landscape where NGET's power cables will cross the Leiston Road. Note the dangerous undulating road.

**Photo 9**



**Photo 10**





- Just before reaching Aldringham Court Care Home, the Scottish Power Renewable's cable route from the wind farms to Friston substation is planned to cross at this point. This project will clearly add considerable traffic to the Leiston Road and cause extensive destruction to woodland and wild life habitats. (Photo 11)

**Photo 11**



- The junction in Aldringham is a busy junction and any additional traffic will impact on vehicle movements particularly if this becomes the key access route for Scottish Power's energy project.
- The route ends at the cross roads at Aldringham which is the main junction leading to Thorpeness to the right and Knodishall to the left (photo 12).

**Photo 12**

