



Planning Inspectorate

The Planning Act 2008

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for the Norwich to Tilbury project (EN020027)

Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection (4 of 7)

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook an unaccompanied site inspection (USI) to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Norwich to Tilbury project on **Tuesday 14 October 2025**.

The inspection was undertaken to view the location of the proposed development, specifically the pylon route between National Grid Norwich Main Substation and Bramford Substation.

Particulars of the USI

The USI was undertaken by the following members of the ExA:

- Susan Hunt
- Jonathan Hockley

The ExA was accompanied by:

- Caroline Jones (Planning Inspector)
- Gavin Jones (Planning Inspector)
- Harrison Coles (Case Team)

The USI was undertaken by car. Weather conditions were dry and cloudy and were suitable to appreciate long range views. The USI commenced at approximately 9:15 and finished at approximately 17:00. The USI was carried out from publicly accessible land only.

A summary of the inspection and route maps are attached at Annex A.

This USI note is 4 of 7 for the inspections undertaken in week commencing 13 October 2025. It should be noted that two separate USIs took place on the same day.



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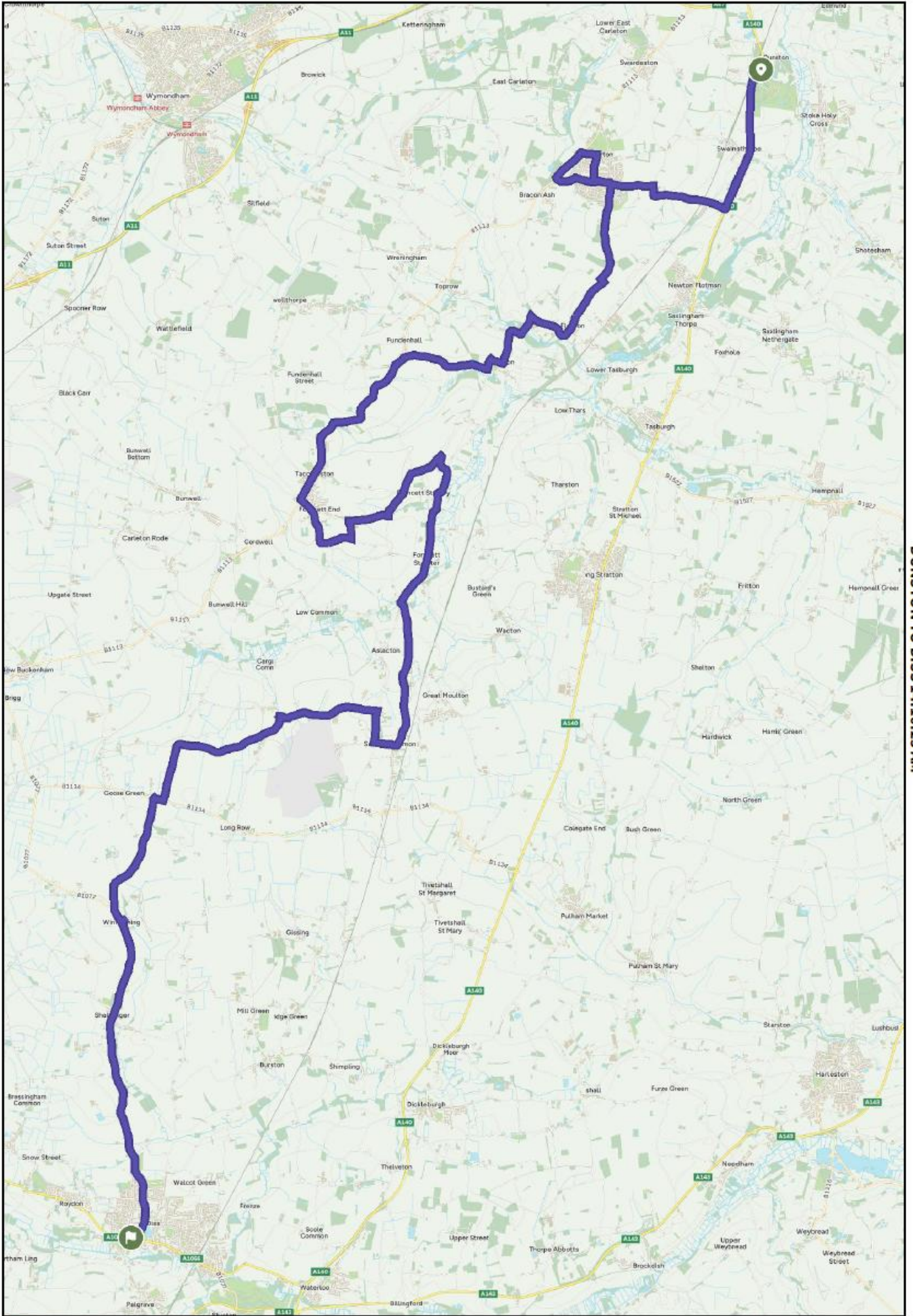
Annex A: Summary of USI on Tuesday 14 October 2025 (4 of 7)

The ExA undertook the USI primarily by car and partly on foot on public land between Norwich Main Substation and Bramford Substation.

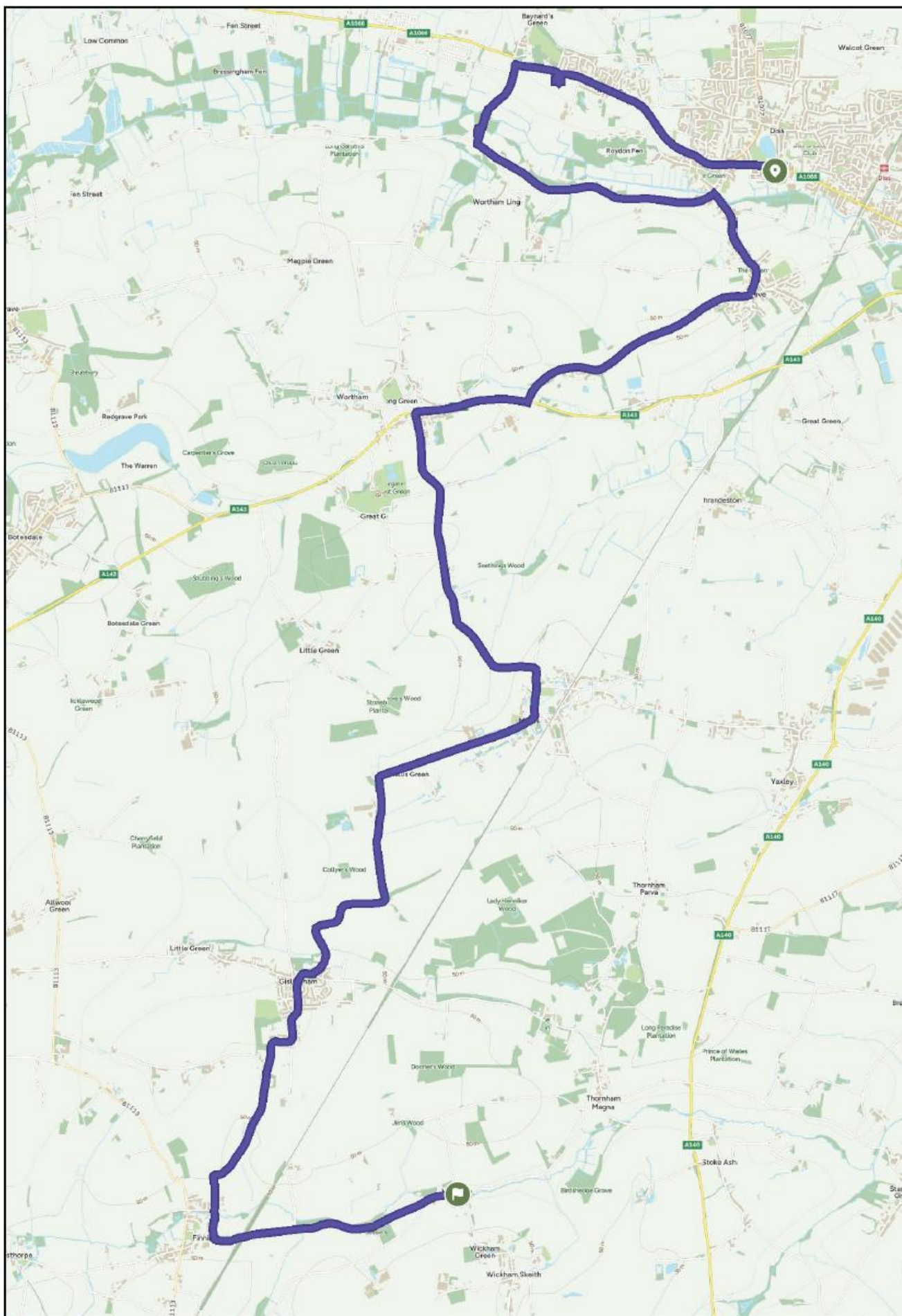
The ExA's observations included the settlements, the surrounding countryside and a range of heritage assets which included the following areas in the vicinity of the proposed development:

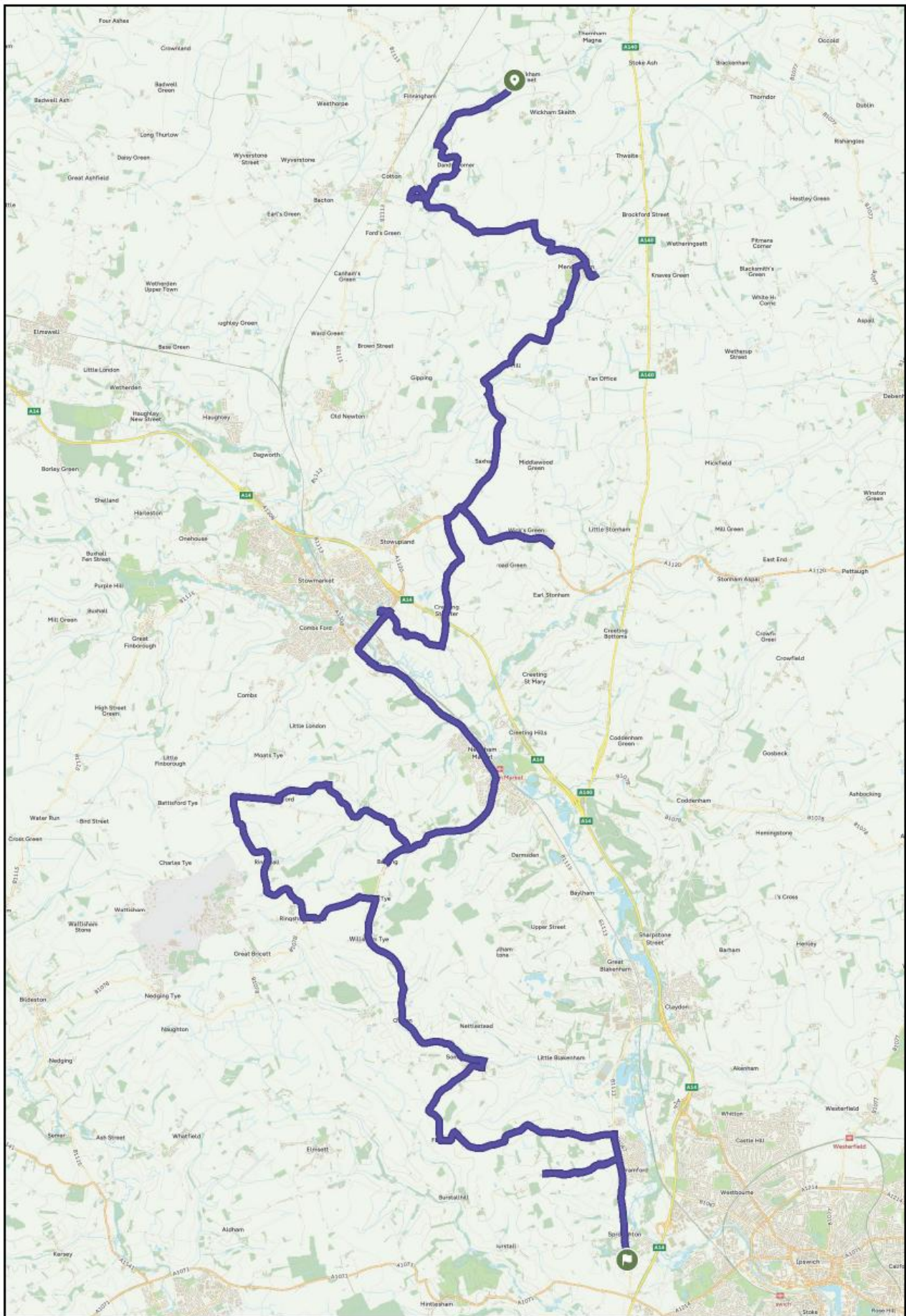
- The area south of National Grid Norwich Main Substation via the A140.
- Existing pylons leading to both substations from all directions.
- Swainsthorpe, Mulbarton, Flordon, Hapton, Fundenhall, Tacolneston, Forncett End, Forncett St Mary, Forncett St Peter, Pottergate Street, Aslacton, Sneath Common, Tibenham, Goose Green, Winfarthing, Shelfanger, Diss, and Roydon.
- St Remigius Church Roydon and the Doit, towards Wortham Ling within the Waveney Valley were viewed on foot.
- Wortham Ling, Palgrave, Wortham, Mellis, Gislingham, Finningham, and Wickham Street.
- Dandy Corner, Cotton, Mendlesham, Mendlesham Green, Saxham Street, Forward Green, Earl Stonham, Broad Green, Creeping St Peter, Gateway 14 (Stowmarket), Needham Market, Barking, Battisford, Ringshall, Barking Tye, Willisham Tye and Willisham, Offton, Somersham, Flowton, Bramford, Bramford Substation and Sroughton.

The routes taken are shown on the following pages.



DISS TO WICKHAM STREET 14.10.25 AM





WICKHAM STREET TO BRAMFORD 14.10.25 PM