



# 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 (7 of 7)

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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 **Thursday 16 October 2025**.

The inspection was undertaken to view the location of the proposed Tilbury North Substation and the sections of the pylon route between Orsett and Fairstead/ Troys Wood.

#### Particulars of the USI

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

- Susan Hunt
- Christopher Butler
- Jonathan Hockley
- Ken Stone

The ExA were accompanied by:

- Caroline Jones (Planning Inspector)
- Gavin Jones (Planning Inspector)

The USI was undertaken by car and on foot. Weather conditions were dry, partly sunny and cloudy and were suitable to appreciate long range views. The USI commenced at approximately 09:15 and finished at approximately 15:30. 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 7 of 7 for the inspections undertaken in week commencing 13 October 2025.



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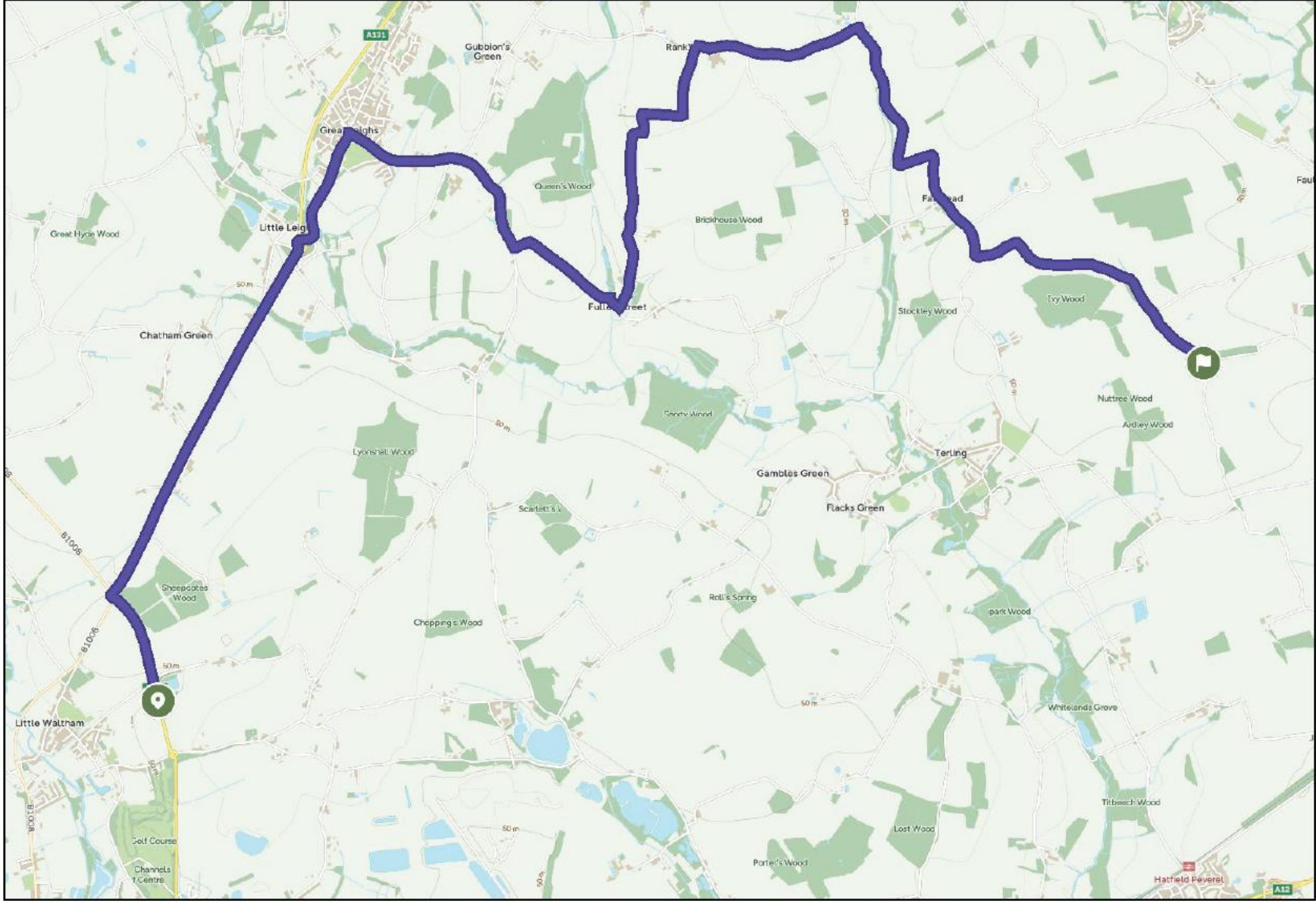
#### **Annex A: Summary of USI on Thursday 16 October 2025 (7 of 7)**

The ExA undertook the USI primarily by car and partly on foot on public land in the area between Fairstead/ Troys Wood and Orsett.

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:

- Fairstead and Peg Millar's Lane near Troys Wood, Fuller Street, Ranks Green, Great Leighs.
- Little Waltham, Howe Street, Great Waltham, Broad's Green, Fanner's Green, Woodhall Hill, Chignall Road and Roxwell Road Chelmsford, Cow Watering Lane, and Great Oxney Green.
- Writtle, Hylands Park, Margaretting, Ingatestone, and Padhams Green.
- St Marys Church Buttsbury was viewed on foot via public right of way (Stock 40).
- Old Church Lane Mountnessing, Hutton, Hutton Village, Rayleigh Road and London Road Billericay.
- Thorndon Country Park, Lower Dunton Road and Church Lane Dunton, Orsett.
- The site of the proposed Tilbury North Substation was viewed on foot via Hoford Road and the public right of way (Footpath 45).

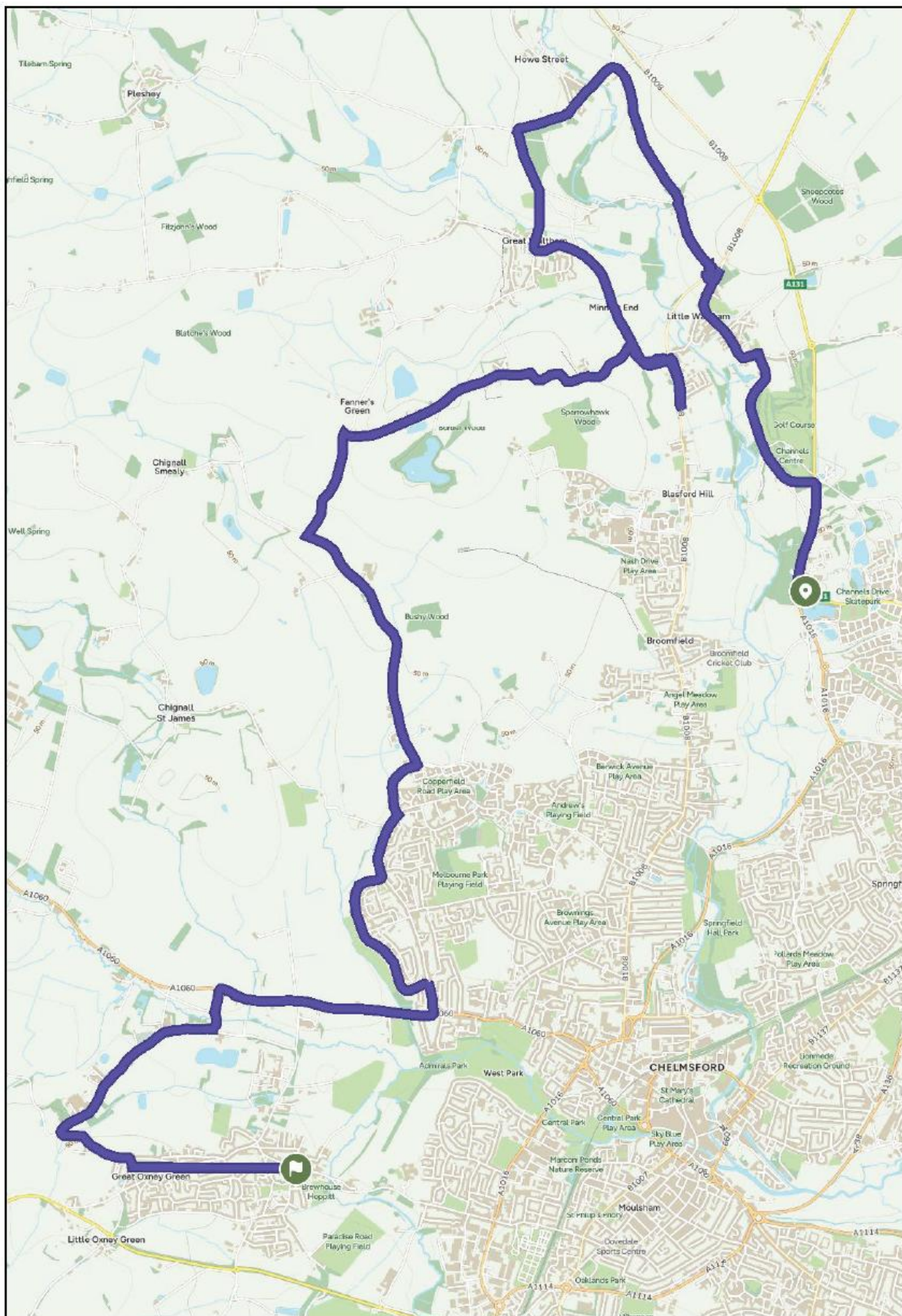
The routes taken are shown on the following pages.



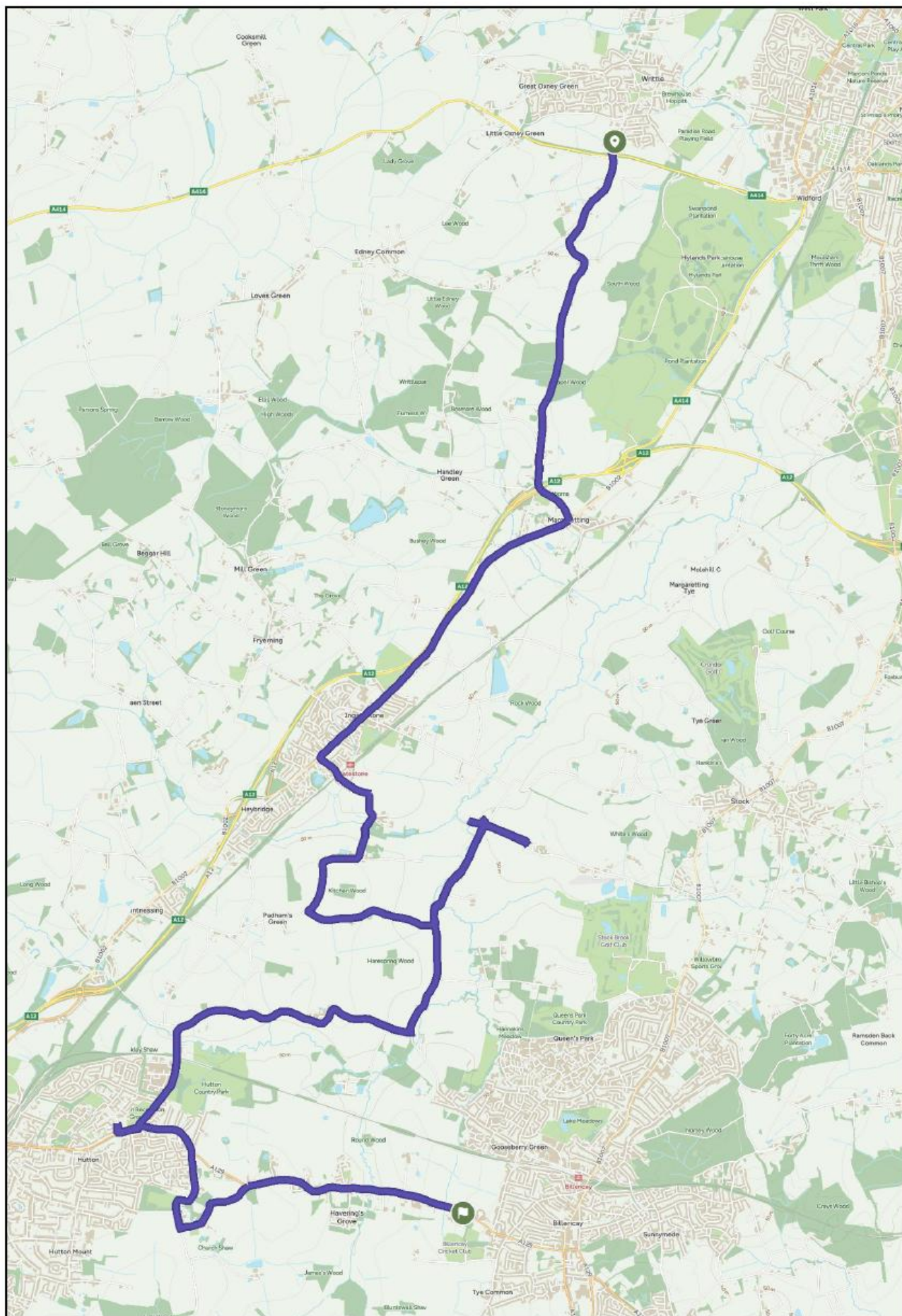
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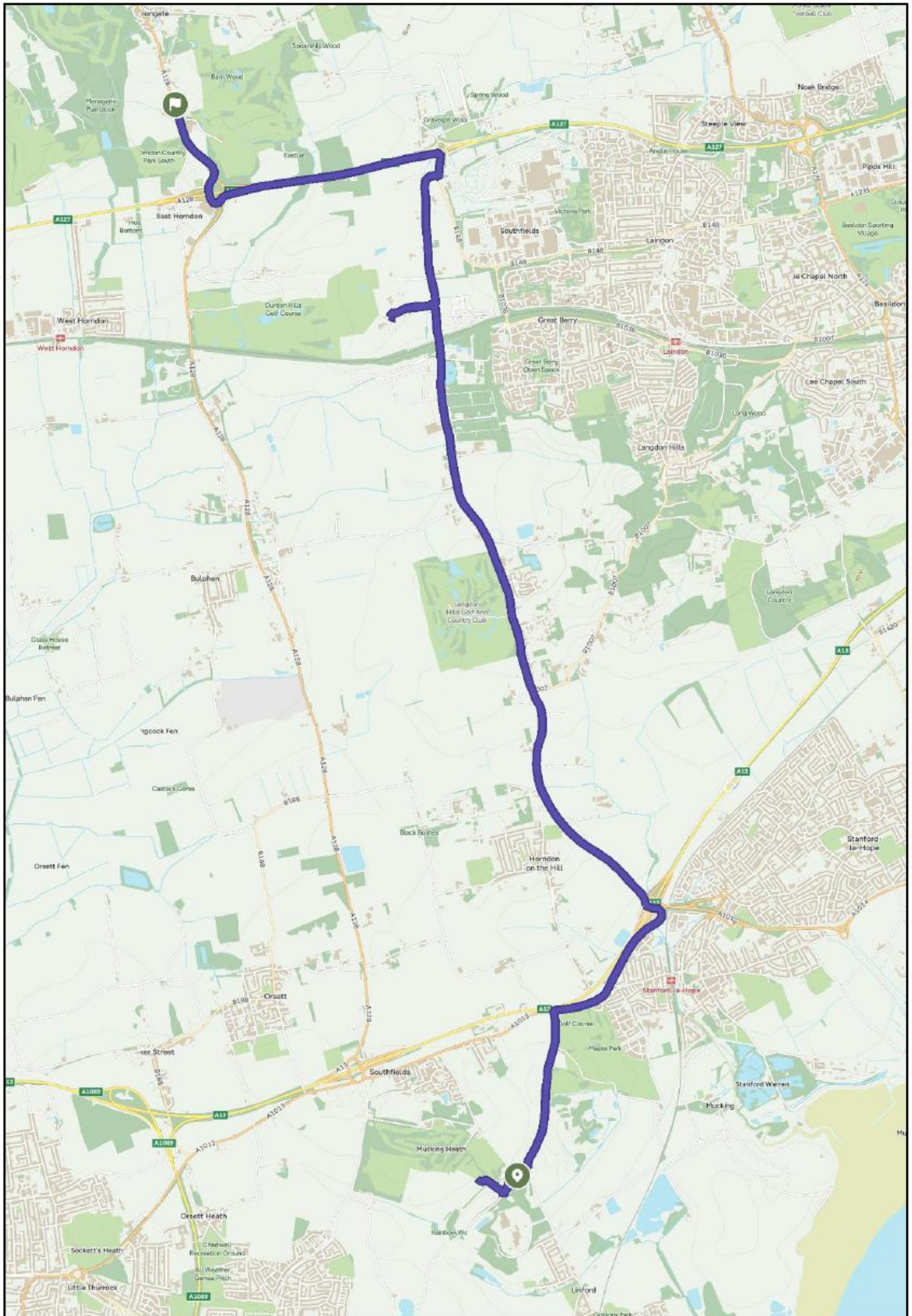






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