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Table A.1 Socio-Demographic Data for the relevant Protected Characteristics in Districts and Wards

| Analysis – Protected Characteristics | Geographical Location   | Demographics – 2021 Census Data and/or nomisweb.co.uk   |
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| <b>Age</b>                           | Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Thurrock Council, Chelmsford City Council, Basildon Borough Council and Brentwood Council | <p>The age distribution for the Essex county, Braintree district, Chelmsford City, Basildon Borough and Brentwood is broadly in line with the regional and national age distributions, with Thurrock, showing a varying degrees of deviation for ages 0-19 and 65+.</p> <p>20.4% of residents in Braintree district, 19.4% of residents in Chelmsford City, 20.7% of residents in Essex county, 17% of residents in Basildon Borough, and 20.2% of residents in Brentwood are aged 65+, compared with 19.6% in east of England and 18.3% in England, whereas Thurrock is 13.6%.</p> <p>27% of residents in Thurrock are aged 0-19, compared to 23% in the east of England and 23.1% in England.</p> |
|                                      | Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk District Council, Breckland Council and Thetford Council  | <p>The age distribution for the Norfolk County, South Norfolk district and Breckland show an older population when compared to the regional and national age distributions.</p> <p>24.4% of residents in Norfolk County, 24.3% of residents in South Norfolk district and 25% of residents in Breckland are aged 65+, compared with 19.6% in east of England and 18.3% in England.</p>  |
|                                      | Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District, Tendring District and Colchester  | <p>The age distribution for the Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District and Tendring District show an older population when compared to the regional and national age distributions. Colchester is in line with regional and national age distributions.</p> <p>23.5% of residents in Suffolk County, 26.5% of residents in Barbegh, 25.4% in Mid Suffolk District and 29.5% in Tendring District are 65+ compared to 19.6% in east of England and 18.3% in England. Whereas Colchester has 17.8% of its residents aged 65+, closer to regional and national averages.</p>   |

| <b>Analysis – Protected Characteristics</b> | <b>Geographical Location</b>  | <b>Demographics – 2021 Census Data and/or nomisweb.co.uk</b>  |
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| <b>Disability</b>                           | Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Thurrock Council, Chelmsford City Council, Basildon Borough Council and Brentwood Council | <p>The distribution of people with disabilities for Essex County, Braintree District, Thurrock and Basildon Borough are in line with the regional and national disability distributions, with Thurrock, Chelmsford City and Brentwood showing slight variances.</p> <p>16.7% of residents in Essex, 16.9% of residents in Braintree and 16.7% of residents in Basildon are disabled under the Equality Act, compared to an average of 16.6% in the east of England and 17.3% in England.</p> <p>Whereas, 14.5% of residents in Thurrock, 14.4% of residents in Chelmsford and 14.1% of residents in Brentwood are disabled under the Equality Act, lower than regional and national averages.</p> |
|   | Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk District Council, Breckland Council and Thetford Council  | <p>The distribution of people with disabilities for South Norfolk District is in line with the regional and national disability distributions, whereas Norfolk County and Breckland show data slightly above that of regional and national distributions.</p> <p>17.7% of residents in South Norfolk District are disabled under the Equality Act. Whereas, 20.1% of residents in Norfolk County and 19.6% of residents in Breckland are disabled under the Equality Act, compared to an average of 16.6% in the east of England and 17.3% in England.</p>  |
|   | Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District, Tendring District and Colchester  | <p>The distribution of people with disabilities for Suffolk County, Babergh, Mid Suffolk District and Colchester in line with the regional and national disability distributions, whereas Tendring District shows data above that of regional and national distributions.</p> <p>18.3% of residents in Suffolk County, 17.5% of residents in Babergh, 17.1% of residents in Mid Suffolk and 16.9% of residents in Colchester are disabled under the Equality Act, compared to an average of 16.6% in the east of England and 17.3% in England. Whereas 24.1% of residents in Tendring District are disabled under the Equality Act.</p>   |
| <b>Gender Reassignment</b>                  | Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Thurrock Council, Chelmsford City Council, Basildon                                       | <p>The distribution of people with their gender identity different from their sex registered at birth (but no specific identity given) for Essex County, Braintree District, Thurrock, Chelmsford City, Basildon Borough and Brentwood are in line with the regional and national distributions.</p> <p>0.1% of residents in Essex County, 0.1% of residents in Braintree District, 0.3% of residents in Thurrock, 0.1% of residents in Chelmsford City, 0.2% of residents in Basildon</p>  |

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|   | Borough Council and Brentwood Council   | District and 0.1% of residents in Brentwood have a gender identity different from their sex registered at birth (but no specific identity given) when compared to 0.2% of the east of England and 0.2% of England.   |
|   | Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk District Council, Breckland Council and Thetford Council  | The distribution of people with their gender identity different from their sex registered at birth (but no specific identity given) for Norfolk County, South Norfolk District and Breckland are in line with the regional and national distributions.<br>0.2% of residents in Norfolk County, 0.1% of residents in South Norfolk District and 0.2% of residents in Breckland have a gender identity different from their sex registered at birth (but no specific identity given) when compared to 0.2% of the east of England and 0.2% of England.   |
|   | Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District, Tendring District and Colchester  | The distribution of people with their gender identity different from their sex registered at birth (but no specific identity given) for Suffolk County, Babergh, Mid Suffolk District, Tendring District and Colchester are in line with the regional and national distributions.<br>0.2% of residents in Suffolk County, 0.1% of residents in Babergh District, 0.1% of residents in Mid Suffolk, 0.1% of residents in Tendring District and 0.2% of residents in Colchester have a gender identity different from their sex registered at birth (but no specific identity given) when compared to 0.2% of the east of England and 0.2% of England. |
| <b>Pregnancy and Maternity</b>              | Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Thurrock Council, Chelmsford City Council, Basildon Borough Council and Brentwood Council | Data not available   |

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|                                      | Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk District Council, Breckland Council and Thetford Council  | Data not available  |
|                                      | Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District, Tendring District and Colchester  | Data not available  |
| <b>Race</b>                          | Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Thurrock Council, Chelmsford City Council, Basildon Borough Council and Brentwood Council | <p>The proportion of white people in the population is higher in the Essex County districts through which the proposals pass (other than Thurrock), and ethnic diversity is lower compared to the England average where 81% (45.8 million) of usual residents in England identified their ethnic group as white; 9.6% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 4.2% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 3% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 1.4% Other Ethnic Group</p> <p>Essex County: In 2021, Essex County, 90.4% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 3.7% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 2.5% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 3% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 1% Other Ethnic Group</p> <p>Braintree District: In 2021, Braintree District, 94.7% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 1.7% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 1.2% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 1.9% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.5% Other Ethnic Group</p> <p>Thurrock District: In 2021, Thurrock District, 76.7% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 6.9% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 11.9% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 3% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 1.5% Other Ethnic Group</p> <p>Chelmsford City: In 2021, Chelmsford City, 88.5% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 5.3% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 2.6% Black, Black</p> |

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British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 2.6% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.9% Other Ethnic Group

Basildon Borough: In 2021, Basildon Borough, 87.5% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 4.3% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 4.8% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 2.6% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.9% Other Ethnic Group

Brentwood: In 2021, Brentwood, 88.5% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 5.1% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 2.3% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 3.1% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 1.1% Other Ethnic Group

Norfolk County Council,  
South Norfolk District  
Council, Breckland  
Council and Thetford  
Council

The proportion of white people in the population is higher in the Norfolk County districts through which the proposals pass, and ethnic diversity is lower compared to the England average where 81% (45.8 million) of usual residents in England identified their ethnic group as white; 9.6% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 4.2% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 3% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 1.4% Other Ethnic Group

Norfolk County: In 2021, Thurrock District, 94.7% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 2.1% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 0.9% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 1.6% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.7% Other Ethnic Group

South Norfolk District: In 2021, South Thurrock District, 95.4% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 1.8% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 0.8% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 1.5% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.5% Other Ethnic Group

Breckland: In 2021, Breckland, 96.5% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 0.9% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 0.6% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 1.4% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.6% Other Ethnic Group

Suffolk County Council,  
Babergh and Mid Suffolk

The proportion of white people in the population is higher in the Suffolk County districts through which the proposals pass, and ethnic diversity is lower compared to the England

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|   | District, Tendring District and Colchester  | <p>average where 81% (45.8 million) of usual residents in England identified their ethnic group as white; 9.6% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 4.2% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 3% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 1.4% Other Ethnic Group</p> <p>Suffolk County: In 2021, Suffolk County, 93.1% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 2.3% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 1.3% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 2.3% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.9% Other Ethnic Group</p> <p>Babergh: In 2021, Babergh, 96.7% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 0.9% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 0.5% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 1.5% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.4% Other Ethnic Group</p> <p>Mid Suffolk County: In 2021, Mid Suffolk County, 96.8% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 0.8% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 0.5% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 1.4% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.4% Other Ethnic Group</p> <p>Tendring District: In 2021, Tendring District, 96.2% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 1.2% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 0.6% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 1.6% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 0.4% Other Ethnic Group</p> <p>Colchester: In 2021, Colchester, 87% of usual residents in identified their ethnic group as white; 5.1% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh; 3.5% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: African; 2.9% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups and 1.5% Other Ethnic Group</p> |
| <b>Religion or Belief</b>                   | Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Thurrock Council, Chelmsford City Council, Basildon Borough Council | <p>At a regional level the majority of residents in the east of England follow a religion or faith, 49.8%. At a national level, a similar trend follows, whereby 63% of residents in England follow a religion or faith.</p> <p>Essex County – 57.9% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 47.9% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 4.2% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other), 5.7%</p>  |

and Brentwood Council

chose not to answer. The minority faith group population in Essex district is lower than the east of England (7.2%) and England average (11%).

Braintree District – 55% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 47.1% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 2.1% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other). 5.9% did not answer the religion question. The minority faith group population in Braintree district is lower than the England average (10.7%).

Thurrock – 65.3% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 51.7% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 8.5% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other). 5.2% did not answer the religion question. The minority faith group population in Braintree district is lower than the England average (10.7%).

Chelmsford City – 58.8% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 48% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 5% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other). 5.8% did not answer the religion question. The minority faith group population in Braintree district is lower than the England average (10.7%).

Basildon Borough – 55.9% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 46.5% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 4% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other). 5.2% did not answer the religion question. The minority faith group population in Braintree district is lower than the England average (10.7%).

Brentwood – 66.7% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 56% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 2.1% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other). 5% did not answer the religion question. The minority faith group population in Braintree district is lower than the England average (10.7%).

Norfolk County Council,  
South Norfolk District  
Council, Breckland

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Council and Thetford  
Council

Norfolk County – 55.8% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 47% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 2.5% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other), 6.4% chose not to answer. The minority faith group population in Essex district is lower than the east of England (7.2%) and England average (11%).

South Norfolk District – 55.6% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 47.4% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 2% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other), 6.2% chose not to answer. The minority faith group population in Essex district is lower than the east of England (7.2%) and England average (11%).

Breckland – 57.9% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 50% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 1.6% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other), 6.3% chose not to answer. The minority faith group population in Essex district is lower than the east of England (7.2%) and England average (11%).

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Babergh and Mid Suffolk  
District, Tendring District  
and Colchester

At a regional level the majority of residents in the east of England follow a religion or faith, 49.8%. At a national level, a similar trend follows, whereby 63% of residents in England follow a religion or faith.

Suffolk County – 56% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 47.1% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 2.7% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other), 6.2% chose not to answer. The minority faith group population in Essex district is lower than the east of England (7.2%) and England average (11%).

Babergh – 57.1% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 49.6% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 1.5% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other), 6% chose not to answer. The minority faith group population in Essex district is lower than the east of England (7.2%) and England average (11%).

Mid Suffolk District – 56.5% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 49.3% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 1.2% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other),

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5.9% chose not to answer. The minority faith group population in Essex district is lower than the east of England (7.2%) and England average (11%).

Tendring District – 56.8% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 49.3% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 1.6% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other), 5.9% chose not to answer. The minority faith group population in Essex district is lower than the east of England (7.2%) and England average (11%).

Colchester – 55.6% of the population are recorded to have a religion, of which 44.4% are Christian (compared with 46.6% for east of England and 46.3% for England) and 5% are from a minority faith group (Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Other), 6.2% chose not to answer. The minority faith group population in Essex district is lower than the east of England (7.2%) and England average (11%).

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| <p><b>Sex</b></p> | <p>Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Thurrock Council, Chelmsford City Council, Basildon Borough Council and Brentwood Council</p> | <p>The proportion of male and female residents within the Essex County districts through which the proposals pass is broadly in line with the regional and national distribution (both approximately 49% male, 51% female) with Essex County (48.7% male, 51.3% female), Braintree District (49% male, 51% female), Thurrock (49% male, 51% female), Chelmsford City (49% male, 51% female), Basildon Borough (48.6% male, 51.4 female) and Brentwood (48.6 male, 51.4% female).</p> |
|                   | <p>Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk District Council, Breckland Council and Thetford Council</p>  | <p>The proportion of male and female residents within the Norfolk County districts through which the proposals pass is broadly in line with the regional and national distribution (both approximately 49% male, 51% female) with Norfolk County (49% male, 51% female), South Norfolk District (48.8% male, 51.2% female) and Breckland (49.6% male, 50.4% female).</p>   |
|                   | <p>Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District, Tendring District and Colchester</p>  | <p>The proportion of male and female residents within the Suffolk County districts through which the proposals pass is broadly in line with the regional and national distribution (both approximately 49% male, 51% female) with Suffolk County (49.3% male, 50.7% female), Babergh (48.5% male, 51.5% female), Mid Suffolk (49.6% male, 50.4% female), Tendring District (48.2% male, 51.8%) and Colchester (48.9% male, 51.1% female).</p>  |

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| <b>Sexual Orientation</b>            | Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Thurrock Council, Chelmsford City Council, Basildon Borough Council and Brentwood Council | <p>Essex County - An estimated 2% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Essex County compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.2% identified as all other sexual orientations in Essex County compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 91.3% identified as straight or heterosexual in Essex County compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 6.5% chose to not answer in Norfolk County, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.</p> <p>No information has been identified on whether there are specific locations where LGBT+ groups may meet, socialise or access support networks and services.</p> <p>Braintree District - An estimated 2% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Braintree District compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.2% identified as all other sexual orientations in Essex County compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 91.3% identified as straight or heterosexual in Braintree District compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 6.5% chose to not answer in Braintree District, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.</p> <p>Thurrock - An estimated 1.7% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Thurrock compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.3% identified as all other sexual orientations in Thurrock compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 91.4% identified as straight or heterosexual in Thurrock compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 6.6% chose to not answer in Thurrock, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.</p> <p>Chelmsford City - An estimated 2% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Chelmsford City compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.2% identified as all other sexual orientations in Chelmsford City compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 91.2% identified as straight or heterosexual in Chelmsford City compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 6.5%</p> |

chose to not answer in Chelmsford City, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

Basildon Borough - An estimated 1.9% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Basildon Borough compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.2% identified as all other sexual orientations in Basildon Borough compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 91.7% identified as straight or heterosexual in Basildon Borough compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 6.2% chose to not answer in Basildon Borough, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

Brentwood - An estimated 1.6% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Brentwood compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.2% identified as all other sexual orientations in Brentwood compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 92% identified as straight or heterosexual in Brentwood compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 6.3% chose to not answer in Brentwood compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

Norfolk County Council,  
South Norfolk District  
Council, Breckland  
Council and Thetford  
Council

Norfolk County - An estimated 2.8% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Norfolk County compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.3% identified as all other sexual orientations in Norfolk County compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 89.3% identified as straight or heterosexual in Norfolk County compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 7.5% chose to not answer in Norfolk County, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

No information has been identified on whether there are specific locations where LGBT+ groups may meet, socialise or access support networks and services.

South Norfolk District - An estimated 2.2% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in South Norfolk District compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.2% identified as all other sexual orientations in South Norfolk

District compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 91% identified as straight or heterosexual in South Norfolk District compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 6.6% chose to not answer in South Norfolk District, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

Breckland - An estimated 2.1% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Breckland compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.2% identified as all other sexual orientations in Breckland compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 90.2% identified as straight or heterosexual in Breckland compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 7.5% chose to not answer in Breckland, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

Suffolk County Council,  
Babergh and Mid Suffolk  
District, Tendring District  
and Colchester

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Babergh - An estimated 1.9% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Babergh compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.2% identified as all other sexual orientations in Babergh compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 91% identified as straight or heterosexual in Babergh compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 6.8% chose to not answer in Babergh, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

Mid Suffolk District - An estimated 2% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Mid Suffolk District compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in

England. 0.3% identified as all other sexual orientations in Mid Suffolk District compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.2% in England. 91.6% identified as straight or heterosexual in Mid Suffolk District compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 6.1% chose to not answer in Mid Suffolk District, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

Tendring District - An estimated 1.9% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Tendring District compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.2% identified as all other sexual orientations in Tendring District compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 90.4% identified as straight or heterosexual in Suffolk County compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 7.5% chose to not answer in Suffolk County, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

Colchester - An estimated 3.1% of the population aged 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB+) in 2021 in Colchester compared with an estimated 2.3% of the population in the east of England and 2.8% of the population in England. 0.4% identified as all other sexual orientations in Colchester compared to 0.3% in the east of England and 0.3% in England. 89.5% identified as straight or heterosexual in Colchester compared with 90.2% in the east of England and 89.4% in England. 7.1% chose to not answer in Suffolk County, compared to 7.2 in the east of England and 7.5% in England.

**Deprivation  
(Note: Not  
protected  
characteristic  
but useful  
insight into  
demographics)**

Essex County Council,  
Braintree District  
Council, Thurrock  
Council, Chelmsford City  
Council, Basildon  
Borough Council and  
Brentwood Council

The Indices of Deprivation measure relative deprivation in small areas (Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA)), using deprivation indicators (domains) such as income, employment, health and disability, education, skills and training, barriers to housing and services, crime, and the living environment. The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) combines information from the indicators in weighted proportions to measure the overall relative deprivation for an area. Areas are ranked from 1 (most deprived area) to 32,844 (least deprived area).

Data has been collected using IoD2019 explorer, a public government tool which shows the relative deprivation of neighbourhoods.

The MHCLG (2019) details that it is common to describe how relatively deprived a neighbourhood is by saying whether it falls among the most deprived 10 per cent, 20 per

cent or 30 per cent of small areas, whilst there is no definitive cut off, 30% (9,853) will be used to indicate those ‘most’ deprived neighbourhoods.

There are 41 LSOAs within the Essex County study area, of which 3 are in the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods in the UK. The wider study area is less deprived than the UK average and therefore does not indicate that the communities are particularly vulnerable or ‘at risk’ based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Within Braintree District there are 7 LSOAs (Braintree 012E – 15,564; 014A – 23,647; 014C – 30,363; 014D – 18,638; 015A – 16,926; 015C – 7,777; 018A – 18,460). There is 1 LSOA within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

Within Chelmsford City there are 10 LSOAs (Chelmsford 001A – 23,305; 001B – 16,762; 001C – 20,306; 001D – 15,470; 002A – 19,764; 003A – 15,785; 011A – 17,311; 011D – 26,699; 011E – 21,798; 018B – 12,943). There are no LSOA’s within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

Within Basildon District there are 6 LSOAs (Basildon 002A – 9,603; 002D – 18,814; 004B – 31,510; 004C – 26,854; 010A – 16,940; 009A – 23,294; 014D – 10,202). There are X within the top 30% least deprived neighbourhoods and X within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

Within Brentwood there are 6 LSOAs (Brentwood 002A – 20,372; 002B – 29,814; 002C – 32,201; 003B – 16,154; 009A – 29,329; 009B – 26,749). There are no LSOA’s within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

Within Thurrock there are 12 (Thurrock 004A – 22,346; 004B – 21,261; 004D – 27,549; 004C – 20,249; 005B – 25,660; 005C – 15,425; 010A – 6,452; 010C – 24,321; 012E – 18,242; 012F – 5,389; 013C – 16,070; 013D – 17,120). There are 2 LSOA’s within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

Norfolk County Council,  
South Norfolk District  
Council, Breckland  
Council and Thetford  
Council

The route only passes directly through South Norfolk District.

In South Norfolk District, there are 11 LSOA (South Norfolk 006G – 21,617; 009B – 22,801; 009D – 20,153; 009E – 18,946; 011A – 15,244; 011C – 21,692; 011D – 25,258; 011F – 14,936; 014A – 15,426; 014B – 10,067; 015E – 26,214). There are no LSOA within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

**Analysis –  
Protected  
Characteristics**

**Geographical Location**

**Demographics – 2021 Census Data and/or nomisweb.co.uk**

The wider study area is less deprived than the UK average and therefore does not indicate that the communities are particularly vulnerable or 'at risk' based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Suffolk County Council,  
Babergh and Mid Suffolk  
District, Tendring District  
and Colchester

There are 31 LSOA within the Suffolk County study area, of which 1 is within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods within the UK

Within Mid Suffolk District, there are 13 LSOA (Mid Suffolk 001C – 18,075; 002A – 17,111; 002B – 20,060; 002C – 18,999; 005A – 20,476; 005C – 16,907; 005D – 17,791; 007C – 21,343; 009B – 20,469; 010A – 23,358; 011A – 18,795; 011E – 30,167; 012A – 25,147). There are no LSOA's within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

Within Babergh District, there are 5 LSOA (Babergh 005A – 18,837; 005C – 17,692; 009C – 20,971; 010D – 26,826; 010G – 24,739). There are no LSOA's within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

Within Tendring District, there are 6 LSOA (Tendring 003B - 29,459; 003C – 15,126; 003E – 5,337; 005A – 19,007; 005B – 19,122; 005C -11,698). There is 1 within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

Within Colchester, there are 7 LSOA (Colchester 001A – 22,948; 001C – 19,398; 001D – 27,037; 003A – 21,365; 003D - 16,615; 010C -17,022; 017D – 31,509). There are X within the top 30% least deprived neighbourhoods and X within the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods.

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