



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 9 (1 of 3)

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook its ninth unaccompanied site inspection (USI9) to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Norwich to Tilbury project on Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 and Friday 7 August 2026. This is note 1 of 3, for **Wednesday 5 August**.

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

- Susan Hunt (panel lead)
- Jonathan Hockley

The USI was undertaken on foot, from publicly accessible land only, including public rights of way. Weather conditions were dry with excellent visibility to appreciate long range views. The USI commenced at 15:00 and completed at 17:00.

USI9 on **Wednesday 5 August** was undertaken to view the location of the proposed development, specifically in relation to landscape and visual effects and the setting of heritage assets.

The locations visited included:

- Finningham and Wickham Street
- Dandy Corner and Cotton
- Mendlesham Road, Hobbles Lane and Hoggars Road
- Saxham Street, Middlewood Green, Forward Green, Broad Green, Mill Lane, Fen Lane
- Gipping Valley, Creeting St Mary
- Barking, Barking Tye, Ringshall Stocks, Willisham Tye
- Offton Road, Holly Road, Tollemache Hall and Middle Wood Offton
- Offton Road and Blood Hill Somersham
- The Channel, Church Hill and Hurdle Maker's Hill Burstall

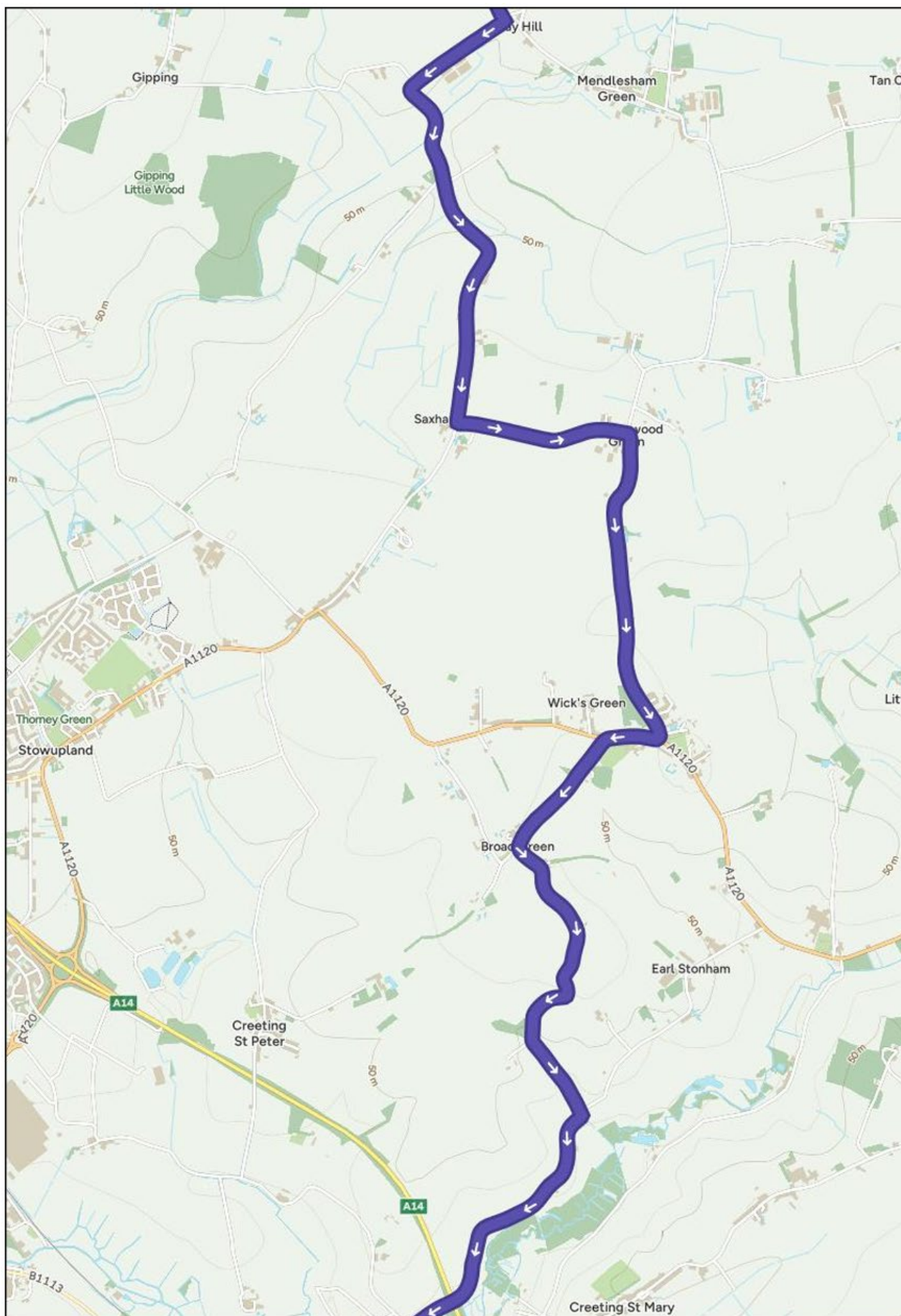
The maps of the routes taken are attached at **Annex A**.

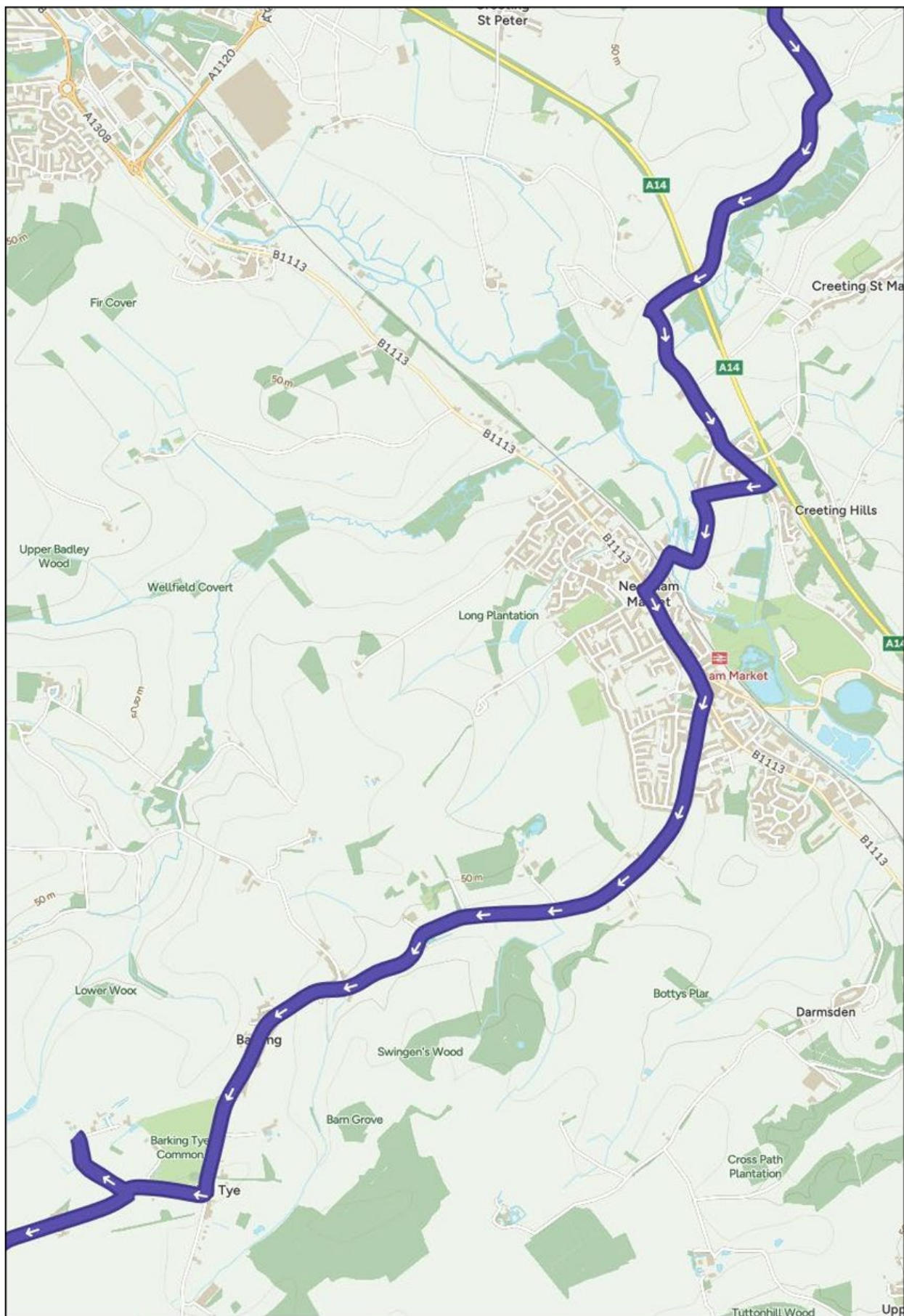
A full list of the locations viewed as part of the other USIs undertaken by the ExA both in the pre-examination stage and during the examination are attached at **Annex B** and the notes can be viewed in the [Examination Library](#).

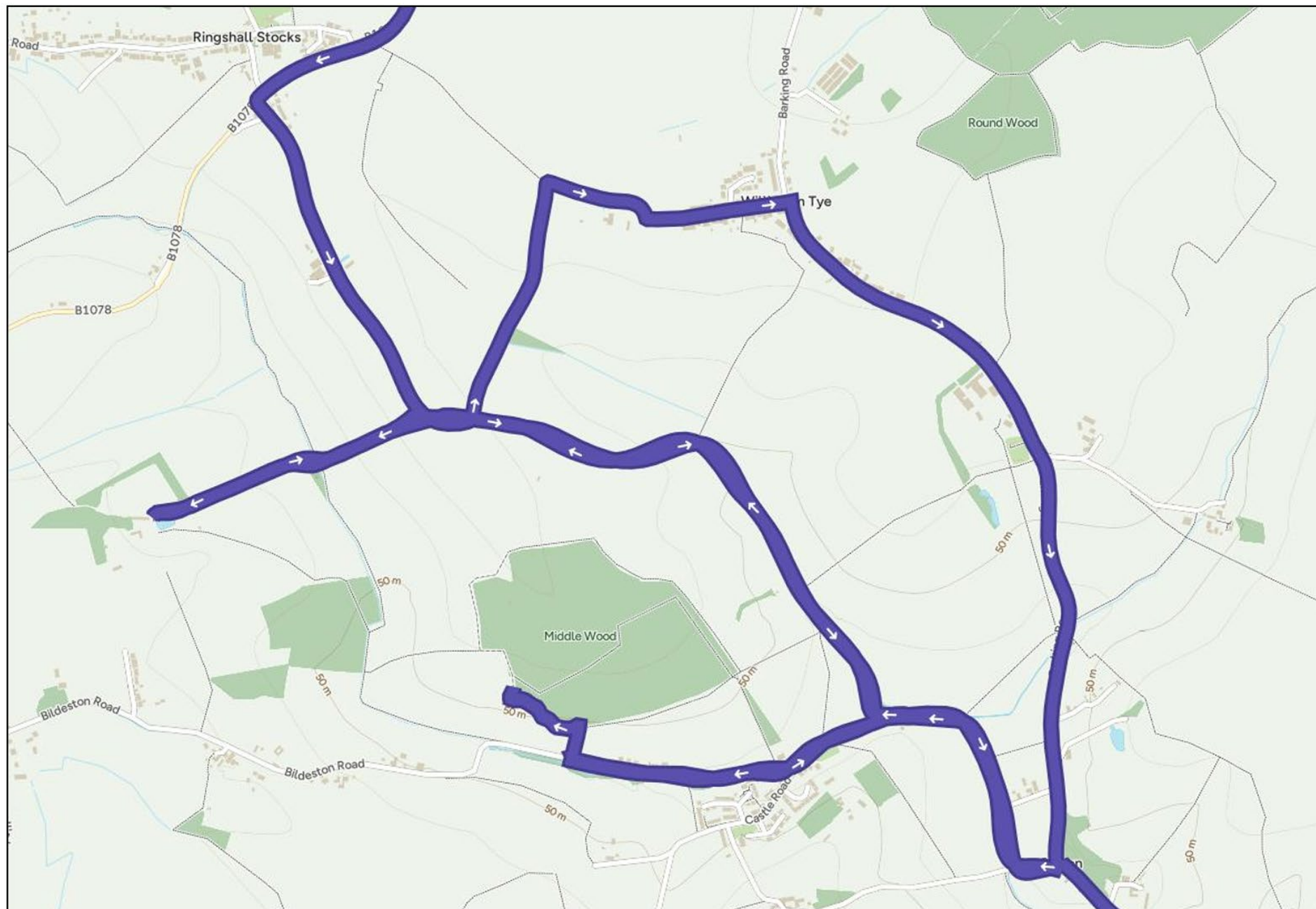
The ExA also carried out an [accompanied site inspection](#) on Wednesday 27 May 2026.

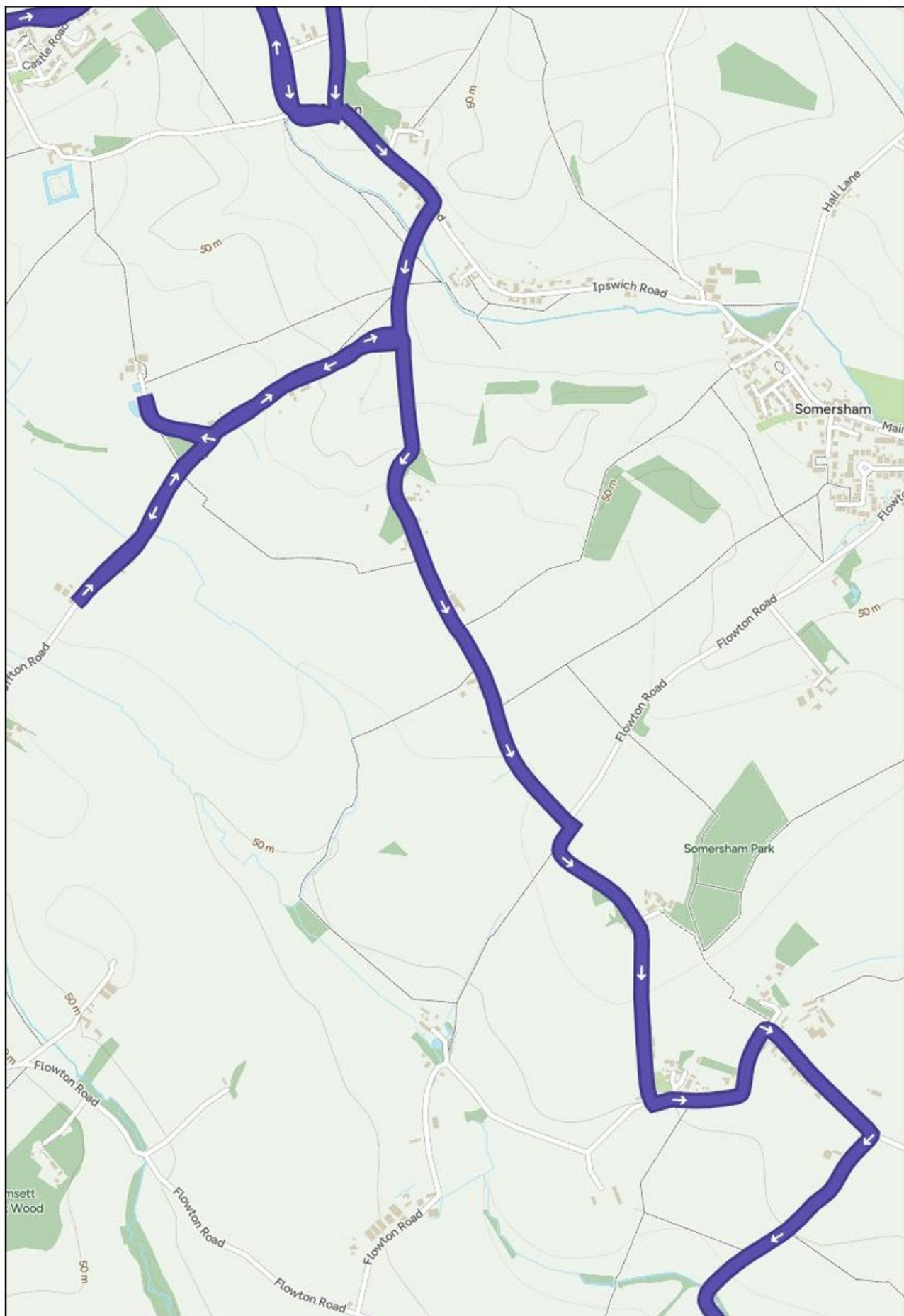
Annex A: Routes taken on USI9 (1 of 3) on Wednesday 5 August 2026 (not to scale)

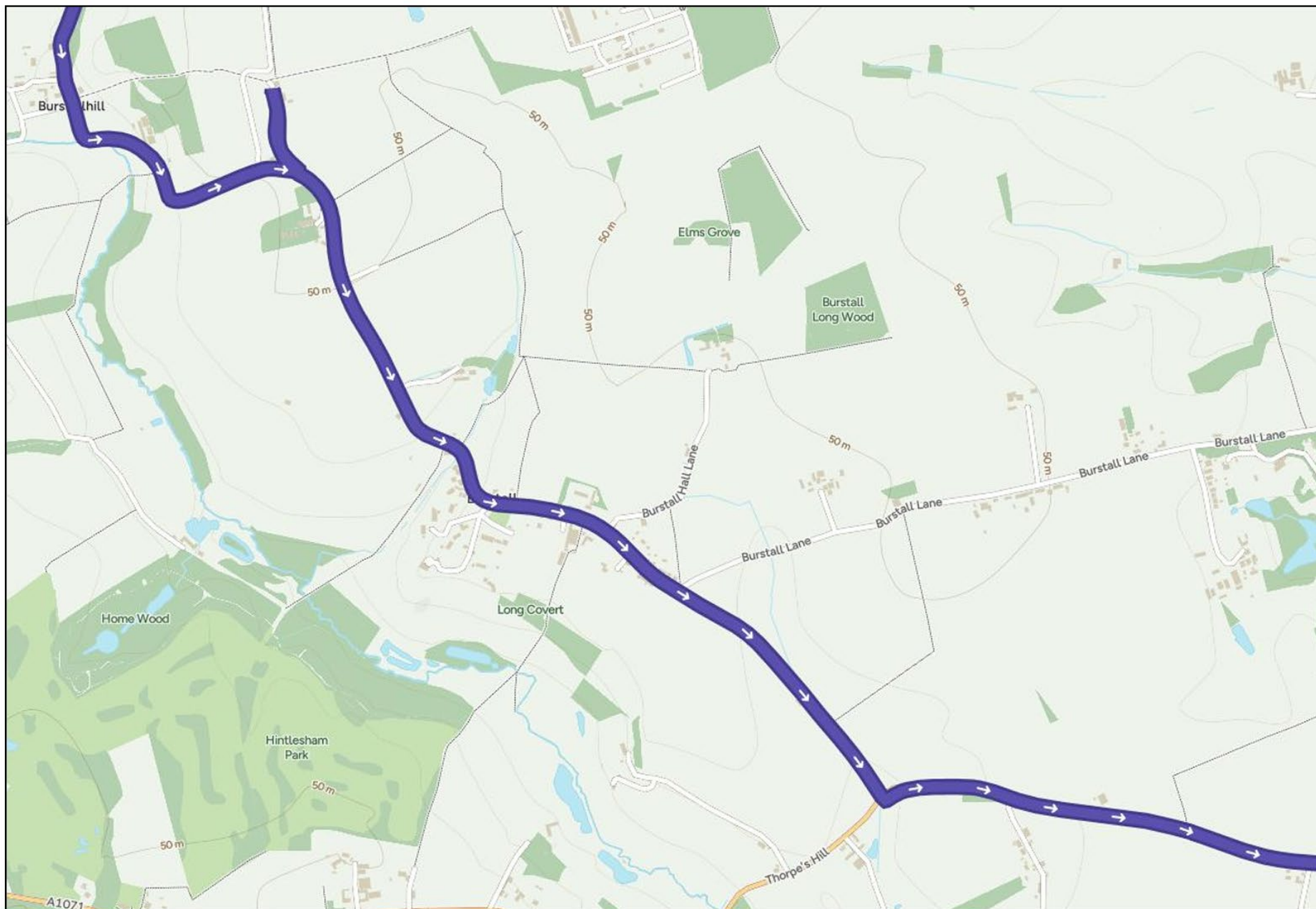












Annex B: Unaccompanied Site Inspections carried out to date

USI No.	Date	Locations Visited	Examination Library Reference
USI1 1/7	Monday 13 October 2025	Construction Primary Access Routes (PAR) and at the following highways and settlements: Tilbury, Dock Approach Road Chadwell St Mary, A13 Stamford le Hope bypass, A176 Langdon Hills to Billericay, A129 Rayleigh Road, A12 Brentwood to Chelmsford, A414 Writtle, A1060 Roxwell Road, A1016 Chelmsford to Little Waltham, B1008 Walthams, A131 Walthams to Great Notley, A120 Braintree, B1018 Braintree to Witham, Station Road White Notley, Lanham Green Road Cressing, A120 Bradwell to Colchester, A12 Colchester to Ipswich, A14 Ipswich to Needham Market, A140 Roman Road Needham Market to Norwich Main substation.	EV1-001
USI1 2/7	Monday 13 October 2025	Public rights of way around Norwich Main substation	EV1-002
USI1 3/7	Tuesday 14 October 2025	PARs from and around the A140, A47 and A11 Norwich, Hethersett and Wymondham bypasses, B1135, B1113, Fundenhall, Hapton, Long Stratton bypass, A140 to B1134, B1077, A11 Attleborough to Thetford, A1066 Thetford to Diss, A143 Diss to Rickinghall including Lion Road Wortham/ Palgrave, B1113 Rickinghall to Cotton, Stonham Road Cotton to Mendlesham, Saxham Street, Bells Lane Earl Stonham, A1120 Stowupland, Mill Lane Creeting St Peter, B1113 Stowmarket Road, A14 Stowmarket to Claydon, B1113 Bramford, A1071 Sproughton, A12 Ipswich to Langham, Wick Road	EV1-003
USI1 4/7	Tuesday 14 October 2025	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, Roydon, the Doit, Wortham Ling and the Waveney Valley, Palgrave, Wortham, Mellis, Gislingham, Finningham, Wickham Street, Dandy Corner, Cotton, Mendlesham, Mendlesham Green, Saxham Street, Forward Green, Earl Stonham, Broad Green, Creeting St Peter, Gateway 14 (Stowmarket),	EV1-004

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		Needham Market, Barking, Battisford, Ringshall, Barking Tye, Willisham Tye and Willisham, Offton, Somersham, Flowton, Bramford, Bramford substation and Sproughton	
USI1 5/7	Wednesday 15 October 2025	Gun Hill/ Ipswich Road Dedham, Wick Lane and A137, Little Bromley Road Ardleigh, Ardleigh Road and Bentley Road Little Bromley, A120 Little Bentley to Colchester, Nayland Road Great Horkesley, A1124 Halstead Road Eight Ash Green, Fordham Heath and Fordstreet.	EV1-005
USI1 6/7	Wednesday 15 October 2025	Burstall, A1071 Sproughton, Washbrook, Pigeon's Lane, Chattisham, Raydon Great Wood, Wenham Grove between Woodlands Road and Raydon Road, Raydon, Bacon's Green and Holton St Mary, Ardleigh including Harwich Road, Little Bromley Road, Grange Road, Burnt Heath, Frating Road, Dedham Road, Station Road, Ardleigh Heath, Lamb Corner, Langham Wick, Langham Moor, Boxted Cross, Great Horkesley, Horkesley Heath, Colne Valley, Fordham, Fordham Heath, Eight Ash Green, Fordham Heath, Gallows Green, Aldham, Marks Tey, Great Tey, Little Tey, Coggeshall Road, East Gores, Broad Green, Surrex, Skye Green, Feeringbury, Coggeshall, Coggeshall Hamlet, Feering, Kelvedon, Silver End, Cressing Temple, White Notley, Faulkbourne, and Witham.	EV1-006
USI1 7/7	Thursday 16 October 2025	Fairstead and Peg Millar's Lane near Troys Wood Faulkbourne, Ranks Green, Fuller Street, Chatham Green, Great Leighs, Little Waltham, Chatham Hall Lane, Howe Street, Great Waltham, Minnow End, Broad's Green, Fanner's Green, Woodhall Hill, Chignall Road and Roxwell Road Chelmsford, Cow Watering Lane including ARU Writtle, Great Oxney Green, Writtle, Writtle Road Margaretting, Ingatestone, Padhams Green, Buttsbury, Mountnessing Lane, Old Church Lane Mountnessing, Hutton, Hutton Village, Rayleigh Road and London Road Billericay, Thorndon Country Park, Dunton Wayletts, Lower Dunton Road and Church Lane Dunton, Stanford	EV1-007

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		Road Stanford le Hope, Buckingham Hill Road Orsett, Hoford Road and footpath 45 Orsett Golf Club.	
USI2 1/3	Tuesday 2 December 2025	Stowupland (Church Road), Old Newton, Gipping, Saxham Street, Middlewood Green, Forward Green, Broad Green, Roydon Hall, Upper Langdales, The Fens, Creeting St Peter (Mill Lane), Badley (Stowmarket Road), Needham Market, Barking, Hascot Hill, Barking Tye, Ringshall Stocks, Great Bricett, Greenstreet Green, Offton, Somersham (Blood Hill), Flowton, Burstallhill, Hintlesham, and Duke Street	EV1-008
USI2 2/3	Wednesday 3 December 2025	Little Bromley, Hungerdown Lane and Little Bromley Road, Foxash Estate, Ardleigh, Ardleigh Heath, Dead Lane, Wick Lane, Langham, Boxted Cross, Great Horkesley, Crabtree Lane, West Bergholt, Fordham, Fordham Heath, Gallows Green, Fordstreet, Aldham and Marks Tey, Great Tey, Little Tey, East Gores, Coggeshall, Surrex, Broad Green, Langley Green, Skye Green, Feeringbury, Coggeshall Hamlet, Kelvedon, Rivenhall, Silver End, Cressing, White Notley, Faulkbourne and Witham	EV1-009
USI2 3/3	Thursday 4 December 2025	Hatfield Peverel, Terling, Fairstead, Ranks Green, Little Leighs, Great Leighs, Chatham Green, Chatham Hall Lane Little Waltham, Howe Street, Great Waltham, Minnow End, Broad's Green, Fanner's Green, Chignal Road Chelmsford, Roxwell, Newney Green, Cow Watering Lane, Writtle, Hylands, Margaretting, Ingatestone, Heybridge, Mountnessing, Billericay, Sudbury's Farm, Little Burstead, Botney Hill, Dunton, Dunton Wayletts, East Horndon, West Horndon, Bulphan, Orsett, Horndon on the Hill, Linford, Chadwell St Mary and West Tilbury	EV1-010
USI3 1/1	Thursday 12 February 2026	North Stifford, Horndon on the Hill, Dunton, Bulphan, Orsett and Baker Street	EV1-011
USI4 1/3	Thursday 30 April 2026	A140 Roman Road between Earl Stonham and Mendlesham, Stuston Lane, Palgrave, Waveney Valley, Diss, Westbrook Green, Shelfanger, Winfarthing Road, Heywood Road, Bressingham Common, Snow Street	EV1-012

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		and Brewers Green, Winfarthing, Goose Green, Heywood Manor, Priory Farm airfield and Pristow Green, Tibenham airfield, Tibenham, Diss Road, Hargate, Bunwell Hill, Brick Kiln Lane, Low Common and Cargate Common	
USI4 2/3	Thursday 30 April 2026	Waveney Valley, Palgrave, Old Bury Road, Wortham, Burgate, Mellis (Mellis Road and Dam Lane), Burgate Little Green (Burgate Road and Furze Way), Gislingham, Thornham Magna, Clay Street, Wickham Street, Finningham, Cotton, Stonham Road, Lambert's Lane, Saxham Street, and Stowupland, Creeting Lane, Creeting St Peter, Creeting Hall, Stowmarket Road, St Mary's Church Badley and conservation area, St Mary's Church Barking	EV1-013
USI4 3/3	Friday 1 May 2026	Burstall and Flowton, Offton and surrounding area, Raydon (Raydon Great Wood, Raydon Wings Airfield, Valley Lodge, Wade's Lane), Higham, Langham and the River Stour, Boxted airfield, Horkesley Heath	EV1-014
USI5	Tuesday 26 May 2026	Dunton, south of Billericay, east of Ingatestone, west of Stock, Writtle Road and Nathan's Lane, Margaretting/ Edney Common, Writtle, including Anglia Ruskin University, Newney Green, Chignall St James, Fordham and Fordham Heath, Ardleigh and Little Bromley, Great Wenham and Capel St Mary, Bramford Substation	EV1-015
USI6 1/4	Tuesday 26 May 2026	Ashwellthorpe; Fundenhall Road and Bayes Lane, Hapton; Forncett St Mary, Forncett St Peter and Aslacton; Bayes Lane, Hapton; Low Common, Bunwell Fen, Cargate Common; Tibenham, Pristow Green, Long Row, Goose Green; Winfarthing, Shelfanger, Bressingham Common, Baynards Green, Roydon; Doit Lane, Wortham Ling, Wortham, Burgate, Mellis Green, Gislingham	EV1-016
USI6 2/4	Thursday 28 May 2026	Bramford substation including Bullen Lane and Thornbush Lane; Holton St Mary, Bacon's Green, Lower Raydon, Higham, Stratford St Mary, Langham; Boxted Cross, Bapton, Boxted Airfield, Lodge Lane, Ipswich Road and Turnpike Close; Ardleigh including Lodge Lane, Wick Lane, Dead Lane, Ardleigh Heath,	EV1-017

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		Dedham Road, Rookery Chase, Harwich Road, Little Bromley Road and Morrow Lane; Little Bromley including Ardleigh Road, Bentley Road, Church Road, Barlon Road, and Carringtons Road	
USI6 3/4	Thursday 28 May 2026	Boxted (south) including Langham Road, Straight Road, Horkesley Road, Ivy Lodge Road; Horkesley Heath and Great Horkesley including School Lane and London Road; West Bergholt including Nayland Road, Colchester Road, Coney Byes Lane and Hall Road; Fordham Heath, Fordstreet, Gallows Green, Fordham and Aldham including Hines Close and Rectory Road, Brook Road and North Lane; Marks Tey, Little Tey including Church Lane and Salmon's Lane, and Broad Green including Bracks Lane; Coggeshall and Coggeshall Hamlet including Coggeshall Hall	EV1-018
USI6 4/4	Friday 29 May 2026	Ingatestone including Ingatestone Hall and Stock Lane; Buttsbury including St Marys Church, Ingatestone Road and Mountnessing Road; Back Lane, Stock; Old Church Lane, Mountnessing; Rayleigh Road, Haverings Grove; Billericay including Tye Common Road, Hatches Farm Road, Botney Hill Road; Dunton Road and Southend Arterial Road, Dunton Wayletts; Dunton Hills, Langdon Hills and Bulphan including Lower Dunton Road, Church Lane, North Hill, Brentwood Road and Tilbury Road; Horndon on the Hill including Black Bush Lane, Orsett Road and Saffron Gardens	EV1-019
USI7 1/4	Monday 22 June 2026	Gislingham, Finningham and Cotton	EV1-020
USI7 2/4	Tuesday 23 June 2026	White Notley; Faulkbourne and Troys Lane; Cressing Road Witham; Silver End and Rivenhall; Margaretting, Handley Green; Little Hyde Lane, Fryerning, Ingatestone; Hylands Park; ARU Writtle and Newney Green; Roxwell and Roxwell Road; Chignal St James, Mashbury Road, Hollow Lane; Broomfield, Partridge Green; Little Watham, Minnow End, Great Waltham, Howe Street, and Chatham Green	EV1-021
USI7 3/4	Wednesday 24 June 2026	Braintree Road, Essex Regiment Way, Leighs Road and Longs Lane, Little	EV1-022

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		Waltham; and Boreham Road, Goodmans Lane and Cole Hill, Great Leighs	
USI7 4/4	Friday 26 June 2026	Little Bromley, Ardleigh, Ardleigh Heath and Foxash Estate; Dedham Vale National Landscape from the Stour Estuary, Manningtree Station, Stour Estuary Nature Reserve and Cattawade Nature Reserve; Stour Valley Path from Stratford St Mary, to site of cable crossing between Langham and Higham	EV1-023
USI8	Tuesday 21 July 2026	Horndon on the Hill	EV1-024
USI9 1/3	Wednesday 5 August 2026	Finningham and Wickham Street, Dandy Corner and Cotton, Mendlesham Road, Hobbles Lane and Hoggars Road, Saxham Street, Middlewood Green, Forward Green, Broad Green, Mill Lane, Fen Lane, Gipping Valley, Creeping St Mary, Barking, Barking Tye, Ringshall Stocks, Willisham Tye, Offton Road, Holly Road, Tollemache Hall and Middle Wood Offton, Offton Road and Blood Hill Somersham, The Channel, Church Hill and Hurdle Maker's Hill Burstall	EV1-025
USI9 2/3	Thursday 6 August 2026	Coggleshall Road, Mott's Lane and Church Lane Marks Tey, Great Tey Road Rectory Road and Roman River Aldham, Fordstreet, Halstead Road, Fiddlers Hill Eight Ash Green and Fordham Heath West Bergholt Hillhouse Woods and Essex Way Fossetts Lane, and Mill Lane Fordham (including archaeological site) London Road, Vinesse Road, Workhouse Road, Holt's Road, Crabtree Lane and Colchester Road, Little Horkesley and Great Horkesley	EV1-026
USI9 3/3	Friday 7 August 2026	Margaretting, Handley Green, Edney Wood, Baker's Wood, Nathan's Lane, The Causeway, Edney Common Writtle, Little Oxney Green and Newney Green, Green Lane and Ongar Road Broomfield, Woodhouse Lane and archaeological site of Brumfelda Waltham Gap Church Street and Hollow Road Kelvedon Holton St Mary, Bacon Green, Lower Raydon, Woodlands Road Raydon	EV1-027

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		Hintlesham, Burstall, Burstall Lane The Grindle and Bullen Lane, Bramford	