

Lorry Route Network

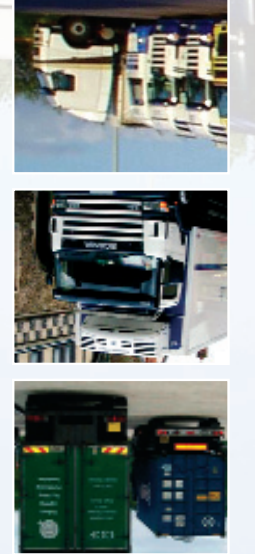
This leaflet gives details of the Lorry Route Network and the objectives of the Lorry Management Plan. A further leaflet setting out Suffolk County Council's incident and reporting procedure titled "Heavy goods vehicle incident reporting advisory leaflet" is also available.

The Lorry Management Plan has been developed and been in place for several years. The Plan sets out the purpose and objectives of lorry management. This includes ways in which measures can be considered to minimise the impact of lorries on the towns and rural communities of Suffolk.

The Suffolk Lorry Network, as shown overleaf, sets out the network of designated lorry routes which forms part of the plan. There are three: Strategic Lorry Route - Trunk road, or some county principal roads, catering for long distance journeys between primary destinations.

Zone Distributor Lorry Route - Roads within a zone serving as a route directly to a location or as a route to local access routes.

Local Access Lorry Route - Roads or parts of roads, serving as access to a specific location.



TO accommodate lorries safely and to minimise their impact on roads, other than on the main network, by discouraging the use of minor roads except for essential movements.

TO allow positive lorry routing policies to influence highway and bridge improvement and maintenance programmes.

TO discourage unnecessary lorry movements in environmentally sensitive and other unsuitable areas such as near schools and in shopping areas.

TO discourage use of inappropriate operating centres.

TO identify high accident locations involving heavy goods vehicles and institute a programme of remedial measures.

TO improve facilities where pedestrians and cyclists are adversely affected by lorries.

TO discourage overnight parking in unsuitable locations.

TO positively promote quality roadside facilities on preferred routes.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN

INTRODUCTION



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Introduction and Overview

Suffolk is a picturesque rural county, with beautiful towns, villages and countryside. Within the county there is a variety of rural and commercial businesses generating heavy goods traffic.

This leaflet outlines the lorry objectives of the Lorry Management Plan and sets out the Lorry Route Network



EXAMPLES OF TRAFFIC SIGNS USED ON THE HIGHWAYS

Environmental Weight Restrictions

Environmental weight restrictions have been introduced on a number of roads in the county where it is desirable to reduce the number of heavy goods vehicles and where a suitable alternative route exists. These restrictions directly benefit communities situated on the restricted roads, with an improved quality of life. Lorries requiring access and, in some cases, local deliveries are exempt from these weight restrictions.

Information sign used on very narrow minor roads to advise lorries that the road is not suited to heavy goods vehicles

Environmental weight restriction on road

Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles

Except for Loading

Sign to allow access along a weight restricted road

Except for Loading and permit holders

Sign to allow access and some permitted journeys on a weight restricted road

Structural Weight Restrictions

Occasionally bridges require to be protected because of their condition and inability to support heavy lorries. These restrictions relate to the bridge alone and are signed.

Examples of the type of vehicle that the Lorry Route Network and weight restrictions apply:

These are all heavy goods vehicles and will have reflective rear markings, as below

LONG VEHICLE

WEAK BRIDGE

Structural weight restriction on a bridge or culvert

Useful Contact Details

Highway Authorities in Suffolk Highways Agency
 Responsible for the trunk road network, A14, A12 South of Ipswich and A11.
 Highways Agency Information Line
Tel: 08457 50 40 30
 www.highways.gov.uk

Suffolk County Council
 Highway authority for all roads other than the trunk road network and the Borough Council agencies.
 (www.suffolk.gov.uk/transportandstreets)
Customer Service Direct
Tel: 0845 606 6067
 www.csduk.com
 Trading Standards general enquiries (weight restriction enforcement and overloaded vehicles)
Tel: 01473 584368

Borough Council Agencies
St Edmundsbury Borough Council
 Agent for Bury St Edmunds.
 stedmundsbury@stedsbcc.gov.uk
 Highways Enquiry Number
Tel: 01284 757319

Ipswich Borough Council
 Agent for Ipswich. www.ipswich.gov.uk
 General Highways Enquiries
Tel: 01473 432803



Other organisations
Suffolk Police
Tel: 01473 613500

Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC)
Tel: 01473 833713

Freight Transport Association (FTA)
Tel: 01892 526171

Road Haulage Association Southern & Eastern Region
Tel: 01733 261131

Vehicle & Operator Services Agency (VOSA)
www.vosa.gov.uk
Tel: 0870 606 0440

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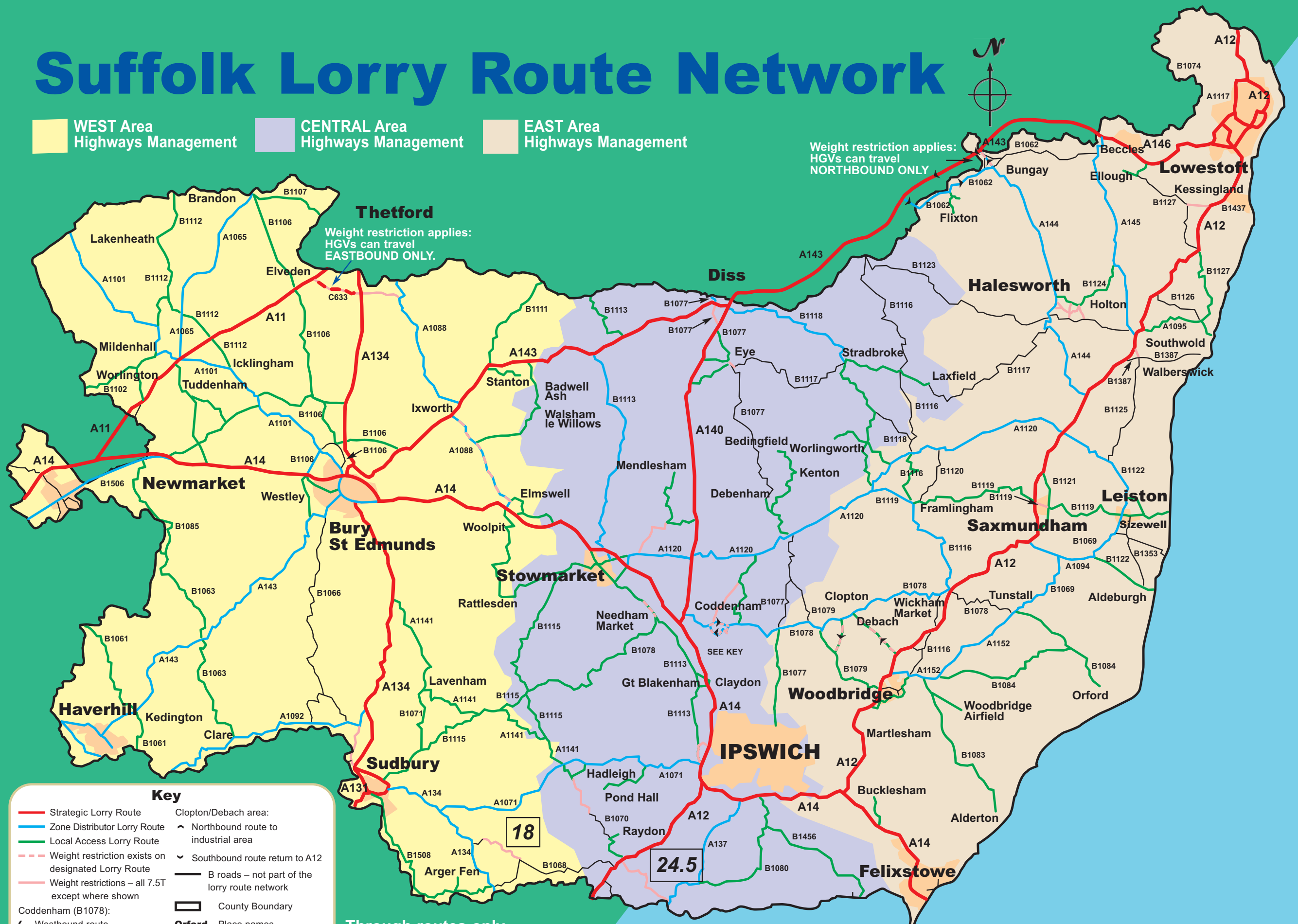
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WEST Area Highways Management
 CENTRAL Area Highways Management
 EAST Area Highways Management



Weight restriction applies: HGVs can travel NORTHBOUND ONLY

Weight restriction applies: HGVs can travel EASTBOUND ONLY

Key

- Strategic Lorry Route
- Zone Distributor Lorry Route
- Local Access Lorry Route
- Weight restriction exists on designated Lorry Route
- Weight restrictions – all 7.5T except where shown
- Coddenham (B1078):
 - ◀ Westbound route
 - ▶ Eastbound route
- County Boundary
- Orford** Place names
- Urban area

Through routes only are indicated for major towns

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