

# Quiet Lanes Suffolk

Dear Neighbour,

One of the strongest priorities people expressed through the Assington neighbourhood plan process was to improve road safety on parish roads. Alongside other initiatives on road safety, the parish council is therefore proposing to designate certain rural lanes in the parish as 'quiet lanes' as part of a county wide project.



## What is a quiet lane?

Quiet lanes are a nationally recognised designation for narrow rural roads which are used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists. The 'quiet lane' designation does not impose traffic restrictions at present but advisory signs (like the one above) are placed at either end to tell drivers to "expect and respect" more vulnerable road users. While motorised vehicles can still use the lanes, drivers should be ready to encounter pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders in the middle of the road, to show patience and to stop if needed to let them pass.

## Which lanes?

In conjunction with Suffolk Highways, the parish council has identified a number of lanes as being suitable for designation as quiet lanes. These are: Assington Lane, High Road, Marshalls Green, Wormingford Road and Upper Road. These are shown on the map overleaf. These lanes connect with various footpaths and bridleways to create pleasant circular walking, cycling and riding routes.

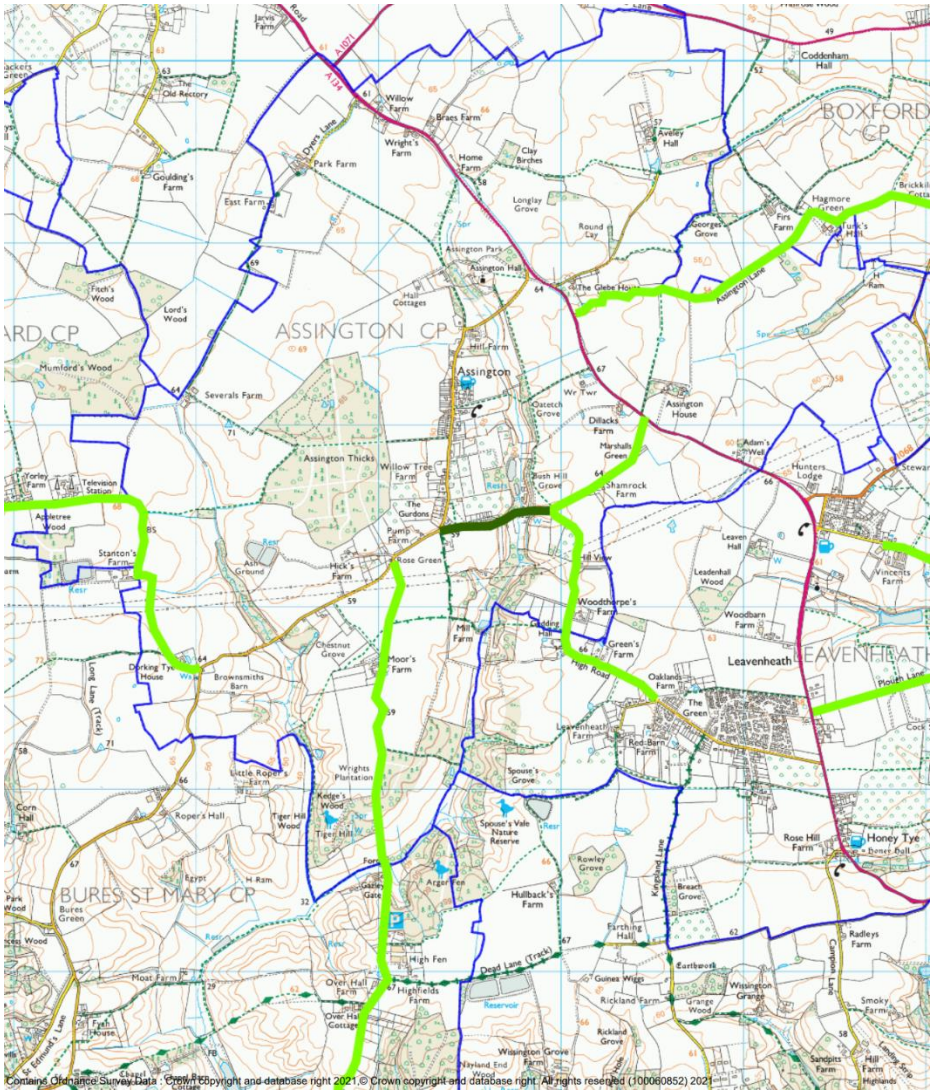
The parish council submitted a number of additional lanes for consideration, but these were not approved by Suffolk Highways as being suitable. We are still in discussions with them with regards to Barracks Lane.

## Who pays?

Funding will come from Suffolk County Council and the Parish Council's CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) budget which is paid into by developers.

## Comments or questions?

This letter forms the first stage of a full public consultation process. If you have any questions or comments please submit these in writing to [assingtonNP@outlook.com](mailto:assingtonNP@outlook.com) or post to Squirrel House, The Street, Assington, CO10 5LJ. Further information on the county wide project can be found at [www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk](http://www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk).



**Please join us at our Public Consultation Presentation and Q&A during our next parish council meeting. This will be held remotely by phone and Zoom on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm. Details can be obtained nearer the time from the vice chair (01787 827112) or email [AssingtonNP@outlook.com](mailto:AssingtonNP@outlook.com).**