

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2026

Update for Parish & Town Councils

HIGHWAYS

- 141km of roads surface-dressed
- 86 sites treated
- JCB Pothole Pro being trialled
- Focus: faster, permanent repairs
- Priority: better value for taxpayers

ORWELL BRIDGE

- A14/Orwell Bridge resilience work progressing
- Alternative River Orwell crossing options being examined
- Need for a long-term solution to repeated closures

COUNCIL FINANCES

- £7.8m forecast overspend in 2026/27
- Tighter spending controls required
- Reduce waste and protect frontline services
- Every pound must deliver value for money

SCHOOLS & SEND

- 648 additional places created
- 243 additional SEND places
- Continued expansion required
- Priority: meeting growing SEND demand

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

- Government reviewing proposed 3-unitary model
- Key tests:
 - Local democracy
 - Rural representation
 - Service quality
 - Financial sustainability
 - Value for taxpayers
- Parish councils must have a strong voice

ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Major projects continue across East Suffolk
- Sizewell C + grid infrastructure
- Key concerns:
 - Roads & traffic
 - Landscape
 - Environment
 - Cumulative impact
- Local communities must be heard

PARISH PRIORITIES

Please continue to raise:

Potholes • Drainage • Flooding • Road Safety • Speeding • Rights of Way • Development •
Energy Projects • Local Services

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