Footpaths Report – August 2026

Terry Wood, footpaths secretary

Asheldham

- Application 25 00897 for erection of a 100m tall wind turbine, on land behind Dengie Crops on Hall Road Asheldham. No footpath runs through the site, but footpath 8 meets footpath 10 just at the point of the access road. People crossing the road will meet site traffic. I made the usual comments. **August update:** The application is still 'pending consideration'.

Burnham on Crouch

- Application 24/00901/FULM for a Solar Farm north of Marsh Road, and application 24/00908 for overhead power lines, have been submitted. These will affect FP 26. In particular, at this point, the official footpath route is blocked and walkers are directed to use a farm track. It appears that this track will also serve as access for traffic to the Solar Farm. Usual comments. The application was approved in September 2025. Some work appears to have started.

- Application 25/00840/OUTM for an estate of ca. 200 houses to the east of Burnham-on-Crouch near Romans Farm Chase. As part of this, a road will cross FP14. Our member Annie Cook has pointed out that this is a particular concern because schoolchildren use this footpath to get to St Mary's Primary School. Usual comments. **August update**: In May the application was refused.

- Application 26/00018. Proposed housing development to the west of Burnham on Crouch. Located north of Creeksea Place, west of Endeavour Way, east of Ferry Road and south of Creeksea Lane. 170 houses. I made the usual comments on safety, access and connectivity, especially on maintaining a through route across the railway line to the river. **August update**: The application is still 'pending consideration'.

Great Totham

- Application 24 00165 to divert FP 4 Gt Totham. The footpath will follow the same line but move 2 metres to the left for some 50 metres where it runs between new housing sites at the Kelvedon Road end. No objections but asked for walker safety to be maintained during and after the construction work, and for the new stretch of footpath to comply with recommended best practice. **August update:** The application is still 'pending consideration'.

Heybridge and Langford

- There is a temporary closure of FP 30, from the Langford Road to the junction with FP13, while a new roundabout serving the housing development is built. This has been extended. Langford Road will be closed to traffic for a new roundabout to be connected. **March update**: The footpath has been reinstated. They all have around the new estate, except at Heybridge Wood.

Maldon

- Application 25/00578 is an outline application for the Maldon Hall Farm development, to build an estate of 275 houses running south from Maldon Cemetery to Maldon Hall Farm. I made the usual comments on safety, access and path lengths and connectivity. **March update:** The application has been refused. **August update:** The developer appealed and the appeal has been allowed.

Mundon

- Application 25 00954 to build a solar farm on land at Bramble Hall, Mundon Road, Mundon. Footpaths FP22 Maldon and FP12 Mundon will run through it from north to south. FP 10 Mundon will run along the northern edge, including a bit of the coastal path. FP 1 Mundon will run along part of the southern edge. I made the usual comments. **August update**: Still 'Pending consideration'.

North Fambridge

- Application 25/00015/OUT was submitted in February to build three houses in Rectory Road, potentially affecting FP 17 and its connectivity with footpaths FP 2, 10, 13 and 14. The developers' appeal was dismissed in 2024. They then put in a new application. I commented on the need to maintain connectivity and walker safety both during and after the construction period. The new application was refused and the developers appealed against that decision. **March update**: The new appeal was dismissed.

Tillingham

- Application 25/01022 is a joint proposal from several farmers to build a large Dengie Marshes onshore wind farm, running down the coast from just south-east of Tillingham to the River Crouch. I made the usual comments on safety, access and path lengths and connectivity. The England Coastal Path runs along the eastern side of the proposed site. I asked that any development should mitigate the impact of the wind farm on walkers - both the visual impact and the noise of the turbines. **August update**: The council has refused the application.

Woodham Mortimer.

- Application 24/00772/FULM was to build six houses in Conduit Lane off Post Office Road. This affects footpaths FP 8, 11, 15 and 25 which all join Conduit Lane. I made the usual comments. The application was refused in June. The developer appealed against the decision. **March update:** The appeal was allowed and planning permission has now been granted.