

Constituency	Candidate Name	Party	Average Score	Replacement of business rates by a sales or turnover tax	Corporation Tax to be reduced back to 19% by the end of the next Parliament	R&D Tax Credits Scheme to be retained and bureaucracy reduced	National Living Wage increases to be subject to an SME affordability criteria
Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Darren Turner	Communist Party of Britain	2.33	3	1	2	4
	Richard Baker-Howard	Rejoin EU	3.33	4	2	4	4
	Scott Hussey	Reform Party	3.6	4	4	4	2
	Peter Prinsley	Labour	3.07	3	2	3	2
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	Mike Hallatt	Independent	3.4	4	4	4	4
	Tony Gould	Reform Party	3.4	4	4	4	2
	Kevin Craig	Labour	3.07	3	2	3	2
Ipswich	Jack Abbott	Labour	3.07	3	2	3	2
	James Sandbach	Liberal Democrats	2.8	2	1	3	2
Lowestoft	Peter Aldous	Conservative	2.93	1	4	4	2
	Jess Asato	Labour	3.07	3	2	3	2
South Suffolk	Emma Bishton	Labour	3.07	3	2	3	2
Suffolk Coastal	Julia Ewart	Liberal Democrats	3.13	4	2	3	1
	Jenny Riddell-Carpenter	Labour	3.07	3	2	3	2
Waveney Valley	Adrian Ramsay	Green	2.4	2	1	4	2
	Maya Severyn	SDP	3.53	4	3	4	4
	Richard Rout	Conservative	3.93	3	4	4	4
	Scott Huggins	Reform Party	3.67	4	4	4	4
	Gurpreet Padda	Labour	3.07	3	2	3	2
West Suffolk	Henry Batchelor	Liberal Democrats	2.58	3	3	3	2
	Ivan Kinsman	SDP	3.4	3	1	3	3
	Luke Thomas O'Brien	Independent	3.33	4	3	3	4
	Mark Ereira-Guyer	Green	2.73	2	1	2	3
	Rebecca Denness	Labour	3.07	3	2	3	2

Constituency	Candidate Name	Party	Priority sign-off by The Treasury for Ely/Haughley rail junction improvements	Upgrade of all A14 pinch points in Suffolk (including the Orwell Bridge and J55 Copdock Interchange) in 2025-30, and back a Greater Ipswich roads connectivity study	Equal per capita national funding across all key departments for Suffolk (e.g. Adult Education, SEND, Police etc.)
Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Darren Turner	Communist Party of Britain	4	4	2
	Richard Baker-Howard	Rejoin EU	4	4	2
	Scott Hussey	Reform Party	4	4	4
	Peter Prinsley	Labour	4	4	3
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	Mike Hallatt	Independent	4	4	3
	Tony Gould	Reform Party	4	4	4
	Kevin Craig	Labour	4	4	3
Ipswich	Jack Abbott	Labour	4	4	3
	James Sandbach	Liberal Democrats	4	4	4
Lowestoft	Peter Aldous	Conservative	4	2	4
	Jess Asato	Labour	4	4	3
South Suffolk	Emma Bishton	Labour	4	4	3
Suffolk Coastal	Julia Ewart	Liberal Democrats	4	4	4
	Jenny Riddell-Carpenter	Labour	4	4	3
Waveney Valley	Adrian Ramsay	Green	4	1	2
	Maya Severyn	SDP	4	4	3
	Richard Rout	Conservative	4	4	4
	Scott Huggins	Reform Party	4	4	3
	Gurpreet Padda	Labour	4	4	3
West Suffolk	Henry Batchelor	Liberal Democrats			
	Ivan Kinsman	SDP	4	4	3
	Luke Thomas O'Brien	Independent	4	3	4
	Mark Ereira-Guyer	Green	4	3	4
	Rebecca Denness	Labour	4	4	3

Constituency	Candidate Name	Party	A coordinated public/private funded programme to speed up rollout of accelerated EV charging points in the county	Employers to remain at the centre of skills pipeline planning after the end of the Norfolk & Suffolk LSIP	Top-slicing of Integrated Care System budgets directly to business representative organisations to promote positive workplace health outcomes
Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Darren Turner	Communist Party of Britain	3	1	1
	Richard Baker-Howard	Rejoin EU	4	4	2
	Scott Hussey	Reform Party	4	4	2
	Peter Prinsley	Labour	4	4	2
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	Mike Hallatt	Independent	3	3	2
	Tony Gould	Reform Party	1	4	2
	Kevin Craig	Labour	4	4	2
Ipswich	Jack Abbott	Labour	4	4	2
	James Sandbach	Liberal Democrats	4	4	2
Lowestoft	Peter Aldous	Conservative	4	4	1
	Jess Asato	Labour	4	4	2
South Suffolk	Emma Bishton	Labour	4	4	2
Suffolk Coastal	Julia Ewart	Liberal Democrats	4	4	3
	Jenny Riddell-Carpenter	Labour	4	4	2
Waveney Valley	Adrian Ramsay	Green	4	3	1
	Maya Severyn	SDP	1	4	3
	Richard Rout	Conservative	4	4	4
	Scott Huggins	Reform Party	2	4	3
	Gurpreet Padda	Labour	4	4	2
West Suffolk	Henry Batchelor	Liberal Democrats	4	4	1
	Ivan Kinsman	SDP	3	4	3
	Luke Thomas O'Brien	Independent	2	4	2
	Mark Ereira-Guyer	Green	4	4	2
	Rebecca Denness	Labour	4	4	2

Constituency	Candidate Name	Party	Liberalisation of Apprenticeship Levy to allow unspent funds to be used by smaller businesses	Local authorities held to an eight-week determination deadline for minor applications
Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Darren Turner	Communist Party of Britain	3	1
	Richard Baker-Howard	Rejoin EU	4	2
	Scott Hussey	Reform Party	4	4
	Peter Prinsley	Labour	3	3
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	Mike Hallatt	Independent	2	4
	Tony Gould	Reform Party	2	4
	Kevin Craig	Labour	3	3
Ipswich	Jack Abbott	Labour	3	3
	James Sandbach	Liberal Democrats	4	3
Lowestoft	Peter Aldous	Conservative	4	3
	Jess Asato	Labour	3	3
South Suffolk	Emma Bishton	Labour	3	3
Suffolk Coastal	Julia Ewart	Liberal Democrats	4	3
	Jenny Riddell-Carpenter	Labour	3	3
Waveney Valley	Adrian Ramsay	Green	4	4
	Maya Severyn	SDP	4	4
	Richard Rout	Conservative	4	4
	Scott Huggins	Reform Party	4	4
	Gurpreet Padda	Labour	3	3
West Suffolk	Henry Batchelor	Liberal Democrats	2	4
	Ivan Kinsman	SDP	4	4
	Luke Thomas O'Brien	Independent	4	2
	Mark Ereira-Guyer	Green	2	2
	Rebecca Denness	Labour	3	3

Constituency	Candidate Name	Party	Reform of the benefits system to ensure at least 1m out of the 5.5m people on long-term sickness benefits nationally re-join the workforce by the end of the next Parliament	A single Suffolk funding settlement and greater devolution and control of funding to Suffolk, including Apprenticeships and transport	Implement policies that cap public sector net debt (excl. Bank of England holdings) to 90% of GDP
Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Darren Turner	Communist Party of Britain	1	4	1
	Richard Baker-Howard	Rejoin EU	2	4	4
	Scott Hussey	Reform Party	4	2	4
	Peter Prinsley	Labour	3	4	2
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	Mike Hallatt	Independent	4	4	2
	Tony Gould	Reform Party	4	4	4
	Kevin Craig	Labour	3	4	2
Ipswich	Jack Abbott	Labour	3	4	2
	James Sandbach	Liberal Democrats	1	3	1
Lowestoft	Peter Aldous	Conservative	4	2	1
	Jess Asato	Labour	3	4	2
South Suffolk	Emma Bishton	Labour	3	4	2
Suffolk Coastal	Julia Ewart	Liberal Democrats	1	4	2
	Jenny Riddell-Carpenter	Labour	3	4	2
Waveney Valley	Adrian Ramsay	Green	1	2	1
	Maya Severyn	SDP	4	3	4
	Richard Rout	Conservative	4	4	4
	Scott Huggins	Reform Party	4	3	4
	Gurpreet Padda	Labour	3	4	2
West Suffolk	Henry Batchelor	Liberal Democrats	1	3	1
	Ivan Kinsman	SDP	4	4	4
	Luke Thomas O'Brien	Independent	4	4	3
	Mark Ereira-Guyer	Green	2	4	2
	Rebecca Denness	Labour	3	4	2

Constituency	Candidate Name	Party	Narrative Response
Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket	Will Tanner	Conservative	I will not be signing third party pledges or completing surveys with policy specifics in them, as a matter of policy. This is because I believe voters want me to express my intentions and values in my own words, and - however much I agree with the sentiment and intention behind specific campaigns - there will always be nuances or complexities that are not captured in a one-size-fits-all survey or pledge.
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	Brett Mickleburgh	Liberal Democrats	If you are able to restate your questions without giving your own policy solutions then I am happy to answer them based on the manifesto document once it is published next week, however if not then I'm afraid I cannot.
Lowestoft	Adam Robertson	Liberal Democrats	<p>I would like to reassure you that I am very tuned in to the needs of business. Working for a Principal Local Authority, I know how important business is to both the local and national economy.</p> <p>I have sympathy with a number of the points you raise, particularly around the tax system, however your questionnaire makes a valid point and then gives an example that handcuffs me. This is particularly notable in areas where an MP has only small influence – for example in planning – and the Liberal Democrat policy is to strengthen local delivery and accountability, not to drag further powers to an even more centralised Westminster.</p> <p>If you are able to restate your questions without giving your own policy solutions then I am happy to answer them based on the manifesto document once it is published next week, however if not then I'm afraid I cannot.</p>

South Suffolk	James Cartlidge	Conservative	<p>I share 100% the desire of Suffolk Chamber of Commerce to drive economic growth in our wonderful county. For me, the top priority for businesses has been the same as consumers - getting inflation under control. I love visiting local firms and the uncertainty and challenge that comes from a rising and unpredictable cost base, not to mention the higher interest rates inevitably associated with rising inflation, has been mentioned frequently in such engagement. So I'm delighted that inflation is back to 'normal'. This did not happen by accident. We had to take difficult decisions, for example in negotiations on public sector pay, which are the definition of how being in Government in the real world is tough. With the cost of living high following Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine, people were crying out for tax cuts to ease that pressure - but this could have made inflation worse, so again, we had to do a tough, real world thing in Government and resist. Instead, we actually had to put up taxes to pay for the £500bn or so in support we put in place in the pandemic and for energy support, not least to protect jobs through furlough and provide incredibly generous support to firms, to help with pandemic pressures and higher energy bills.'</p> <p>'So it's brilliant news that the hard work has paid off, and inflation is down, which means we can finally start cutting big taxes like National Insurance. But I entirely recognise that many challenges remain for business. Looking forward, a big issue is how we get more people off sickness benefit and into the workplace, so that we ease the recruitment pressures that firms frequently raise with me. We have set a target of getting sickness benefit level claims back to pre-pandemic, by toughening rules and providing support with mental health and other barriers to returning to work. We will use those savings to fund tax cuts, to further ease the cost of living.</p> <p>'The biggest single tax cut we have announced is for the businesses that really make up the backbone of our economy - the self-employed. But I note the Chamber's other requests around business rates, corporation tax and infrastructure, and will be sharing them with my Ministerial</p>
Suffolk Coastal	RH Therese Coffey	Conservative	<p>Paul, John, I'm not going to get into surveys. Businesses and the Chamber should know I am supportive and also, no credible candidate can sign up to individual pledges or make commitments like this.</p>

West Suffolk	Nick Timothy	Conservative	<p>Thank you for sending your survey. I should start by saying that, as a matter of policy, I do not complete surveys with policy specifics in them, just as I do not sign pledges organised by other third parties, because I think it is better to express my own beliefs and intentions in my own words, and because even when I agree with the spirit or majority of the content of such surveys and pledge documents, there will always be points of nuance or detail that are not so clear-cut.</p> <p>As you know, I am a huge supporter of business in Suffolk, and as a self-employed small businessman myself I understand not only the commercial and policy challenges businesses face but the very essence of being in business. The desire to build something, to do things differently, to stride out into the world with an idea. I also understand the risk and bravery of setting up and running a business: you are responsible for the livelihoods of many people.</p> <p>I strongly believe that government must do everything it can to create the best possible business environment here in Suffolk and across the country. That means lower and smarter business taxes, and sensible regulation. But it does not just mean getting out of the way - it also means playing a more strategic role: getting infrastructure right, providing people with the skills and technical education they need through their lives, and backing industries that are vital to regions and the country as a whole.</p> <p>The choice in this election is between me, a self-employed businessman, and a left-wing Labour candidate who lives in another county. And nationally it is between the Conservative Party and a Labour Party that wants to impose French-style Labour laws - with full employment rights for workers from day one - and put up taxes.</p> <p>If I am elected I will work closely with businesses - and work to bring new businesses to Suffolk, and encourage and support those entrepreneurs starting new businesses - and speak up for</p>
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