



Felixstowe Town Council – Sizewell C DCO Application

Comment on Applicant's draft itinerary for ASI and suggested locations for site inspections (Accompanied or Unaccompanied), including justification, for consideration by the ExA

In our Relevant Representation, to be further detailed in our forthcoming Written Representation, Felixstowe Town Council (FTC) has commented on issues arising from the siting of the Freight Management Facility (FMF), and in particular, access routes to and from the site by HGVs.

We therefore welcome the item in the published itinerary for the ASI to visit the area.

However, we note that in respect of the Seven Hills junction on the A12 / A14 (J58), and especially the difficult and potentially dangerous Crematorium Junction between the Old Felixstowe Road and the A1156, the intent is only to "Note the Seven Hills Crematorium junction and A1156 approach to Seven Hills junction when passing."

We submit that this would be inadequate to fully appreciate the issues raised by the proposed routing to and from the FMF site using this junction. We therefore submit that the Panel Members should make arrangements to stop briefly at this location and view the unfortunate layout and traffic issues involved. Parking is available in the immediate vicinity, in the adjacent short cul-de-sac end of the old Felixstowe Road.

We would also request that our representative, Councillor Andy Smith, be invited to be present and to be available to answer any questions the panel may have.

Additionally, we made reference in our Relevant Representation, to be further discussed in our Written Representation, that a significantly less intrusive routing is available and should be considered. Namely that HGV traffic inbound to the FMF should not leave the A14 at J58, thereby crossing two busy traffic streams from the A12 North and the A14 Westbound slip road, but continue to the Trimley junction (J59), which has an extremely light traffic load, and then approach the FMF via the westbound A14 and the Levington exit slip at map reference 254393. And for HGV traffic exiting the site towards Sizewell, it should be routed East for app. 1 mile on the Old Felixstowe Road, and join the A14 Westbound at the Levington on-slip, then via the Seven Hills J58 westbound off-slip to the A12 North. These two changes would significantly reduce the impacts of HGVs at the heavily trafficked J58, and also completely avoid significant potential congestion and dangers of the proposed right turn onto the A1156 at the Crematorium Junction.

We would therefore request that the panel's route be modified to accommodate viewing the above routing and locations.