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To all interested parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010015

Date: 10 October 2014

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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3)**

### **Application by Norfolk County Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR)**

#### **Changes to the examination timetable**

I write to inform you of a number of proposed changes to the Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR) scheme, how the Examining Authority (ExA) intend to examine these changes, and the consequent changes to our examination timetable.

#### **Proposed changes to the scheme**

At the issue specific hearing on minor changes the applicant, Norfolk County Council, indicated their desire to modify the scheme following representations received. The effect of this change is to propose a four-arm roundabout at the C261 Reephams Road junction with the C282 Drayton Lane in the parishes of Drayton and Horsford in place of the existing crossroads. Construction of the roundabout would require compulsory acquisition of additional land. An amendment to provide for this acquisition and details of the modifications (known as the 'proposed provision'), were submitted on Monday 22 September 2014. This document is published on the Norwich NDR section of the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and can be accessed by following this link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/document/2727135>

The ExA, on behalf of the Secretary of State, accepted this proposed provision for the compulsory acquisition of additional land, pursuant to the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition Regulations) 2010. The applicant has now publicised this 'proposed provision', allowing individuals to make relevant representations on the proposed provision and register as additional interested parties. This can be done by completing the registration form on the Norwich NDR section of the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website before **11.59pm on Monday 3 November 2014**.

During the compulsory acquisition hearings between 30 September and 3 October 2014 the applicant presented further modifications to the scheme to provide greater mitigation to affected persons. These generally comprise changes to private means of access and to screening of properties along the route of the scheme. These documents are also published on the Norwich NDR section of the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and can be accessed by following this link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/norwich>

The ExA invites comment from interested parties on the proposed modifications. This can be provided instead of, or in addition to, making a relevant representation on the proposed additional compulsory acquisition. In either case, comment must be received by the same deadline of **11.59pm on Monday 3 November 2014**. Please send these where practicable by email to [NorwichNDR@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NorwichNDR@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk). If posted, comment should be sent to Nicholas Coombes at the address at the top of this letter, marked NorwichNDR.

### **Comments on post-hearing documents including the applicant's draft Development Consent Order (DCO)**

Following the issue specific and compulsory acquisition hearings in September and October, a number of documents have been or will be submitted to the examination. These include a new draft of the Development Consent Order (DCO) from the applicant, which will be published at the above web address on or shortly after 10 October 2014. The ExA would like to allow interested parties to comment on these documents and have provided a new deadline to do so. Comments should be received at the email or postal address as above by **11.59 pm on Monday 3 November 2014**.

Consequently the ExA will not be publishing its own draft of the DCO on Friday 17 October, as originally indicated. However, the ExA has now published their **Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)**, one week earlier than planned. It can be found at the above website. The deadline for comments on this report is similarly revised to **11.59 pm Monday 3 November 2014** which is the new Deadline 9.

### **Hearing on the specific issue of the draft DCO**

The ExA will hold a third and final hearing on the specific issue of the draft DCO on **Friday 28 November 2014**. On the same day there may a compulsory acquisition hearing into any remaining issues if required. If you wish to participate in either of these, please notify the Case Manager, Nicholas Coombes, by email or post as above. Notifications should be received by **Thursday 20 November 2014**. Any documents to be provided subsequent to the hearing must be received by **11.59pm on Tuesday 2 December 2014** as this is the statutory deadline for the close of the examination.

### **Request for further information**

The ExA requests further information from Network Rail Infrastructure Limited. This request under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 can be found at Annex B.

Thank you for your continuing interest in this examination and your participation to date.

Yours faithfully,

*Peter Robottom*

**Peter Robottom**  
**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

**Annexes:**

- A Revised timetable for the examination of the application
- B Request for Further Information from Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

### Timetable for examination of the application

Item	Matters	Due Dates
19	Publication by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 10 October 2014</b>
21	<b>Deadline 9</b> Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments on proposed changes to the scheme</li> <li>Comments on proposed provision for compulsory acquisition of additional land</li> <li>Comments on the applicant's draft DCO</li> <li>Comments on post-hearing documents</li> <li>Comments on the RIES</li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<b>11.59 pm Monday 3 November 2014</b>
22	<b>Deadline 10</b> Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notification of wish to make oral representations at the issue specific hearing and Compulsory Acquisition hearing (if required) on Friday 28 November 2014</li> </ul>	<b>Noon Thursday 20 November 2014</b>
23	Compulsory Acquisition hearing for any outstanding matters (if required)	<b>10.00 am Friday 28 November 2014</b>
24	Issue Specific hearing about the draft DCO	<b>To follow Friday 28 November 2014</b>
25	<b>Deadline 11</b> Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at a hearing</li> <li>Any further information requested by the ExA</li> </ul>	<b>11.59pm Tuesday 2 December 2014</b>
26	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	<b>Tuesday 2 December 2014</b>



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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17**

### **Application by Norfolk County Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR)**

I refer to your letters of 18 September and 1 October 2014 in relation to your agreement with Norfolk County Council (NCC) concerning the three level crossings in the vicinity of the proposed NDR that is subject to the application for a DCO.

I also note your emails of 29 September 2014 and 1 October to NCC that have been forwarded to the Examining Authority which contained as attachments risk assessments for the 3 level crossings and an explanation of the import of those assessments.

The Examining Authority would be grateful if your clients would provide:

1. A full explanation of the categories that are derived from such risk assessments and their meaning including provision of a copy of the matrix that apparently categories scores as red, yellow or amber and green.
2. An explanation of why in relation to the crossing at Broad Lane at which the numbers of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians crossing are all forecast to fall very significantly, the individual risk is nevertheless indicated as being increased.

Please respond no later than 3 November 2014.

Yours faithfully

*Peter Robottom*

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