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Dr Graham Martin

Your Ref:

By email

Our Ref: TR010015

Date: 6 February 2014

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Dear Dr Martin,

## **Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR)**

### **Planning Act 2008 as amended ('PA2008')**

Thank you for your email received on 31 January 2014.

The Secretary of State has accepted the Norwich Northern Distributor Road application for examination in accordance with s55 of the PA2008 ("s55"). In reaching this decision, the Secretary of State has:

- in respect of s55(3)(e) of the PA2008, had regard to the matters set out in s55(4) of the PA2008, and concluded that the applicant has complied with Chapter 2 of Part 5 of the PA2008; and
- in respect of s55(3)(f) of the PA2008, had regard to the extent to which those matters set out in s55(5A) of the PA2008 have either been complied with or followed, and concluded that the application (including accompaniments) is of a satisfactory standard.

I am aware that this application is of great interest to you. For information, you may wish to read the completed 's55 acceptance checklist' that details the Planning Inspectorate's consideration of whether or not to accept the application. In particular, 1.1 of the checklist sets out comments on the s35 direction made by the Secretary of State on Norfolk County Council's request for reinstatement of the project as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. It can be viewed at:

[http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010015/2.%20Post-Submission/Procedural%20Decisions/TR010015\\_Norwich%20Distributor%20Road\\_Section\\_55\\_Checklist.doc.pdf](http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010015/2.%20Post-Submission/Procedural%20Decisions/TR010015_Norwich%20Distributor%20Road_Section_55_Checklist.doc.pdf)

Some of the issues you raise in your letters appear to relate to the merits of the application and not the acceptance stage. The Secretary of State is of the view that the application (including accompaniments) is of a standard he considers satisfactory to be accepted for examination. Issues related to the merits of the application will be considered during examination of the application.

The Planning Inspectorate aims to conduct a fair, open and impartial examination on behalf of the Secretary of State, in which all issues that are important and relevant will be explored. You and your neighbours may participate in this examination by lodging a relevant representation at the appropriate time; thereafter your organisation will be considered an interested party to the examination. The Planning Inspectorate has produced Advice note eight to aid participation in the Planning Act 2008 process, I hope that this will be of use to you. It can be viewed at:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

Yours sincerely

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