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Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010015

Date: 11 February 2014

Dear Mr Gotts

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

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

Interested party status

Thank you for your correspondence which we received on 11 April 2014. The registration period to be an interested party for this application ran from 14 February until 23 March 2014. Following the close of that period, we are no longer able to register individuals or groups as interested parties for the purposes of this application.

A provision of s102A of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) allows affected persons (those who own, lease, have an interest in, etc, land to be used by the scheme) to apply to become an interested party after the close of the relevant representations period. It was a form to facilitate this provision which you completed on behalf of Drayton Parish Council. Ordinarily, the Examining Authority is required to consider the matter, and if the Examining Authority agrees that that person falls with section 102B, it will inform the person and the applicant that the person has become an interested party. However, this form and request would appear inappropriate for your circumstances.

Drayton Parish Council is considered a statutory party to the examination of the NDR application, as the proposal includes land within the parish boundary. This means that the parish will be invited by the Examining Authority's (ExA) to the preliminary meeting and informed of the decisions of such. Pursuant to s89 of PA2008, after the preliminary meeting the ExA will offer statutory parties the ability to become an interested party.

Unless you inform me otherwise, I will consider your request made under s102A to in fact be a request under s89(2A)b and I will pass it on to the ExA at the appropriate

time. This means that Drayton Parish Council will become an interested party shortly after the commencement of the examination.

To summarise; Drayton Parish Council is a statutory party to the examination, but there is no legal mechanism by which it can become an interested party at this time. It will be invited to the preliminary meeting and informed of the outcome of it nonetheless. Following this second letter, it will be possible for Drayton Parish Council to become an interested party and I consider your correspondence notification of this intention.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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