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Your Ref :

Dear Mr Coombes,

Re : Proposed Application for Development Consent by Norfolk County Council (NCC) - Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR) – Drayton Junction

We write further to our letter dated 14 November 2013, addressed to Mark Wilson (copy enclosed/attached), to which we are awaiting a full reply (we received a holding reply on 28 November from Sarah Curtis – Quality Assurance Team). We understand you are the new NDR caseworker.

In the meantime, we have become increasingly concerned by the underhanded way in which Norfolk County Council have been dealing with our considerable and valid concerns, not only as set out in our previous letter, but also with additional fundamental issues that have come to light since then. This seriously brings into question veracity of the process of them being both Applicant and Statutory Consultee.

We now have clear evidence that the modelling assumptions used by NCC (certainly in our particular case, but most likely on the whole of the scheme) are wrong and that (despite guidance and good practice recommending it) no safety audits have even been carried out on the existing roads and junctions (away from the NDR footprint) that will be affected by the new road.

We have also seen a copy of their draft Consultation Report (in respect of our concerns only) and quite frankly, we are appalled at the way they have omitted critical issues and manipulated their responses to strengthen their point of view and to cover up the fact that inadequate consultation has been allowed for our specific points, which should have been dealt with ahead of their application for the Consent Order.

Basically we have been told they are under immense pressure to submit their Consent Order application and it is too late to amend their design (hence they are doing everything in their power to railroad through their current proposal, despite the considerable evidence we have against it)

We would be grateful if you can advise how we may best rectify this injustice and blatant flouting of regulations please ?

Yours sincerely,

Mr L A Gray - on behalf of the parishioners below.

cc

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