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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 previous correspondence regarding this matter and note that whilst you have published our original letter (dated 14 November 2013) and your amended reply (dated 19 December 2013) on the Planning Inspectorate website, you have not published our second letter (also dated 19 December 2013) which contains some additional and very critical issues that the public should be aware of. Therefore, I would be grateful if you will now publish both our second letter and this letter on the website accordingly please.

We appreciate you have advised us to direct our concerns about the consultation undertaken to our district council, which we have done / are doing. However, we understand both the applicant (NCC) and the district council are working together regarding the NSIP process and we need to be sure of total independence and impartiality (especially as we have now discovered, and have proof, that this has not been the case with NCC).

Therefore, in accordance with paragraph 69 of the Guidance on the pre-application process (which you are referring people to), we are also making our complaint directly to “the Secretary of State (through the Inspectorate)” and ask you to please act on this and make sure the process is carried out fairly and properly.

Our previous letters set out some fundamental flaws in the way NCC have dealt with matters to date, not least including some of the clear evidence we now have, where they have blatantly ignored / covered up critical issues that go against their proposal. This is totally unacceptable.

As stated previously, this seriously brings into question veracity over the process of them being both Applicant and Statutory Consultee, not just with our particular concerns, but over the whole of the NDR scheme. We are aware of many other people / groups who feel the same way.

You have already seen NCC's draft Consultation Report and will be aware of how they have set out our particular concerns and their responses to them, which are far from accurate and are very much incomplete. We are more than happy to provide you with the crucial evidence you need to see exactly what we are saying.

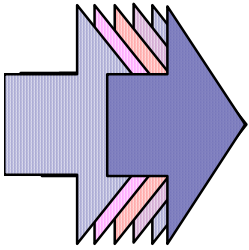
It is simply not fair that we have been told NCC are under immense pressure to submit their Consent Order application and it is too late to amend their design (hence they are doing everything in their power to railroad through their current proposal, despite the considerable evidence we have against it).

As you know, we also now have proof their modelling figures are incorrect and that no full and proper safety audits have been carried out on existing roads and junctions affected by the NDR scheme which is ludicrous. Proper safety audits and traffic surveys should have been carried out on all roads and junctions affected by the scheme, at initial design stage, as guidance recommends and as NCC have done with other road projects in our district.

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We would be grateful for your most urgent reply please and trust that justice will be done, to allow a fair and open process, just as the Secretary of State intended.

Yours sincerely,

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

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