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Date: 14 February 2014

Dear Dr Martin,

Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR)

Planning Act 2008 as amended ('PA2008')

Thank you for your email dated 9 February 2014 regarding the Norwich Northern Distributor Road Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project application.

In a few months, an Examining Authority will be appointed to examine the proposals submitted by the developer, following the process laid out in the Planning Act 2008. This examination is open to public participation. Whilst I understand your point that you have already been consulted on the proposals submitted by Norfolk County Council (NCC) and responded by stating your objections, the examination of the application is the formal determination of the proposal. The consultation undertaken by the applicant last year will have informed their application but the process of examination will determine whether this proposal is acceptable or not. Information on the process is on our website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>

Regarding your search for a registration form on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website, this is where you will find the form, but it is not currently available. We will start accepting relevant representations when the process is advertised by the applicant. I expect that this may be early this week.

The Norwich NDR scheme was directed as being a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project by the Secretary of State for Transport last year. Having been so directed, there is no dispute as to the status of the scheme and it is open for the applicant to submit an application for examination. The Examining Authority will conduct a fair, open and impartial examination in which all issues that are important and relevant will be explored. The Secretary of State's direction is available on our website:

http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010015/0.%20Project%20Management/131001_TR01

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The Planning Inspectorate's role in considering an application for acceptance is not to consider the merits of the scheme, but to consider whether the application meets the standards required for an application to proceed to examination. Issues related to the merits of the application will be considered during examination of the application.

Your letter states that 80% of consultees do not support Norfolk County Council's NDR scheme. This concern was apparent from the consultation report submitted, but support, or lack of, is not an issue for acceptance but people's views will be considered as part of the examination.

A drop-in event in Norwich to outline the Planning Act 2008 process and explain how individuals and groups can participate in the forthcoming examination will take place on Monday 24 February 2014 between 3pm and 7pm. There will be presentations at 3pm and 6pm at Dragon Hall in Norwich. This is advertised in local media, and on the NDR project page of our website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/norwich-northern-distributor-road-ndr/>

Thank you for your letter and I trust you find this letter helpful.

Yours sincerely

Mark Southgate

Mark Southgate
Director of Major Applications and Plans

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