

The Lake Lothing (Lowestoft) Third Crossing Order 201[*]



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DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Introduction

1. Suffolk County Council (SCC) is planning to consult on the Lake Lothing Third Crossing (“the proposed scheme”). The purpose of this document, known as the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), is to set out when and how SCC will consult the local community about the proposed scheme. It provides background on the proposed scheme, details of where information can be found and how comments can be made.

2. This SoCC is prepared and published in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The project team has consulted SCC (Planning Department) and Waveney District Council (Planning Department), the Local Planning Authorities responsible for the area where the proposed scheme will be built, about the proposals to consult the local community as set out in this document and have had regard to their views when finalising this SoCC.

The scheme

3. The objectives of the scheme are:

- To open up opportunities for regeneration and development in Lowestoft.
- To provide the capacity needed to accommodate planned growth.
- To reduce community severance between north and south Lowestoft.
- To reduce congestion and delay on the existing bridges over Lake Lothing.
- To reduce congestion in the town centre and improve accessibility.
- To encourage more people to walk and cycle, and reduce conflict between cycles, pedestrians and other traffic.
- To improve bus journey times and reliability.
- To reduce accidents.

4. The proposed scheme consists of a new single carriageway road across Lake Lothing linking the B1531 Waveney Drive on the south side of Lake Lothing to the C971 Peto Way on the north side of Lake Lothing. On the north side the road will join Peto Way between Rotterdam Road and Barnards Way. On the south side of Lake Lothing the new road will follow the alignment of the existing Riverside Road from a remodelled junction with Waveney Drive.

5. The new crossing consists of a multi-span bridge which includes a new opening bridge in Lake Lothing, a new rail bridge on the north side over the existing East Suffolk Line and a new underpass bridge on the south side. The new crossing of Lake Lothing will provide a footway on both sides with one side being wider to accommodate a shared use combined footway and cycleway.

6. On the south side there will be a new access road from Waveney Drive west of Riverside Road leading to the underpass bridge which is required to provide access to existing property that would otherwise become inaccessible due to changes in level on Riverside Road.

7. The proposed scheme will include associated changes to the existing local highway network, as informed by traffic modelling. This is likely to include improvements to some existing junctions within the Consultation Area (see below). New landscaping will also be incorporated into the scheme.

8. Appendix A, which accompanies this SoCC, provides the draft proposed scheme and associated draft red line boundary for the purposes of the proposed application.



The application process

9. In March 2016, the Secretary of State for Transport directed that the proposed scheme be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008.
10. SCC is therefore required to make an application to the Secretary of State for Transport (through the Planning Inspectorate) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) in order to obtain the necessary consents to build and operate the scheme.
11. SCC anticipates that a DCO application for the proposed scheme will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate at the end of 2017.
12. When SCC submits the DCO application, the Planning Inspectorate will first consider whether to accept the DCO application for examination and will only do so if all the relevant statutory requirements and procedures have been followed.
13. If the DCO application is accepted, the proposed scheme will be the subject of further publicity by SCC. During the pre-examination stage, which last approximately three months, those with an interest in the scheme will be able to register with the Planning Inspectorate and provide a written summary of views on the DCO application.
14. During the Examination of the DCO application, which lasts up to six months, those who have registered to have their say will be invited by the Planning Inspectorate to provide more details of their views in writing.
15. Following the Examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will then decide whether or not to make the DCO.
16. The DCO application for the proposed scheme will be tested against the criteria in the National Networks National Policy Statement, which sets out the Government's policies for nationally significant road and rail projects. Further information on this National Policy Statement can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-policy-statement-for-national-networks>.
17. You can find more information about the process we are following and the Planning Act 2008 through the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Consulting the community

When will consultation be held?

18. We are holding a six-week consultation between Friday 26th May and 23:59 on Friday 7th July 2017. It is important to provide feedback in the Consultation Period to inform the ongoing development of the proposed scheme.

Who will be able to comment on the proposed scheme?

19. The consultation will be open to anyone who wishes to express a view on the proposed scheme. In addition to consulting the local community, SCC will be consulting with the relevant local authorities, statutory bodies and landowners whose interests may be affected by the proposals at the same time.

How will the consultation be communicated and what documentation will be produced?

20. The consultation will be advertised in local media, including newspapers and social media.
21. The following Consultation Documents will be produced:



- Consultation Leaflet – this will be posted to properties in the Consultation Area, this is shown in Appendix B. This will include a summary of the proposed scheme and details of Consultation Events.
- Consultation Brochure – this will include a summary of the proposed scheme, its potential impacts and details of Consultation Events;
- Questions & Answers – providing answers to commonly asked questions; and
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – The proposed scheme is an ‘EIA Development’ for the purposes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) and therefore an Environmental Statement will accompany the DCO application for the proposed scheme. The PEIR is a precursor to the Environmental Statement and gives information about the potential environmental effects of the scheme as understood at this time and potential measures to reduce those effects, to assist well-informed responses to the consultation.

22. In addition, the following consultation materials will be produced:

- Questionnaire – a survey to comment on the proposals;
- Posters – displayed at selected public locations advertising the consultation; and
- Consultation Event banners – for the consultation events, as described below. These will include a summary of the proposed scheme and its potential impacts.

What information will be available during the consultation?

23. During the consultation the public will be able to access and comment on information including:

- Crossing alignment and junction layouts;
- Works to the existing roads and side roads;
- Environmental assessment work and impacts, traffic impacts and potential mitigation measures; and
- Arrangements during construction of the proposed scheme

How and where can the community view the Consultation Documents?

24. Project website – all the Consultation Documents listed under paragraph 21 as well as the consultation materials listed under paragraph 22 will be available on the project website: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing>

25. Consultation Events - SCC will hold a series of public exhibitions on the proposed scheme. The Consultation Events will give people an opportunity to view the scheme proposals and talk to the project team. Consultation Event banners will be displayed and Consultation Documents and Questionnaires will be available at the events. The Consultation Events will be held at the following locations:



Consultation Event Venue	Date	Time
Gunton Estate Community Hall, Hollingsworth Road Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 4AY	6 th June 2017	12pm – 7pm
Lowestoft Library, Clapham Road South Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 1DR	10 th June 2017	10.30pm – 7pm
Whitton Residents Community Hall, Hawthorn Avenue Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 9BB	15 th June 2017	1.30pm – 7.30pm
Oulton Community Centre, Meadow Road Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 3AZ	19 th June 2017	10am – 4pm
Waveney Campus, 4 Canning Road Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 0EX	21 st June 2017	2pm – 7pm
Kirkley Centre, 154 London Rd S, Lowestoft NR33 0AZ	22 nd June 2017	1pm – 7.30pm
Kessingland Library, Marram Green, Hall Road Kessingland Suffolk NR33 7AH	TBC	TBC

26. Deposit Locations – The Consultation Documents listed in paragraph 21 as well as Questionnaires will be available to view free of charge during the Consultation Period at the venues listed below. Copies of the Consultation Leaflet, Consultation Brochure, Questionnaire and Questions & Answers will be available to take away. There will be a charge for copies of the PEIR. Please contact the project team using the details below regarding prices and payment methods. Alternatively, photocopying facilities are available at each of the Deposit Locations.

Deposit Locations	Opening times
Waveney Campus, 4 Canning Road Lowestoft Suffolk, NR33 0EX	Monday 0800 – 1700
	Tuesday 0800 – 1700
	Wednesday 0800 – 1700
	Thursday 0800 – 1700
	Friday 0800 – 1700
Lowestoft Library, Clapham Road South Lowestoft Suffolk, NR32 1DR	Monday 0900 – 1800
	Tuesday 0900 – 1900
	Wednesday 0900 – 1800
	Thursday 0900 – 1900
	Friday 0900 – 1800
	Saturday 0900 – 1700
	Sunday 1000 – 1600



Oulton Broad Library - Bridge Road Lowestoft Suffolk, NR32 3LR	Monday	1000 – 1200
	Tuesday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700
	Wednesday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700
	Thursday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700
	Friday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1800
	Saturday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700
	Sunday	1100 – 1600
Marina Customer Service Centre, Marina Lowestoft Suffolk, NR32 1HH	Monday	0845 – 1700
	Tuesday	0845 – 1700
	Wednesday	0845 – 1700
	Thursday	0930 – 1730
	Friday	0845 – 1630
Kessingland Library, Marram Green, Hall Road Kessingland Suffolk, NR33 7AH	Monday	1000 – 1200
	Tuesday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700
	Wednesday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700
	Thursday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700
	Friday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1800
	Saturday	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700
	Sunday	1100 – 1600

Stakeholder briefings

27. We will provide briefings to particular organisations during the Consultation Period; this is likely to include Lowestoft Town Council and nearby Parish Councils, the Waveney Chamber of Commerce and local interest/community groups such as the Lowestoft Harbour Maritime Business Group. Invitations will be sent out to representatives in advance.

28. When invited, and where it is possible to do so, the project team will attend meetings with other stakeholder groups interested in the proposed scheme.

Hard to Reach groups

29. SCC wishes to engage with a wide spectrum of the community and has planned Consultation Events across the town so they are accessible to all. Posters will be displayed at a range of locations, such as education establishments, medical centres, advertising the consultation to the nearby community. SCC will publicise the consultation to minority groups through SCC's Equalities Advisor.

30. Consultation Documents will be available online and in hard copy from a number of locations. The Consultation Event banners will also be available online for those unable to attend events. Consultation Documents can be made available in different formats and languages upon request – please contact the project team using the details below.

Consultation feedback

31. Comments must be received in writing before the end of the Consultation Period at 23:59 on 7th July 2017. Respondents are not restricted to commenting on the specific



questions in the Questionnaire and SCC welcomes feedback on any aspect of the proposed scheme.

32. Questionnaires can be completed online via the project website.

33. Completed Questionnaires, or other feedback, can be emailed to lakelothing3rdcrossing@suffolk.gov.uk or sent in hard copy LL3X Consultation Team, Freepost RTUL-KAKE-BCTR, PO Box 73943 (Mouchel), London, EC4P 4HN. Completed Questionnaires can also be left at Consultation Events.

34. If you have any queries, you can also call us: 03456 318 842 (open Mon-Fri 8:30am-6pm).

Next steps

35. Comments made during the Consultation Period will be recorded and carefully considered by SCC in developing the proposed scheme. An explanation of how comments received have shaped and influenced our proposals will be reported in a Consultation Report which will accompany the DCO application as required by Section 37(3) (c) of the Planning Act 2008. Your anonymised consultation response may be published.

36. SCC may undertake further non-statutory consultation on specific/local issues or geographically targeted consultation prior to submitting the DCO application on the proposed scheme. This will be undertaken and publicised using such methods as SCC considers most appropriate.

37. SCC will continue to update the public and other stakeholders on the proposed scheme at appropriate stages. The project website will be kept up to date with the latest information.

38. Date: **(Date of SoCC)**

If you need help to understand this information in another language please call **03456 066 067**

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Portuguese

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Appendix B – Consultation Area

