

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



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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 may be made.

2. This SoCC is prepared and published in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. On 7th March 2017, the project team 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, received on 27th March 2017, when finalising this SoCC.

The scheme

3. The objectives of the scheme are:

- To reduce congestion and delay on the existing bridges over Lake Lothing.
- To reduce congestion in the town centre and improve accessibility.
- To reduce community severance between north and south Lowestoft.
- 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.
- To open up opportunities for regeneration and development in Lowestoft.
- To provide the capacity needed to accommodate planned growth.

4. The proposed scheme, which is referred to in the Consultation Documents listed under paragraphs 19 and 20, involves the construction, operation and maintenance of a new bascule bridge highway crossing of Lake Lothing in Lowestoft. If constructed, the proposed scheme would include the following:

- A new single carriageway road crossing of Lake Lothing, consisting of a multi-span bridge which comprises:
 - an opening bascule bridge over Lake Lothing, in the Port of Lowestoft;
 - a bridge over the East Suffolk Line, and reinforced earth embankment joining that bridge to the C971 Peto Way between Rotterdam Road and Barnards Way;
 - a bridge over the northern end of Riverside Road providing access to existing commercial property, and
 - a reinforced earth embankment following the alignment of Riverside Road to a remodelled junction with the B1531 Waveney Drive;
- The closure of Durban Road at its junction with Waveney Drive
- A new access road from Waveney Drive west of Riverside Road to provide access to existing property at Riverside Business Park that would otherwise become inaccessible due to changes in level on Riverside Road;



- Dedicated provision for cyclists and pedestrians which ties into existing networks;
- Associated changes, modifications and/or improvements to the existing local highway network as informed by traffic modelling. This could include improvements within the existing highway boundary to some existing junctions within the Consultation Area (see Appendix B);
- Works to facilitate the construction of the above elements including:
 - Creation of temporary construction sites and accesses from the public highway;
 - Provision of new utilities and services and the diversion of existing utilities; and
 - Provision of drainage, lighting and landscaping; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential changes and/or improvements as are required and permitted.

5. 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

6. In March 2016, the Secretary of State for Transport directed that the proposed scheme and any associated matters be treated as a project of national significance for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008.

7. 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 construct, operate and maintain the proposed scheme.

8. SCC anticipates that a DCO application for the proposed scheme will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in early 2018.

9. 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.

10. If the DCO application is accepted, the proposed scheme will be the subject of further publicity by SCC. During the pre-examination stage, which is expected to 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 their views on the DCO application.

11. 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.

12. The Planning Inspectorate may decide to hold hearings to seek further information.

13. Following the Examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will then decide whether to make the DCO.

14. The DCO application for the proposed scheme is being prepared in line with guidance 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>.

15. 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?

16. We are holding a six-week consultation between Monday 4th September and 23:59 on Monday 16th October 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?

17. 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?

18. The consultation will be advertised in local media, including newspapers and social media. Notices pursuant to Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 will be published in the Lowestoft Journal, The Waveney Advertiser and Eastern Daily Press. Notices pursuant to Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 will be published in the Lowestoft Journal, The Times and the London Gazette.

19. 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 more detailed summary of the proposed scheme and its potential impacts;
- Design Process Summary – this will explain the design rationale for the proposed scheme;
- Questions & Answers – providing answers to commonly asked questions;
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – The proposed scheme is an ‘EIA Development’ for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, as applied by Regulation 37(2)(a) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. SCC is therefore required to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment and submit an Environmental Statement with the DCO application containing information about the likely significant effects of the proposed scheme on the environment. Information currently available about the likely significant environmental impacts of the proposed scheme is set out in the PEIR; and
- Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR – a summary of the key information as presented in the PEIR.

20. 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?

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

- The proposed scheme, its rationale and design
- Crossing alignment and junction layouts;
- Works to the existing roads and side roads;
- Preliminary environmental information, including that relating to the construction phase;
- Arrangements during construction of the proposed scheme;
- Impacts on navigation and port-related activities and
- Traffic impacts and potential mitigation measures.

How and where can the community view the Consultation Documents?

22. Project website – all the Consultation Documents listed under paragraph 19 as well as the consultation materials listed under paragraph 20 will be available on the project website: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing>

23. 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 Events		
Venue	Date	Time
Gunton Estate Community Hall, Hollingsworth Road Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 4AY	Tuesday 5 September 2017	12 noon – 7pm
Lowestoft Library, Clapham Road South Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 1DR	Saturday 9 September 2017	10.30am – 4.30pm
Spinnaker Room (Kessingland Library), Marram Green, Hall Road Kessingland Suffolk NR33 7AH	Tuesday 12 September 2017	2.30pm – 7.30pm
Kirkley Centre, 154 London Rd South, Lowestoft NR33 0AZ	Thursday 14 September 2017	1pm – 7.30pm
Waveney District Council, Council Offices, Riverside, 4 Canning Road Lowestoft Suffolk NR33 0EX	Friday 22 September 2017	2pm – 7pm
Commodore Mission Hall, 26 Gorleston Rd, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft NR32 3AG	Monday 25 September 2017	2pm – 7pm
St Marks Church, Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, NR33 9JX	Friday 29 September 2017	1pm – 7pm

24. Deposit Locations – The Consultation Documents listed in paragraph 19 as well as Questionnaires will be available to view free of charge during the Consultation Period at the Deposit Locations listed below. Copies of the Consultation Leaflet, Consultation Brochure, Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR, Design Process Summary, Questionnaire and



Questions & Answers will be available to take away. This Statement of Community Consultation will also be available to view at the Deposit Locations from 18th August 2017.

25. Electronic or hard copies of the Consultation Documents can also be requested from SCC using the contact details in paragraph 32. Consultation Documents will be free of charge, with the exception of the PEIR, for which a charge of £10 will be made. Alternatively, photocopying facilities are available at each of the Deposit Locations. Charges will apply for photocopying.

Deposit Locations								
Venue	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	
Waveney District Council Offices, Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft Suffolk, NR33 0EX	0800 – 1700	0800 – 1700	0800 – 1700	0800 – 1700	0800 – 1700	Closed	Closed	
Lowestoft Library, Clapham Road South, Lowestoft Suffolk, NR32 1DR	0900 – 1800	0900 – 1900	0900 – 1800	0900 – 1900	0900 – 1800	0900 – 1700	1000 – 1600	
Oulton Broad Library, Bridge Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 3LR	1000 – 1200	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1800	1000 – 1300, 1400 – 1700	1100 – 1600	
Waveney District Council – Marina Customer Service Centre, Marina Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1HH	0845 – 1700	0845 – 1700	0845 – 1700	0930 – 1730	0845 – 1630	Closed	Closed	
Kessingland Library, Marram Green, Hall Road Kessingland Suffolk, NR33 7AH	Closed	1430-1900	1000 – 1700	Closed	1000 – 1700	0930-1300	1000-1500	
Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX	0800 – 1700	0800 – 1700	0800 – 1700	0800 – 1700	0800 – 1700	Closed	Closed	

Stakeholder briefings

26. 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.

27. 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

28. 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.

29. 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 refer to the contact details below, after paragraph 36.

Consultation feedback

30. Comments must be received in writing before the end of the Consultation Period at 23:59 on 16th October 2017. While SCC will seek to take into account feedback received after this date, consultation responses can only be accepted at the discretion of the project team, having particular regard to the uniqueness of the issues raised and period of time that has elapsed since the conclusion of the consultation. Respondents are not restricted to commenting on the specific questions in the Questionnaire and SCC welcomes feedback on any aspect of the proposed scheme.

31. Questionnaires may be completed online via the project website.

32. 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 (Lake Lothing), London, EC4P 4HN. Completed Questionnaires can also be left at Consultation Events. If you have any queries, you can also call us: 03456 318 842 (open Mon-Fri 8:30am-6pm).

Next steps

33. 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.

34. Having regard to consultation responses and/or subsequent refinements to the design of the proposed scheme, SCC will consider the materiality of such changes and therefore the need for further consultation, which may be targeted at particular areas or on certain issues, prior to submitting the DCO application on the proposed scheme. This will be undertaken and publicised using such methods as SCC considers most appropriate.

35. 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.

36. This SoCC was published on 18th August 2017 and is available to inspect at the Deposit Locations.



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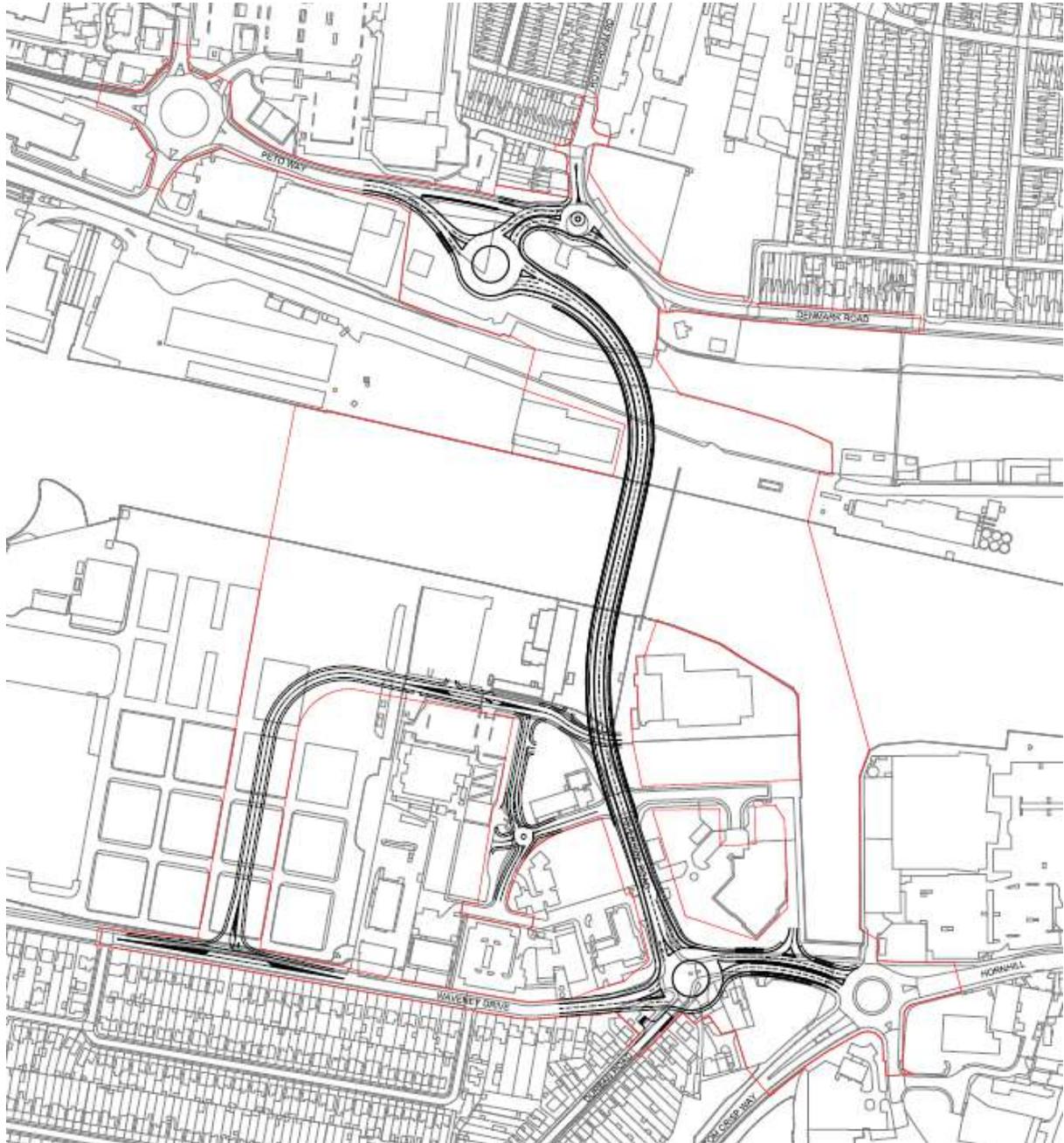
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Appendices

Appendix A – Scheme Boundary Plan (showing a draft red line boundary and the proposed scheme)





Appendix B – Consultation Area

