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### **Media coverage promoting the launch of the statutory consultation**

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## NEWS

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# First look at designs for long-awaited third crossing

**The proposed design for Lowestoft's long-awaited £90m third crossing has been unveiled today, with inspiration drawn from the town's wind turbine.**

The bridge has been in development ever since conditional funding was granted by the Department for Transport in March 2016, with the crossing design not only focusing on its functionality but also its look and potential to become a new emblem for the town.

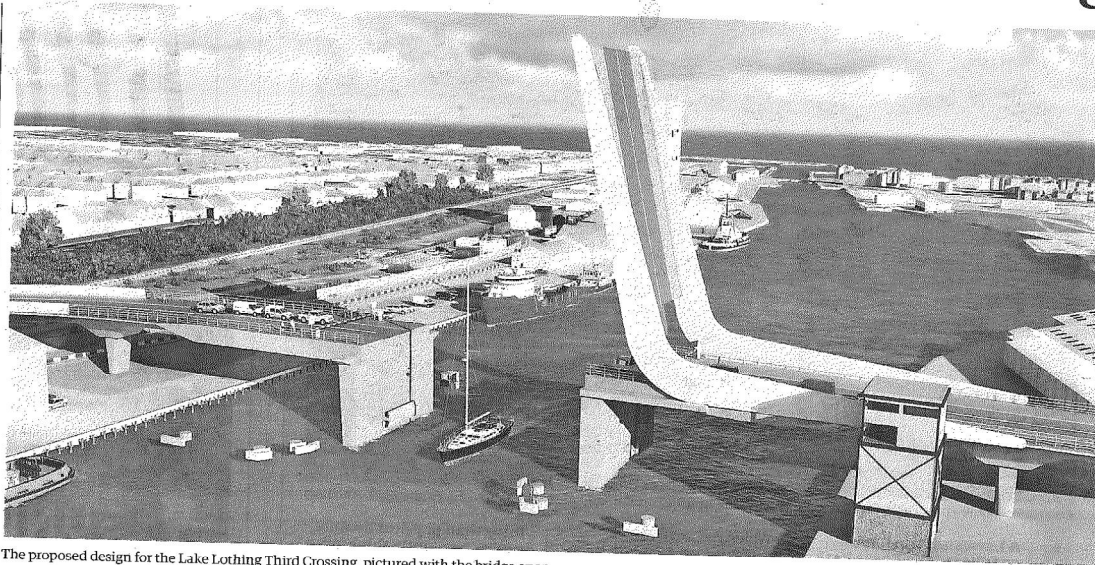
Revealed for the first time by Suffolk County Council today, the design reflects Lowestoft's position as one of the UK's key areas for offshore renewable energy, inspired by the town's Gulliver wind turbine.

The bridge will be required to open to maintain the Port of Lowestoft's operations, and the proposed crossing will be 12 metres above the high tide levels, significantly higher than the A47 Bascule Bridge, enabling a larger number of vessels to pass under without a need for it to open.

Colin Noble, leader of Suffolk County Council, said: "The design of the bridge reflects the forward-thinking attitude of the town and ensures the crossing will be an iconic place in the town alongside its primary role as a route for all road users."

"Inspiration has come from the area surrounding the town and industries emerging from Lowestoft."

"I'm really impressed with the designs and I believe this has the



The proposed design for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing, pictured with the bridge open.

Picture: WSP

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potential to become an iconic structure not only in Suffolk, but across the country."

To open the bridge, hydraulic pistons will lift the bridge deck, rolling back on the vertical part

of the structure, that contains a counterweight, holding the bridge at a specific angle to allow vessels to pass through safely. A control tower would operate the bridge - although no decision has been made on its location yet.

The public will be invited to have their say on the bridge design as part of a consultation which is due to begin on Monday,

September 4.

Waveney MP Peter Aldous said: "The design stage is yet another important milestone of progress towards the Third Crossing over Lake Lothing becoming a reality."

"What is suggested here gives Lowestoft an iconic symbol of future growth based on renewable energy. This illustrates the positive future Lowestoft will

have in the next few years.

"I encourage people to fully take part in the consultation as this is their bridge and their views about it are very important."

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# INIONS

## Town has been long neglected

I read Peter Aldous's letter last week with great interest. Mr Aldous is correct to imply there has been good progress made on the third crossing, but no-one in Lowestoft will believe it until they see it for real.

The fact is that Lowestoft has been neglected for a considerable amount of time, which has led to despair and dissatisfaction for many of us within the town.

Mr Aldous implicates the bridge should be constructed by 2022, but this seems more like warm words than a guarantee. David Cameron, Prime Minister at the 2015 General Election, promised the crossing would be ready for use by 2020. Originally, the crossing was meant to be brought into public use for October 20, 2020, now it is December 10, 2022, at the very earliest according to the quarterly reports given to the Department of Transport.

Additionally, I believe there has been failure to plan properly in relation to employment issues, which are associated with the third crossing.

Mr Aldous asserted, in a debate at Westminster Hall on March 10, 2015, that the third crossing would "create hundreds of jobs". I genuinely believe this will be the case, but there seems to be a lot of inaction and I can relate to my own employment situation, where I had to take a job in Wiltshire for four months, because of the lack of job opportunities within Lowestoft.

Why is not Sonia Barker, leader of the Labour opposition on Waveney District Council, not asking the key questions, such as why there has been a two-year delay on the crossing?

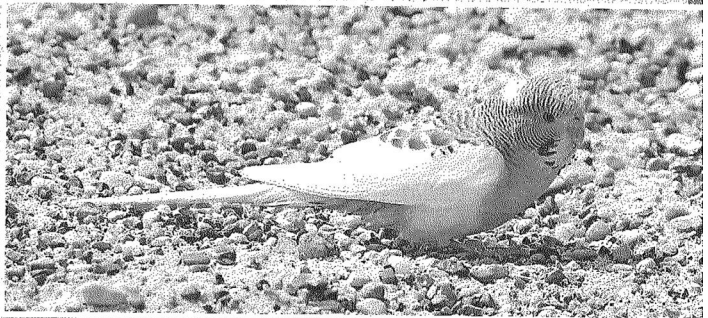
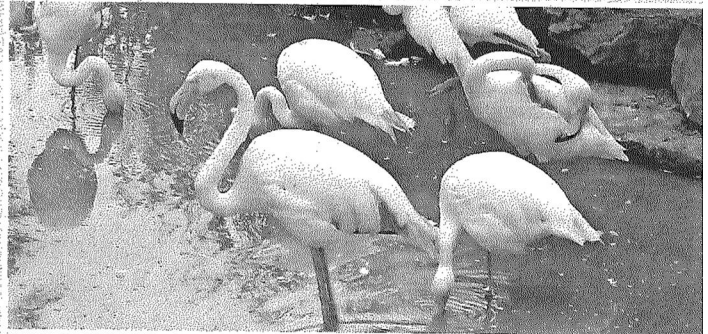
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## READER PICTURE

Clockwise - Africa Alive.  
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Deer at Earsham Wetland Centre.  
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Bird on Corton beach.  
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needed a new transformer years ago, they had to go to Poland for it.

Despite Mr Symon's comments, it isn't about faith it's about what we have. We've been in Europe a long time, personally I consider us safer plus working together would

## Our problem is in investment

Faith was plentiful in the 70s and 80s, Lowestoft was very industrious. Since then around 90 million

lie ahead. Being agnostic, faith is hard to come by.

**TONY JONES**  
Lowestoft



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## First look at designs for Lowestoft's long-awaited third crossing



*The third crossing would be 12 metres above the highest water mark, meaning it would not have to open on a frequent basis. Picture: WSP.*

**The proposed design for Lowestoft's long-awaited £90m third crossing has been unveiled today, with inspiration drawn from the town's wind turbine.**

Article published by ITV News on 18 August 2017

# Proposed design for Lowestoft's third crossing unveiled for first time



This is how the new crossing will look. *Credit: Suffolk County Council*

The proposed design for a third river crossing in Lowestoft has been unveiled by Suffolk County Council.

Funding for the £90m bridge over Lake Lothing was announced by David Cameron's government back in 2016.

Council bosses say the crossing will be high enough to allow the majority of boats to pass under it without having to stop traffic, and plans are also in place for a control tower to be erected nearby.

A public consultation to discuss the proposals is due to begin on Monday 4 September.



Funding for the new bridge in Lowestoft was announced by David Cameron in 2016. *Credit: ITV News Anglia*

*The design of the bridge reflects the forward-thinking attitude of the town and ensures the crossing will be an iconic place in the town alongside its primary role as a route for all road users.*

*Inspiration has come from the area surrounding the town and industries emerging from Lowestoft.*

*I'm really impressed with the designs and I believe this has the potential to become an iconic structure not only in Suffolk, but across the country.*

– CLLR COLIN NOBLE, LEADER OF SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL



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A sneaky peak at how Lowestoft's third crossing might look.



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#### Consultation events



The route for the Third Crossing.

Picture: WSP

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The proposed design for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing, pictured with the bridge down.

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## Council leader urges residents to be part of third crossing development

**After years of campaigning, residents of Lowestoft and beyond will get the chance to have their say on the Third Crossing proposals.**

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The crossing, which aims to reduce congestion and delays on the existing bridges over Lake Lothing, aims to be complete by 2022.

And now Suffolk County Council is calling on residents, businesses, landowners and all those affected by the project to give feedback on the long-awaited plans.

The consultation will run from Monday, September 4, to October 16, with a series of public exhibitions also being hosted where residents can

examine the proposals and provide their feedback.

Colin Noble, leader of Suffolk County Council, said: "The Lake Lothing Third Crossing is a hugely significant piece of infrastructure that will benefit Lowestoft and the surrounding areas for many years to come and the consultation, which is required as part of the planning process, is an important part of that."

"I would like people to have their say on the proposals so when we complete

construction of the bridge they can say 'I was part of it'."

The crossing consists of a multi-span single carriageway from Waveney Drive on the south side of the town to Peto Way on the north side.

The section of the bridge over the lake has been designed higher than the existing Bascule Bridge, which the council says will minimise the need to open it. The crossing includes provision for pedestrians and cyclists.

As well as reducing delays on the A47 Bascule Bridge and the Muford Lock bridge in Oulton Broad, the new crossing aims to reduce congestion in the town centre and improve accessibility,

reduce community severance between north and south, improve bus journey times and open up opportunities for regeneration and development.

Funding for the crossing was granted by the government in March 2016, with £73.4m set aside for the scheme. The total cost of the project is expected to be £100m, with the remaining funds coming from the county council.

To have your say, fill out the online survey at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing). Questionnaires can also be collected from Lowestoft, Oulton Broad and Kessingland libraries, the council offices at Riverside and the Marina Customer Services Centre.

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## Leader urges residents to have their say on Lowestoft's Third Crossing development

[Amy Smith](#)



The proposed design for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing, pictured with the bridge down. Picture: WSP.

**After years of campaigning, residents of Lowestoft and beyond will get the chance to have their say on the Third Crossing proposals.**



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#### Fundraiser

**An angling competition has been held to raise vital funds to support Lowestoft's South Pier.**

The South Pier Summer Fishing Contest took place on Saturday, August 19.

A total of £186 was raised by the event to help keep the South Pier open to the public.

The pier is managed by the Lowestoft South Pier Management Group who took over after Waveney District Council decided not to renew its lease in 2013.

Danny Steel, vice chairman of the group said: "It has all gone incredible well so far.

"On any day people are on it enjoying themselves whereas people couldn't do that before when it was all gated off.

"We need to pay for the insurance to keep the pier open and the fishing competition is a great way to raise funds to do that."

Winners on the day included Ross Attred, who took home £35 for seniors first prize and Mason Skillings who took home a £20 bait pack for his junior first prize.

#### Clean up

**A leading marine charity is calling on the people of Suffolk to come together to protect the county's beaches.**

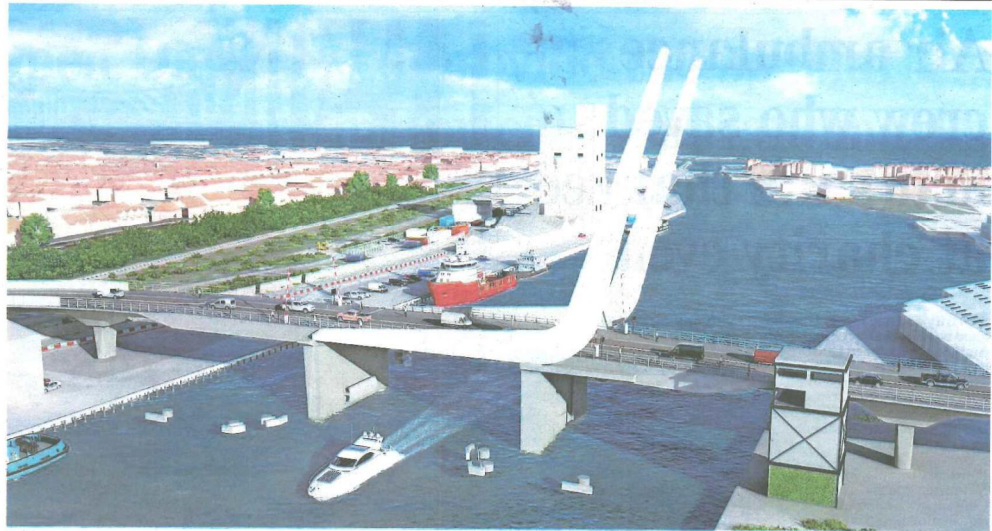
The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) hope more people than ever will take part in the 'Great British Beach Clean', from September 15 to 18.

While the MCS is running around 12 beach cleans and surveys around Suffolk - so far only 40 volunteers have signed up.

Lizzie Prior, of MCS, said: "Last year an amazing 316 volunteers took part in the Great British Beach Clean on Suffolk beaches. We'd love to see even more people heading to the county's beaches and helping clean up."

Beaches on the list include Lowestoft South, Aldeburgh and Southwold - The Denes.

Each event takes only a couple of hours and surveys completed on the day go on to be used by MCS in future work with government and industry



Many locals are desperate for the crossing to be built so that traffic congestion is eased.

Picture: WSP.

## Consultation gives residents chance to give feedback on Third Crossing plans

**THOMAS CHAPMAN**  
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**Local residents and business owners are being handed the chance to have their say on the proposals for Lowestoft's much-anticipated Lake Lothing Third Crossing.**

It is hoped that the crossing point, which would see a new link between the north and south sides of the town, would significantly ease traffic congestion at the A47 Bascule Bridge and the Mutford Lock bridge in Oulton Broad - the two existing crossing points.

Suffolk County Council and Waveney District Council are also optimistic that the development would provide a focal point for the town and potentially help regenerate the area.

And on Monday, county council leader Colin Noble officially launched the start of the public consultation period, which will allow the community to express concerns and give feedback on the plans.

"It's an opportunity over the next six weeks for people to view

the plans and give their opinions," said Mr Noble.

"People can influence us; if we get a consensus of opinion around a particular thing, then we'll look to how we can change it.

"There's going to be a traffic impact at the two existing roundabouts at either end of the crossing, and we want residents from all the local roads to have an input on that, as well as the design of the bridge."

The public consultation will continue until Monday, October 16, during which time locals can fill out a survey online or attend consultation meetings.

Final editions will then be made to the proposals, before the planning application is submitted at the start of 2018.

"Making it a lot easier to get from one side of Lowestoft to the other is going to have a significant



Suffolk County Council's leader Colin Noble (left) and assistant director for infrastructure and waste Bryn Griffiths (right) discuss the plans with project manager John Barnard.

Picture: THOMAS CHAPMAN

impact on people's quality of life and change how people think about the town in terms of economic growth," added Mr Noble.

"Fundamentally people should be excited about this because we've talked about it for years and

it's all happening."

Anyone looking to give feedback on the proposals should visit [suffolk.gov.uk](http://suffolk.gov.uk), where you can find links to the online survey as well as information about the consultation events in and around Lowestoft.



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## LOCAL VOICES

# Bridge will boost town's economy

I was pleased to hear the news that the long awaited crossing over Lake Lothing in Lowestoft is now guaranteed – it's something everyone has been waiting for and I'm sure it will be of huge benefit to the area.

I've always believed there's a strong link between economic and social deprivation and higher levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, so from my perspective as Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner I'm hugely supportive of this proposal.

It's fair to say Lowestoft has more than its fair share of challenges, yet I've always believed the town has huge economic potential, which is why I am very optimistic about the future.

The recent report by



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the Social Market Foundation highlighted the difficulties facing many of our seaside towns – lower wages, poor connectivity, high rates of unemployment, and yet other Suffolk seaside towns are thriving. There's absolutely no reason why we can't deliver something similar or better for Lowestoft.

Ness Point is the most easterly point - why can't it become the equivalent of an "Eastern Land's End"? Suffolk has so much to offer, I truly believe we have some of the best food and drink

in the country, fantastic cultural activities along with the proximity to The Broads and stunning landscapes!

I know many local residents and businesses are determined to bring greater wealth and opportunity to the area – and it's that "can do" attitude amongst Suffolk people that will deliver this success.

Perhaps in years to come we will all reflect the new bridge was a powerful symbol of the regeneration of our second largest Suffolk town and one we are all particularly proud of.

## Church Notes



Article published in The Local Councillor, Issue 2, 2017

## Suffolk County Council is seeking views on the proposal for a new crossing over Lake Lothing in Lowestoft.

The existing bridges at Mutford Lock and the A47 Bascule Bridge over the lake are inadequate to meet current and future traffic demand. Delays and congestion are a common occurrence for drivers, particularly during peak hours, and pedestrians and cyclists often have long and difficult journeys as they travel across the town.

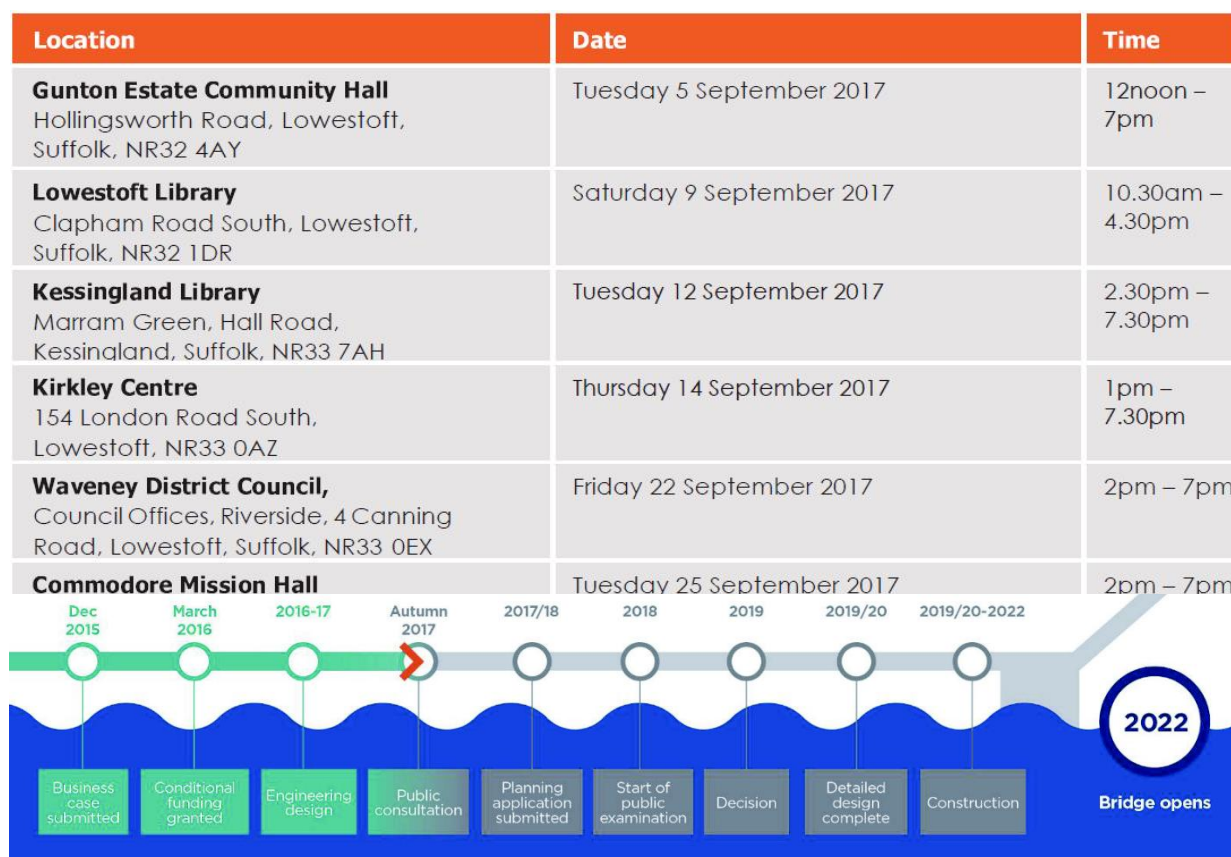
A new crossing will reduce congestion, creating a new link between north and south Lowestoft. This new crossing presents an opportunity to introduce a focal point for the town enhancing its identity. This will help to regenerate the area and attract new investment. This is a significant project for Lowestoft and it is important that residents, businesses and those affected by the project have their say to help inform the refinement of the proposal. In March 2016 Suffolk County Council (SCC) received a provisional funding agreement of approximately £73m from the Department for Transport. This funding would cover the majority of the construction works required to deliver the crossing. The additional money required to deliver the project has been secured by the county council.

The crossing would consist of a multi-span bridge from Waveney Drive on the south side, to Peto Way on the north side. It is a single carriageway road with an opening section over the Lake and includes new roundabouts to the north and south to help integrate traffic smoothly into the existing road network. New foot and cycle ways will also be included.

The consultation will run for six weeks, between Monday 4 September and Monday 16 October and is the public's opportunity to express their views on the scheme. SCC will carefully consider the public's views and publish a report on the consultation. This report will form part of the planning application for the project.

Go online to access the consultation documents and fill out a questionnaire at:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing). Complete questionnaires or send other feedback to SCC at: LL3X Consultation Team, Freepost RTUL-KAKE-BCTR, PO Box 73943 (Lake Lothing), London EC4P 4HN. View consultation documents and pick up a questionnaire at Lowestoft, Kessingland and Oulton Broad libraries or Waveney District Council Offices or attend a public consultation event as detailed overleaf:



## **Appendix 25.2**

### **Media coverage promoting the extension to the statutory consultation**

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## NEWS

## Charity



Nikki, who is raising money for Hannah Coffill, is set to 'brave the shave' in Lowestoft town centre on September 30.  
Picture: COURTESY OF NIKKI CAPELL

**A local woman will brave the shave in Lowestoft town centre as she helps a youngster battle cancer.**

Thirty-four-year-old Nikki Capell will be positioned outside Lloyd's bank on Saturday, September 30 and invite members of the public to cut off bunches of hair for £2, before

of sight restoration.

"The idea of my daughters not being able to see me really pulls on my heartstrings," said Miss Capell.

"I spoke to Hannah's mum and she said she'd love for me to do the head shave - hopefully Hannah is well enough to pop down on the day."

The hair cutting on September 30

## news

## Consultation

**The consultation on Lowestoft's Lake Lothing Third Crossing is to be extended by another week.**

And Suffolk County Council has also announced it will be hosting an extra consultation event next month.

The crossing, which aims to reduce congestion and delays on the existing bridges over Lake Lothing, aims to be complete by 2022.

A county council spokesman said: "There has been a great response to the consultation to date, and Suffolk County Council is keen to ensure everyone has the opportunity to have



The proposed design for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing, pictured with the bridge down.  
Picture: WSP

their say on the proposals for the near £100m project."

With the extra week being added, the consultation will now finish on October 23.

The additional event is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, at Pakefield Church Hall between 1pm and 7pm.

Other events are being held today at the Riverside

offices in Canning Road, Lowestoft from 2pm to 7pm, on Monday, September 25 at Commodore Mission Hall in Oulton Broad from 2pm to 7pm and next Friday, September 29, at St Mark's Church in Oulton Broad from 1pm to 7pm.

**To have your say, visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing).**

*Thinking of making a will or*



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## Council announces extension to consultation on Lowestoft's third crossing

[Amy Smith](#)



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BBC Radio Suffolk Report on 6 October 2017

Report from the Pakefield Consultation Event on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017, speaking to residents and members of project team. Promoted the extension of the consultation period to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at the end of the report.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05gg2vp> (between 23 and 27 minutes)

Article published by The Lowestoft Journal on Monday 25 September 2



Many locals are desperate for the crossing to be built so that traffic congestion is eased.

Picture: WSP.

## Public consultation to provide people with chance to give third crossing feedback

**People in Lowestoft will get a chance to have their say on the proposals for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing.**

From September 4 to October 16, Suffolk County Council is encouraging residents, businesses, landowners and all those affected by the project to give feedback on the long-awaited plans.

The third crossing would significantly ease Lowestoft's traffic congestion, which plagues the existing crossing points at the A47 Bascule Bridge and the Mutford Lock bridge in Oulton Broad.

Under the proposals there would be a new link between north and south Lowestoft, providing a focal point for the town and enhancing its identity. The council also say that the development has the potential to attract new investment to the local

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economy and help the regenerate the area.

Anyone looking to voice their opinions can do so by responding to an online survey, which will become available from Monday, September 4, or print and complete the questionnaire for its return via post.

Alternatively, members of the community can attend a series of statutory public consultation events, where they can examine the proposals and provide their feedback.

The locations, dates and times of the consultation events are as follows:

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**For more details about the third crossing, you can visit [suffolk.gov.uk](http://suffolk.gov.uk).**

Article published by The Lowestoft Journal on 20 October 2017

## **Suffolk County Council event to be held in Lowestoft**

The leader of Suffolk County Council, Colin Noble, will be in Lowestoft for an event today (Friday).

People will get another chance to find out more and ask questions about the proposed Third Crossing of Lake Lothing in Lowestoft at Suffolk County Council's latest 'We are listening' event.

It will be held at the entrance to the Britten Centre, next to WHSmith in Lowestoft town centre, between 11am and 1pm.

The county council leader will be present, taking questions on services provided by the organisation.

There will also be representatives from the Lake Lothing Third Crossing project, who will be able to answer questions on the proposals. There is also the chance to fill in a questionnaire.

The event acts as one of the last chances for people to see and have their say on the proposed designs, as the consultation – which has been open since September 4 – closes on October 23.

There has been a positive response to the consultation so far, with good numbers of attendees at consultation events and parish council meetings.

For more information on the third crossing and the consultation, visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing/)