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Non-statutory consultee letter

Date: 25 August 2017
Enquiries to: Jon Barnard
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Email: lakelothing3rdcrossing@suffolk.gov.uk

[Name and Address]

Dear Sir/Madam,

THE LAKE LOTHING THIRD CROSSING, LOWESTOFT: STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

I am writing to you to make you aware that the Lake Lothing Third Crossing in Lowestoft is progressing well and will be subject to a statutory consultation from the 4th of September to the 16th of October 2017.

This is an important and exciting point in the development of the project and a major step forward in the delivery of a much-needed piece of infrastructure for Lowestoft and the eastern region.

We are keen to seek your views on the proposal, both positive or with alternative suggestions, and this letter explains how you can take part in the consultation.

BACKGROUND

Suffolk County Council is proposing to submit an application under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act") to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order ("the Proposed Application") to authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of a new bascule bridge highway crossing of Lake Lothing in Lowestoft, Suffolk known as the Lake Lothing Third Crossing, Lowestoft, Suffolk ("the Project").

If constructed, the Project would comprise of 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;
- 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

Suffolk County Council is undertaking a statutory consultation on the Proposed Application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act. The consultation runs from **Monday 4 September 2017 and 23.59 on Monday 16 October 2017.**

Please see below for more information on how to view and comment on our Proposed Application.

THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION

The Secretary of State has directed that the Project and associated matters be treated as a project of national significance for the purposes of the 2008 Act requiring a Development Consent Order (DCO) to construct, operate and maintain the Project. The DCO would also contain other powers that are necessary for the Project, including powers to compulsorily acquire land required, to override easements and other rights in connection with land and to use land temporarily.

Suffolk County Council intends to make the application for the DCO in early 2018. Once the application is made, the Planning Inspectorate will process and examine the application in line with the prescribed timescales before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will then decide whether or not the DCO should be made.

EIA DEVELOPMENT

Due its nature and size, the Project 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. Suffolk County Council is therefore carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to identify the likely significant effects of the Project.

As part of the statutory consultation on the Proposed Application Suffolk County Council has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) to help consultees understand the likely effects of the construction and operation of the Project.

THE CONSULTATION

Before the application can be submitted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate, Suffolk County Council must consult with a variety of persons and bodies about the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act and related Regulations.

However, Suffolk County Council recognises that other groups, organisations or associations may have an interest in the proposed scheme and as such welcomes feedback from all such parties.

Please find enclosed with this letter a Consultation Brochure. From the 4th of September the full suite of consultation documents will be available in hard copy from the Deposit Locations and at Consultation Events (see details in enclosed brochure) or on the project website – www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing. Documents are available free of charge with the exception of the PEIR, for which a £10 charge applies.

The full set of consultation documents is;

- **Consultation Leaflet** – which provides a summary of the Project and details of the consultation events and how you can provide your comments
- **Consultation Brochure** – this provides a more detailed summary of the proposed scheme and its potential impacts and a summary of the next stages of the process under the 2008 Act;
- **Questions and Answers** – providing answers to frequently asked questions;
- **Questionnaire** – a survey to comment on the Proposed Application.
- **Design Process Summary** – explaining the design rationale of the proposed scheme.
- **Preliminary Environmental Information Report** – a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the scheme
- **Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR** – a summary of the PEIR

MAKE YOUR COMMENTS

The statutory consultation starts on Monday 4 September 2017. **The deadline for receipt of responses to the consultation is 23.59 on Monday 16 October 2017.**

Suffolk County Council welcomes feedback on any aspects of the Proposed Application, the Project or the Consultation Documents.

You can make comments in the following ways:

1. by completing the Questionnaire online on the project website
2. by email to lakelothing3rdcrossing@suffolk.gov.uk;
3. in writing to LL3X Consultation Team, Freepost RTUL-KAKE-BCTR, PO Box 73943 (Lake Lothing), London, EC4P 4HN; or
4. by leaving completed Questionnaires at the Consultation Events or at the Deposit Locations..

Suffolk County Council will use the consultation responses in connection with the consultation, the Proposed Application and the Project. Responses may be made publicly available but personal details, if provided, will be kept confidential.

CONTACTING SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

The project website (www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing) contains all of the relevant information about the Project, Proposed Application and the Consultation Documents.

To contact Suffolk County Council please using the following details:

In writing to: Lake Lothing Third Crossing, Constantine House, 5 Constantine Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2DH;

By email to: lakelothing3rdcrossing@suffolk.gov.uk; or

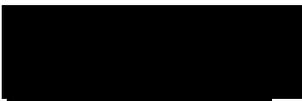
By telephone: 03456 031 842 (open Mon-Fri 8:30am-6pm).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the 2008 Act process and DCO's can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Yours faithfully



Jon Barnard
Project Manager, Lake Lothing Third Crossing

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Appendix 29.2

Emails to non-statutory consultees

Email from Councillor Colin Noble regarding bridge design announcement on 17th August 2017 and attachments including the consultation leaflet and brochure, press release and images of new bridge design

Dear all,

I am writing to you to provide an update on the Lake Lothing Third Crossing project as we are due to go out for a statutory consultation on 4 September. Over the next couple of weeks information about the consultation and project will be released into the public domain.

Ahead of the consultation, the proposed bridge designs will be announced in tomorrow's Lowestoft Journal. Please see attached the press release and images. This is under strict embargo until 00.01am on 18/08/2017. Please do not share the information and/or images prior to the embargo being lifted.

I also attach the consultation leaflet and brochure, which provides background on the crossing proposals and consultation. The leaflet will be sent to 35,000 residents in the Waveney area and the brochure, alongside several technical documents, will be sent to the 3,000+ statutory consultees. All materials will be available online for everyone to view.

This is an important and exciting point in the development of the project and a major step forward in the delivery of a much-needed piece of infrastructure for Lowestoft and the Eastern Region.

For further information and updates please go to www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing (a new page detailing the consultation will go live tomorrow morning).

Email from Suffolk County Council, Strategic Communications Officer on the 4th September 2017 regarding the opening of the Lake Lothing Third Crossing Consultation period and including attachments of the consultation leaflet and booklet

Hi all,

Just a quick line to remind you that the Lake Lothing Third Crossing Consultation has opened today. All the information can be found online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing and the survey can be filled out at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/lltconsultation

I have once again attached the leaflet and booklet which contain details of the events and deposit locations where materials can also be picked up and the consultation questionnaire completed. We have lots of hard copies of these documents so if you require any to hand out do let me know and I can send these across.

Also for your reference Colin and Jon gave some interviews this morning to ITV and BBC so the consultation will be on the local news tonight.

Do let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you

Email from Suffolk County Council, Strategic Communications Officer on the 19th of September 2017
regarding the extension of the consultation period by one week.

Dear all,

As councillors in Waveney area, I just wanted to let you know that we have decided to extent the consultation by an extra week to ensure we capture the views of as many people as possible, the consultation will now finish on the 23 October. This will not affect the programme in any way.

Hopefully you should all have received any information you required about the consultation, please let me know if you would like any additional leaflets or brochures. The next consultation event is on Friday 22 September at Riverside so please don't hesitate to come along if you have any questions or of course contact myself or Jon.

Thank you