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Dear Mr Price,

Further to your letter of 13 July 2018, I attach a letter setting out the views of the Suffolk County Council as statutory consultee on the adequacy of the consultation for this project. You will note that it is a common letter agreed jointly by Suffolk County Council and Waveney District Council.

For your information, we have sought to ensure that the County Council's role as statutory consultee is separated from its role as promoter of this scheme and this applies both at officer and councillor level.

Regards

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Dear Sirs

#### **Planning Act 2008 – Section 55**

#### **Application by Suffolk County Council for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing**

#### **Request for Adequacy of Consultation Representation**

We are responding on behalf of Waveney District Council to your email communication of 13 July 2018 regarding the above.

Having had regard to Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008, I am of the view that Suffolk County Council, as the applicant, has carried out adequate pre-application consultation in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The applicant commenced early engagement with officers from Waveney District Council and Suffolk County Council on all aspects of the scheme. This enabled agreement to be reached on certain aspects. For example, noise and air quality monitoring points, viewpoints for Landscape Visual Impact Assessment and the scope of transport and ecological assessments.

Early issues were raised about the design of the crossing and officers of the two authorities had regular discussions on aspects of the design following a review by the Design Council,



Commission for Architecture and Built Environment. A set of Design Principles for the scheme were agreed with the applicant.

The applicant produced a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which Waveney District Council and Suffolk County Council responded to on 27 March 2017 which supports the applicant's approach to consultation. The points that the Councils raised in the joint response to the draft SoCC were:

- The SoCC should confirm where specifically the consultation would be advertised.
- A Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR should be produced.
- It should be clear there would be charges for photocopying at Deposit Locations.

When the consultation dates were confirmed as taking place from 4 September to 16 October 2017, the Councils received an updated SoCC on 3 July 2017 which incorporated the above points.

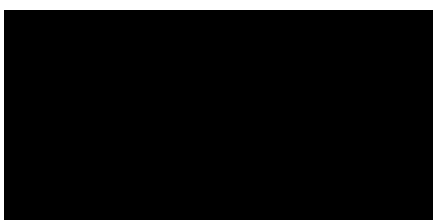
During the 6 week consultation period, a comprehensive communications plan was undertaken in which a series of public exhibitions and stakeholder briefings were held and leaflets and brochures distributed across a geographically extensive area. Notices were published in a number of local publications and on social media.

We have also had regard to the applicant's Consultation Report of June 2018 and am satisfied that the applicant has undertaken an extensive and inclusive consultation programme in support of the Lake Lothing Third Crossing. In this respect, Waveney District Council and Suffolk County Council consider the applicant's consultation to be adequate in line with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Planning Act.

Yours faithfully



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