

Re:- The Lake Lothing Third Crossing Scheme Update.

**Copies to:- a) Jo Barnard, Andrew Pearce and team (Suffolk County Council);
b) The Planning Expectorate on behalf of Secretary of State;
c) The Directors/Trustees, members of Waveney Gymnastics Club.**

Please accept the correspondence attached on behalf of the Waveney Gymnastics Club. Apologies for not sending it before 24th September 2018, but I have just come out of hospital.

The proposed Lake Lothing Third Crossing Scheme Update has recently been in the public domain for all local residents and businesses to digest and consider. The window for the folders indicating all the aspects relating to the scheme have been on display across the town of Lowestoft between the 24/8/2018 and 24/9/2018.

On Friday 14th September 2018 a group of four members of the management team of Waveney Gymnastics Club spent time examining the documents and reports, relating to the proposals for the scheme at the Council Offices in Riverside Road. Those in attendance from the club were. Mr. John Pawsey (Chairman), Mr. Nick Jack and Mr. Ron Rushmere, all three are directors and trustees of the club. Also in attendance was Mr. Alex Row, the Head Coach.

The main interest from the club's point of view was the proposed closure of Durban Road, which is a main access route to those parents, visitors and users of the club. Over the original consultation period of the projects development, representatives of the scheme had met with the club's officials to review some of their concerns relating to the scheme and general traffic implications. Our earlier deliberations had included a test run in a large vehicle (coach) to assess the ease of route for users of the club as many local schools and large delivery vehicles, let alone privately owned cars regularly need to use these routes. The club provided a DVD of the test run and the problems likely to be incurred by large vehicles on the proposed remaining routes of Kimberly Road and Notley Road. As a result of this consultation we were interested in how much of our input to the concerns we had and the recommendations we suggested had been noted within the report.

Having been informed that the appendices folders 5.1 and 5.2 would be the areas where our consultation would be addressed, the representatives from the club were grateful for the guidance given by Mr. A Pearce and his team as to which areas of the documentation addressed our concerns on transport routes.

We were pleased to find that all the areas we had discussed with the planners during the consultation period had been documented accordingly and some of our suggestions and ideas were being incorporated within the proposed final drafts of the scheme. The directors and members of the club who reviewed the updated documents acknowledge that it would not be possible to include all our wishes in the final scheme, but at least they had been noted. We trust that our contributions have been beneficial to the stage now reached, but we are concerned that where we once had four different routes to the Waveney Gymnastics Club, this will, with the closure of Durban Road, in the future leave us with only two routes for access. The club is now larger than it was a few years ago, so we will need to monitor the situation regularly.

We noted that some changes are being made to parking places along part of the remaining routes as a result of our consultations. In particular the last few paragraphs of appendix 5.2 between 26-37 reflect the club's input and concerns.

In summary of the notes above the management of Waveney Gymnastics Club wish to inform all those referred to at the top this correspondence that they have followed up on their original consultations with the planners and accept that the points raised in that consultation period have been noted in appendices 5.1 and 5.2, with some of the recommendations being included within the planned implementation.

- We have read and digested the latest documentation on 14/08/2018. All our points have been taken into consideration by the planners, referred to in the files.
- Proposals have incorporated and changed to address our concerns over access of larger vehicles and the routes to the club.
- Ongoing monitoring by the County Council Highways is confirmed and will take place. (This is noted and documented in section 5.2 on page 259 items 14-20).
- The club management will be checking on these matters as well once the project dates are set for implementation.

If, and when a meeting is set up by the Planning Expectorate in the future, we would wish to be invited to attend and hear how things are planned to move forward.

Produced by Mr. John Pawsey (Chairman of Waveney Gymnastics Club, on behalf of the management and members of the club).