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Welcome to Oulton Broad.

Your Inspection team sits here within OB close to our Western boundary and our Parish's Eastern boundary crosses lake Lothing just some ~300m before the proposed new bridge (*the proposed new bridge would be outside this Parish*).

2016 Dft Traffic surveys of motor vehicles for the two Bridges counted ~26k across Mutford Bridge (25,645) and 18k across Lowestoft Bridge (17,541), an almost **50% uplift** (*excuse the pun?*) for this bridge !

OBPC wholeheartedly welcomes the third crossing project.

*My particular point:*

With regard to [Socio-Economic effects](#), while the 3rd Crossing will undoubtedly relieve traffic problems in through OB, by directing traffic away from this area, **[local business may suffer](#)** (*we have previous experience of this when Saltwater Way bypassed the Bridge Road South business community*).

We have asked and it is our belief that ... included within the project as a *bare minimum* is provision for **[earliest multiple Sign-Posting](#)** to:

**“Oulton Broad, Gateway to the Southern Broads”**

along the A12 Southern approaches to Pakefield and on either side of the new bridge itself.

Such provision within a project of this magnitude is akin to *popping a small pea-pod*; while for a Parish Council it may be fraught with impedimenta of permissions and indeed fall beyond our direct financial capability.

This is an opportunity to reassure that such provision should remain ?