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Dear David

LAKE LOTHING CROSSING

I am writing in support of Suffolk County Council's new Lake Lothing crossing proposal. The new crossing will help deliver the Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy, which sets out ambitious targets to grow our economy by £17.5 billion, creating 88,000 new jobs, delivering 140,000 new homes and increasing GVA by £39 per hour by 2036. The new crossing is also identified as a priority in our recently adopted Integrated Transport Strategy.

The scheme will help to deliver our strategic ambitions by encouraging further investment in the Norfolk and Suffolk Energy Coast, a global centre of oil, gas, nuclear and renewable energy generation and infrastructure and an identified Priority Place in the Norfolk and Suffolk Economic Strategy. Norfolk and Suffolk is the only place in the UK where all these forms of resource extraction and energy generation exist together. This offers significant opportunities for local collaboration and innovation and through wider national and international markets, boosting our clean growth offer to the world.

The new Lake Lothing crossing will open up opportunities for regeneration and development and attract new investment in the local economy by creating a new link between north and south Lowestoft. It will reduce congestion and delay experienced on the existing Lake Lothing bridges, helping to improve journey times and reliability as well as driving modal shift and more active travel. The scheme will help improve accessibility of the town centre as well as provide the capacity needed to accommodate planned growth in and around the town, helping to meet the aspirations for economic prosperity.

This is a significant project for Lowestoft and has a high level of public and business support. This is supported by a benefit cost ratio of 8. We look forward to continuing working closely to see the new Lake Lothing crossing scheme delivered.

Yours faithfully,



Chris Starkie