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### **5.2 CONSULTATION REPORT ANNEX D CORRESPONDENCE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR SOCC CONSULTATION**

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## 1 INFORMAL SOCC ENGAGEMENT, JANUARY 2018

### 1.1 Email with attached letter sent to host and other authorities, sent 15 January 2018

A47 Corridor Improvement Programme - A47/A11 Thickthorn Draft Statement of Community Consultation

To: [Redacted]  
Cc: [Redacted]

Mon 15/01/2018 14:25

Reply Reply All Forward

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Please find attached to this email, the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction, alongside it's associated cover letter.

This has been sent to you as part of our informal consultation process for the SoCC – please provide any comments regarding this document, by 5th February 2018. We will then amend the SoCC accordingly, ahead of the formal consultation period for the SoCC that commence on 26th February 2018, and will complete on 26th March 2018.

If you have any queries, or require further information, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely  
For Mott MacDonald Sweco JV, on behalf of Highways England

[Redacted]



[REDACTED]  
Highways England  
Manton Industrial Estate  
Manton Ln  
Bedford  
MK41 7LW

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear

**A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction draft Statement of Community Consultation**

I am writing regarding the draft Statement of Community Consultation for The A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction (enclosed). As you may be aware, we are currently preparing an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that will allow us to make improvements to the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction. The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for consideration before a final decision is made by the Secretary of State for Transport (DfT).

This is a large-scale project known as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and we have been developing our proposals in consultation with statutory stakeholders, landowners, businesses and local communities in Norfolk. To date, our consultation has been in the 'informal' or 'non-statutory' stage.

The Planning Act 2008 requires Highways England to:

*"consult the relevant local authority on what should be in the promoter's Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC), which will describe how the promoter proposes to consult the local community about the proposals"* (Planning Act 2008 Guidance Note).

As part of the informal stage of consultation with stakeholders, we are inviting you on behalf of your local authority to participate in informal consultation on the contents of our Statement of Community Consultation, prior to the formal consultation on the Statement of Community Consultation under s48 Planning Act 2008.

A member of the project team will be in touch in the coming days to arrange a meeting to discuss any comments on the draft Statement of Community Consultation you may have.

If you do not feel a meeting would be appropriate you can send your comments on the Statement of Community Consultation to:  
[A47A11ThickthornJunctionRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47A11ThickthornJunctionRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Please find enclosed a draft copy of the Statement of Community Consultation for your review.

I look forward to meeting you at the informal consultation event.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**Highways England Project Manager**

A47/A11 Thickethorn Junction  
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## 2 FORMAL SOCC CONSULTATION, MAY 2018

### 2.1 Email sent to host and other authorities, sent 3 May 2018



From: A47/A11 Thickethorn Junction RIS [<mailto:A47A11ThickethornJunctionRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk>]  
Sent: 03 May 2018 17:14  
Subject: Highways England A47/A11 Thickethorn Junction Improvements: Consultation on draft Statement of Community Consultation 3 May 2018 - 31 May 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

**A47/A11 Thickethorn Junction Improvements**  
**Consultation on draft Statement of Community Consultation 3 May 2018 - 31 May 2018**  
**Planning Act 2008 Section 47(2)**

I am writing regarding the draft Statement of Community Consultation for the A47/A11 Thickethorn Junction Improvements (enclosed). As you may be aware, we are currently preparing an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that will allow us to make improvements to the A47/A11 Thickethorn Junction. The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for examination before a final decision is made by the Secretary of State for Transport.

This is a large-scale project known as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and we have been developing our proposals in consultation with statutory stakeholders, landowners, businesses and local communities in Norfolk. To date, our consultation has been in the 'informal' or 'non-statutory' stage. As part of that informal consultation process, we have sought your views on how we should consult the local community on the proposed project. We are grateful to your authority for the informal feedback you have provided in shaping how we propose to consult the local community. We are also required to formally consult your authority on how we propose to consult the local community.

The Planning Act 2008 requires Highways England to:

*"consult the relevant local authority on what should be in the promoter's Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC), which will describe how the promoter proposes to consult the local community about the proposals"* (Planning Act 2008 Guidance Note).

We are inviting you on behalf of your local authority to participate in the consultation on the contents of our Statement of Community Consultation under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

Please find attached a copy of the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for your review. The consultation on the draft SoCC commences on Thursday 3 May 2018. The timings for the consultation are set out below:

**Consultation Start:** Thursday 3 May 2018

**Consultation End:** Thursday 31 May 2018

**Please note that all responses to this consultation must be received by 23:59 on Thursday 31 May 2018**

In order to ensure a full auditable trail of consultation responses, please send your comments to the contact details below:

- By emailing: [A47A11ThickethornJunctionRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47A11ThickethornJunctionRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- In writing: FREEPOST A47 Thickethorn Junction

I look forward to receiving your comments on the draft SoCC.

Kind regards,



**Project Manager, Regional Investment Programme (East)**  
Highways England | Woodlands | Manton Lane | Bedford | MK41 7LW  
Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

### 3 FORMAL SOCC CONSULTATION, AUGUST 2018

#### 3.1 Email sent to host and other authorities, sent 14 August 2018



Dear Sir/Madam

**A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Improvements: Draft Statement of Community Consultation**

I am writing regarding the draft Statement of Community Consultation for the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Improvements (enclosed). As you may be aware, we are currently preparing an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) that will allow us to make improvements to the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction. The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for examination before a final decision is made by the Secretary of State for Transport.

This is a large-scale project known as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and we have been developing our proposals in consultation with statutory stakeholders, landowners, businesses and local communities in Norfolk. To date, our consultation has been in the 'informal' or 'non-statutory' stage.

The Planning Act 2008 requires Highways England to:

*"consult the relevant local authority on what should be in the promoter's Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC), which will describe how the promoter proposes to consult the local community about the proposals"* (Planning Act 2008 Guidance Note).

Section 47(2) of the Planning Act 2008 requires us to consult South Norfolk District Council and Norfolk County Council (as the relevant local authorities for this project) on the draft Statement of Community Consultation.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Statement of Community Consultation which has been sent to the relevant local authorities for review. Timings for consultation with the local authorities on the Statement of Community Consultation are set out below:

**Consultation of SoCC Start:** Tuesday 14 August 2018

**Consultation of SoCC End:** Wednesday 12 September 2018

If you have any queries regarding this process then please feel welcome to contact us using the details below:

- By emailing: [A47A11ThickthornJunctionRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A47A11ThickthornJunctionRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk)
- In writing: FREEPOST A47 Thickthorn Junction

Kind regards,



**Project Manager, Regional Investment Programme (East)**  
Highways England | Woodlands | Manton Lane | Bedford | MK41 7LW

## 4 INFORMAL SOCC CONSULTATION, MAY 2019

### 4.1 Email to Norfolk County Council, sent 3 May 2019

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 03 May 2019 11:13  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: A47 Thickthorn - Statement of Community Consultation

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Please find attached the draft SoCC for your review along with your previous comments and our responses for your reference.

If you are able to review this and respond by Monday 13 May I would be most grateful. If this is likely to cause you any difficulty please do let me know.

In the meantime, I hope you have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]  
**Assistant Project Manager – Regional Investment Programme (East)**  
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Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>



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## 4.2 Email to South Norfolk Council, sent 3 May 2019

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 03 May 2019 11:14  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: A47 Thickthorn - Statement of Community Consultation

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Please find attached the draft SoCC for your review along with your previous comments and our responses for your reference.

If you are able to review this and respond by Monday 13 May I would be most grateful. If this is likely to cause you any difficulty please do let me know.

In the meantime, I hope you have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Kind Regards

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