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1 A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON DUALLING

1.1 Purpose of this document

1.1.1 This Consultation Report (this Report) relates to the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton dualling scheme (the Scheme). In seeking the legal powers to construct the Scheme, Highways England (the Applicant) is making an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State. Section 37(3)(c) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) requires the Applicant to submit this Consultation Report as part of its application for development consent under the PA 2008.

1.1.2 This Report explains how the Applicant has complied with the consultation requirements set out in the PA 2008 and associated Regulations and guidance. Guidance about the report and the pre-application process, including statutory consultation, is found in the Department for Communities and Local Government’s (DCLG) (now Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) document *Planning Act 2008: guidance on the pre-application process* (March 2015).

1.1.3 This Report also provides an account of:

- the options consultation and engagement undertaken
- the statutory consultation exercise undertaken in compliance with section 42, section 47 and section 48 of PA 2008
- additional targeted statutory consultation and a project update
- a summary of the responses received during the consultation exercises
- how the Applicant has had regard to those responses in compliance with section 49 of the PA 2008.

1.2 Summary of consultation activities

1.2.1 A summary of the consultation activities undertaken by the Applicant is set out in **Table 1.1** below.

Table 1.1 Summary of consultation activities	
Consultation activity undertaken	Date and supporting details
Options consultation (further details provided in Chapter 2 of this Report)	
Four options were presented for options consultation. The options consultation included the distribution of consultation brochures and response forms to prescribed consultees, statutory bodies and persons with land interests. Local residents and businesses were provided with a summary leaflet about the consultation and the consultation materials available.	13 March 2017 to 21 April 2017

Table 1.1 Summary of consultation activities	
Consultation activity undertaken	Date and supporting details
<p>Consultation exhibitions were held at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forum, Norwich – 14 March 2017 (stakeholder event) • Honingham Village Hall, 31 Dereham Rd Honingham – 6 April 2017 • Hockering Village Hall, 3 Heath Road Dereham – 7 April 2017 • Easton Village Hall, Marlingford Rd, Easton – 8 April 2017 	14 March 2017 to 8 April 2017
<p>Full Statutory Consultation under section 42 and section 47 and publicised under section 48 of the PA 2008 (further details provided in Chapter 3 of this Report)</p>	
<p>This full statutory consultation included the distribution of consultation brochures and response forms to prescribed consultees, statutory bodies and persons with land interests. Local residents and local businesses were sent a summary postcard about the consultation and the consultation materials available.</p>	26 February 2020 to 8 April 2020, extended to 30 April 2020
<p>Consultation exhibitions were held at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Tuddenham Village Hall, Low Road, North Tuddenham – 27 February 2020 • Hockering Village Hall, 3 Heath Road, Dereham – 28 February 2020 • East Tuddenham Village Hall, Mattishall Road, East Tuddenham – 2 March 2020 • Honingham Village Hall, 31 Dereham Rd, Honingham – 3 March 2020 • Easton Village Hall, Marlingford Rd, Easton – 4 March 2020 • The Assembly House Theatre Street, Norwich – 7 March 2020 	27 February 2020 to 7 March 2020
<p>Targeted statutory consultation under section 42 of the PA 2008 with newly identified land interests (further details provided in Chapter 3 of this Report)</p>	
<p>Targeted statutory consultation with land interests newly identified under section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008.</p>	7 December 2020 to 13 January 2020

1.3 Covering letter and completed section 55 checklist

- 1.3.1 A covering letter and completed section 55 checklist is submitted within the application documents **(TR010038/APP/1.1)**.
- 1.3.2 The completed section 55 checklist provides evidence of compliance with the pre-application consultation requirements with the PA 2008.

2 OPTIONS CONSULTATION

2.1 Overview of the options consultation

2.1.1 The Applicant conducted a period of non-statutory consultation on route options for the Scheme. It took place from 13 March 2017 to 21 April 2017.

2.1.2 The purpose of the consultation was to seek views on the outline proposals and route options for the Scheme from the general public and statutory consultees, including local authorities and other interested bodies. The Applicant considered all the comments it received to the options consultation.

2.1.3 The Applicant prepared a Consultation Report following this consultation, detailing how people, stakeholders and interested bodies were consulted and the feedback received. This is available to view online: https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-dualling/results/a47-tuddenham-cons-report_final_080817.pdf

2.2 Scope and outcome of the consultation on route options

2.2.1 The Applicant developed four route options for the Scheme and presented them at the non-statutory consultation on route options. These were:

- building a new dual carriageway to the north of the existing A47
- dualling the existing A47
- building a new dual carriageway to the south and to the north of the existing A47
- building a new dual carriageway to the south of the existing A47.

Option 1 proposal: building a new dual carriageway to the north of the existing A47

2.2.2 The new dual carriageway for this option followed an alignment running to the north of the existing A47. At the western end of the Scheme, the route passed to the south of Hockering Wood, a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and to the north of the village of Hockering.

2.2.3 The remainder of the route passed predominantly through open farmland and woodland habitat before crossing the River Tud close to Easton.

2.2.4 A plan of option one is shown in **Figure 2.1**.

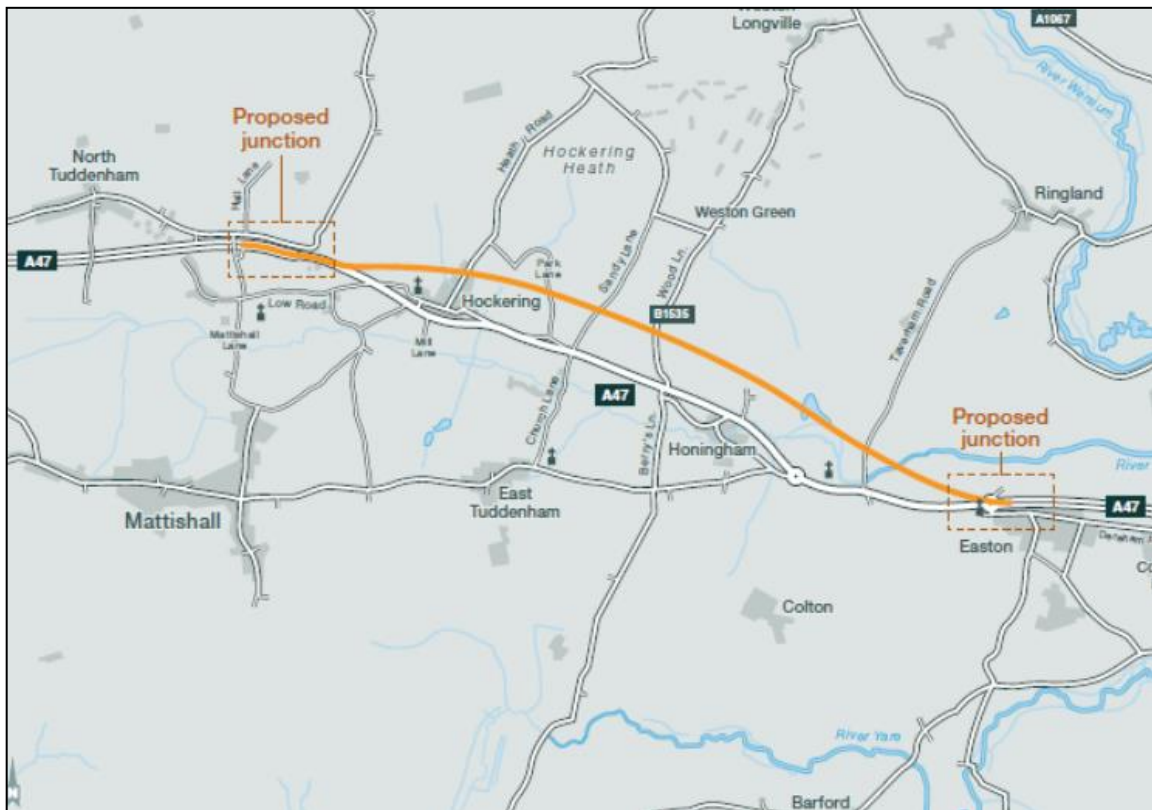


Figure 2.1: Route option one

Option two proposal: dualling of the existing A47

- 2.2.5 The new dual carriageway followed an alignment running as close as possible to the existing A47. Improvements to the existing alignment would be needed to bring the route up to dual carriageway standards.
- 2.2.6 In places this would deviate from the existing alignment. The Applicant would need to acquire land in order to widen the current route to a dual carriageway and accommodate the improvements.
- 2.2.7 A plan of option two is show in **Figure 2.2**.

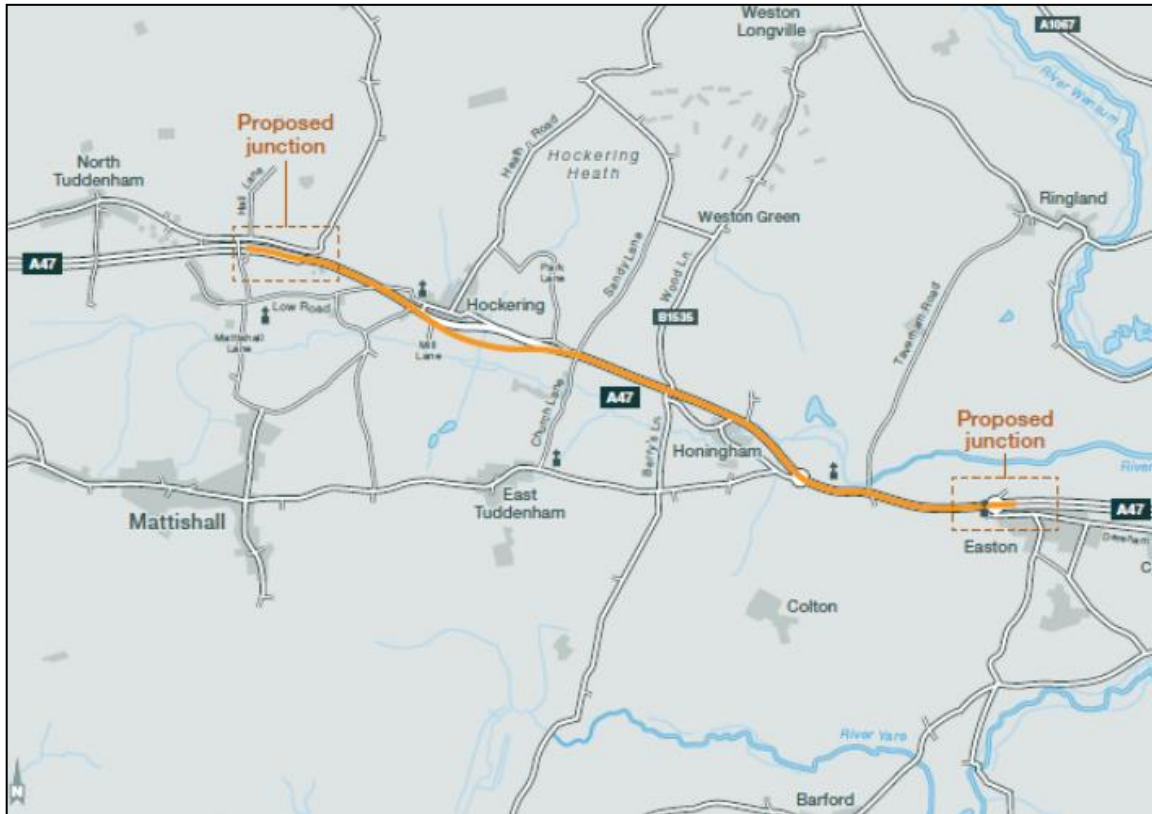


Figure 2.2: Route option two

Option three proposal: building a new dual carriageway to the south and to the north of the existing A47

- 2.2.8 The new dual carriageway followed an alignment running to the south of the A47 but to the north of the River Tud at the village of Hockering. The carriageway then switched to the north of the existing A47 at the village of Honingham.
- 2.2.9 The route passed predominantly through open farmland and some woodland habitat and crosses the River Tud at the Easton end. This proposed route of the A47 is a new and wider highway and would therefore require the acquisition of land along the route.
- 2.2.10 A plan of option three is shown in **Figure 2.3**.

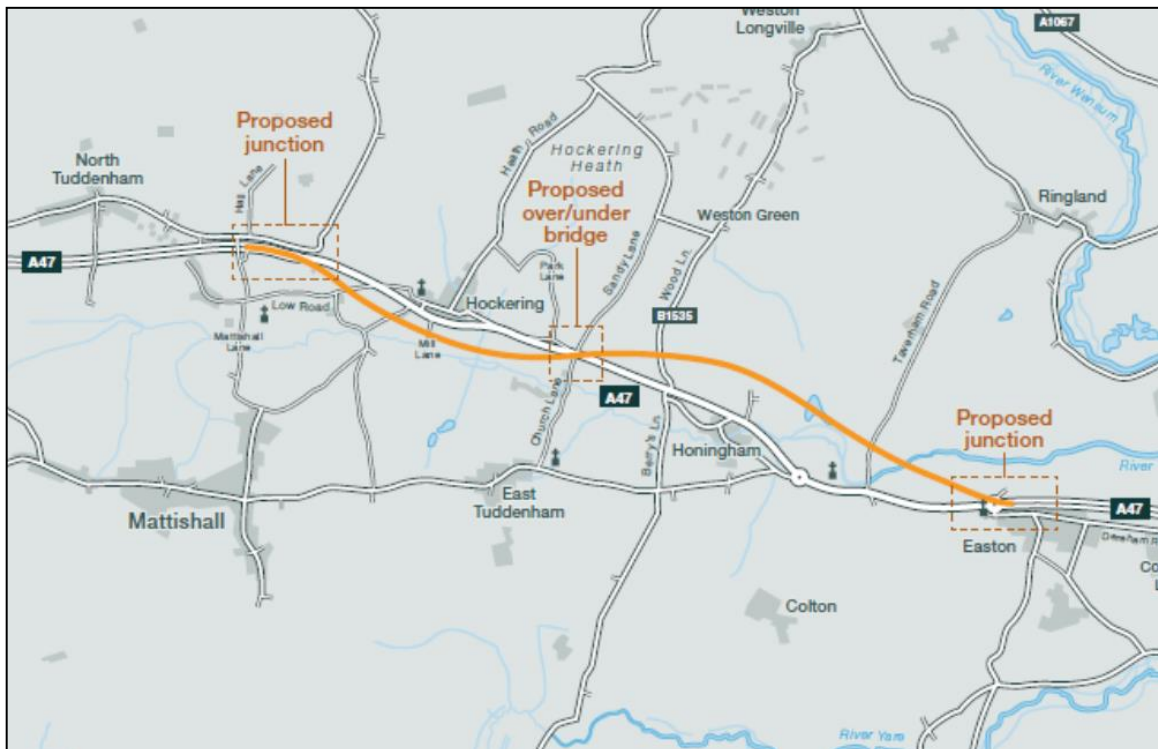


Figure 2.3: Route option three

Option four proposal: building a new dual carriageway to the south of the existing A47

- 2.2.11 The new dual carriageway follows an alignment running to the south of the existing A47 and to the south of the River Tud. At the western end of the Scheme, it crosses the River Tud before passing to the south of the village of Honingham and returning to the A47 at Easton.
- 2.2.12 The route runs predominantly through open farmland and semi-improved grassland. The proposed route of the A47 corridor to the south of the existing is effectively a new highway corridor, so we would need to acquire land along the route to accommodate the improvements.
- 2.2.13 A plan of option four is shown in **Figure 2.4**.



Figure 2.4: Route option four

2.3 Alternative options considered at earlier stage of the Scheme

- 2.3.1 As part of the supporting information for the consultation, a Scheme Assessment Report (SAR) was prepared and made available in December 2017 to the public via the Scheme's website: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/east/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement/>
- 2.3.2 This document provided background information on the Scheme's development prior to the informal consultation and included details of the alternative options considered, along with the reasoning for them not being taken forward.
- 2.3.3 Further information on the assessment of alternative options can be found in Section 2 of the Case for the Scheme (**TR010038/APP/7.1**) and Chapter 3 of the Environmental Statement (**TR010038/APP/6.1**).

2.4 Consultation methods

- 2.4.1 The Applicant used a range of consultation methods to publicise the consultation on route options and make sure stakeholders and local people had an opportunity to learn more about the Scheme and give the Applicant their feedback.
- 2.4.2 The consultation was advertised as follows:
- the Scheme website (<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>) was updated with information and documents about the consultation

- the Applicant issued a press release to identified media
 - invitation letter sent to local Members of Parliament, local councillors and other key stakeholders inviting them to attend a consultation launch event
 - advertisements in local newspapers including *Norwich Evening News*, *Eastern Daily Press* and *Dereham & Fakenham Times* and *Norwich Extra*
 - interviews on local television news and radio
 - notices posted at strategic locations around the Honingham, Hockering and Easton areas
 - leaflet drops undertaken around Honingham, Hockering and Easton areas, issued to homes and businesses
 - notices posted at the exhibition venue on the days of the exhibitions
 - a 'static' advertisement set up at the Forum in central Norwich and Dereham Library.
- 2.4.3 A consultation brochure was created for the options consultation to provide more information in an accessible format about the Scheme proposals. This is provided in **Annex A**.
- 2.4.4 The brochure includes:
- information on the Scheme proposals
 - details of the Applicant's work to assess the effects of the Scheme
 - details of the consultation events, including dates, times and venues
 - contact details to enable comments to be made to the Applicant. These consisted of postal, email and website addresses
 - information about what would happen after the consultation.
- 2.4.5 A feedback response form was prepared and made available to help people submit their comments to the Applicant. This is provided in **Annex A**.
- 2.4.6 The consultation brochure and response form were distributed at public consultation events held from 6 April 2017 to 8 April 2017.
- 2.4.7 Brochures and response forms were also deposited at The Forum in the centre of Norwich, and at Dereham Library, for people to view free of charge. These were available from 13 March 2017 to 21 April 2017.
- 2.4.8 Display material at the information exhibitions contained details about the Scheme and the issues surrounding it. The display material included the following:
- welcome board (including an introduction to the Scheme)

- A47 North Tuddenham to Easton (including details of why the Scheme is needed)
- objectives of the Scheme
- environmental constraints plan
- proposed option one (with a diagrammatic layout drawing of the proposed option)
- proposed option two (with a diagrammatic layout drawing of the proposed option)
- proposed option three (with a diagrammatic layout drawing of the proposed option)
- proposed option four (with a diagrammatic layout drawing of the proposed option)
- what happens next? (with broad details of the overall scheme programme)
- how to respond? (with details of the various methods for completing the feedback response form).

2.4.9 People were invited to submit feedback to the Applicant by:

- completing the online feedback form on the Scheme's website (<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>)
- emailing A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk
- writing to Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON.

2.4.10 The non-statutory consultation closed on 21 April 2017. Following this, the Applicant collated and logged all the feedback received and, considering this feedback, continued its work to develop the Scheme and make a recommendation for a preferred route.

2.5 Summary of responses received during the non-statutory consultation

2.5.1 A full summary of responses received during the informal consultation can be found in the options Consultation Report, available online: https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-dualling/results/a47-tuddenham-cons-report_final_080817.pdf

2.5.2 The Applicant received a total of 532 responses to the consultation, which included responses from stakeholders, members of the public and interested bodies.

2.5.3 When asked about the need for improvement to the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton, 413 respondents agreed that improvements are needed while 46 disagreed. The reasons they gave include improved safety, faster and more reliable journey times, improved quality of life for residents of villages currently used as 'rat-runs' and better access to other locations - locally, regionally and nationally.

2.5.4 Many respondents said that the junctions between North Tuddenham and Easton are very unsafe, and that they must be made easier to use to improve access

between local villages and for local residents to cross or join the A47. Several others said that journey times are unpredictable along this stretch of road.

2.5.5 **Figure 2.5** provides a comparison of support for and opposition to each of the four proposed route options presented at the non-statutory consultation.

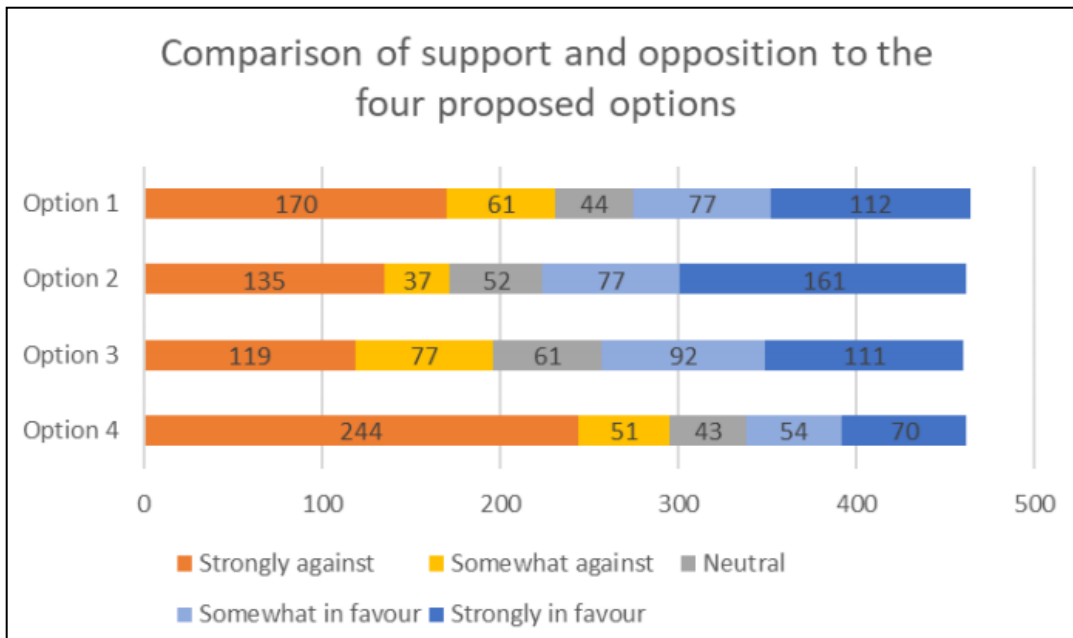


Figure 2.5 Comparison of support for and opposition to the proposed options

2.5.6 Looking at the responses to closed questions 6, 7, 8 and 9, option two received the highest proportion of support, with 161 respondents strongly in favour and 77 somewhat in favour. 172 respondents said they were against option two, compared to 295 against option four, 231 against option and 196 against option three. Option four received by far the most opposition from respondents. A similar number of respondents selected the neutral choice for each of the four options.

2.5.7 The main reason respondents gave for selecting option two is that it largely follows the existing road rather than building a new route, in turn being less intrusive to countryside, avoiding SSSIs, requiring less land purchase therefore saving project costs, and causing least impact to communities adjacent to the A47, such as Hockering.

2.5.8 Respondents who raised concerns regarding option two said that it will complicate the local road network, potentially cutting villages off from each other. They were worried that once dualled, the A47 would be even harder to cross or join.

2.5.9 Respondents who opposed option one most commonly said that it would split the village of Hockering in two, cutting some residents off from the local schools and amenities, with frequent reference to the playing fields. Many also felt that the impact would be too great on Special Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and wildlife habitats, and that the levels of air, light and noise pollution would be unacceptably

high for local residents. Respondents were also concerned about the Public Rights of Way that option one would pass through.

- 2.5.10 Respondents who supported option one felt it had good potential to link up with the Northern Distributor Route in the near future, and that it would be the most direct route as it is relatively straight and short. They also supported the fact that it can be constructed offline, lessening the impact on traffic during construction.
- 2.5.11 Respondents who opposed option three said that it is over complicated and would not deliver enough improvement as it has been designed in an effort to keep many different groups and communities happy. Many raised concerns about the local road network and access from existing side roads onto the new A47 as proposed, with reference to the HGV route B1535 via Wood Lane. Many public respondents and stakeholder organisations strongly opposed the impact on wildlife habitat, woodland and water courses.
- 2.5.12 However, some respondents felt that option three would offer benefits for local access, and many preferred the route as it avoids both Hockering and Honingham. Some argued that it would create a lot more capacity because it would enable the old A47 to become a useful local road and a backup route if there are incidents on the new carriageway.
- 2.5.13 Respondents who opposed option four said that, as it passes through five local roads, the impact will be too disruptive during construction and also after completion. They frequently referred to residents of Church Lane, Rotten Row and Berrys Lane and the impact that the route would have on them. Many respondents were concerned about the impact this option would have on the Tud Valley landscape, and the environmental damage it would potentially cause, affecting the habitats of many types of local wildlife.
- 2.5.14 Some respondents supported option four because it appeared to take the traffic farther away from the villages of Hockering and Honingham, improving the impact to residents of traffic volumes, journey times and air and noise pollution. Many felt that this option would disrupt the least property and retain the rural feel of the local communities.
- 2.5.15 A total of 297 respondents expressed support for improving provision for pedestrians, cyclists and other users whilst 145 said improvements are not needed. Those who supported provisions for walkers, cyclists and horse riders (WCH) commented that there is a significant safety issue for WCHs in this area, and that the Applicant must include a dedicated route to alleviate this. Some suggested that the cost of providing for WCHs is relatively low and will encourage people to cycle or walk, taking some cars off the road and in turn creating more capacity. Respondents suggested safe crossings and footbridges to improve pedestrian routes between villages and across the A47. Several respondents suggested that the old A47 would be able to provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists if a new road is built.

- 2.5.16 There were some respondents who disagreed that improvements for WCHs are needed, saying that there are not enough cyclists or walkers to justify catering to them through alterations to the designs, or that it would be too dangerous altogether and that WCHs should be completely restricted from the new road.
- 2.5.17 Many respondents commented that they felt there was a lack of research or thought conducted to produce the proposals put forward. Many said that the consultation documents and the maps did not contain sufficient detail to support informed comments from respondents. Respondents from East Tuddenham felt that the consultation and events were not properly promoted in their area, despite a high impact on the area of some of the options.
- 2.5.18 The responses to the consultation response form and feedback provided by the public and other stakeholders through the public consultation process has been reviewed, and the information was used to assist the identification of potential constraints which may influence the route of the Scheme.
- 2.5.19 The responses to the consultation, along with the analysis of the responses, was used by the Applicant to inform the decision on which route option should be taken forward as the preferred option.

2.6 Preferred route announcement

- 2.6.1 On 14 August 2017, the Applicant announced the preferred route option for the Scheme that would be taken forward for further development.
- 2.6.2 Having reviewed the feedback following the consultation, and completed a number of other assessments, the Applicant proceeded with an amended version of option two presented at the options consultation.
- 2.6.3 Option two was one of the two most favoured options and solves the traffic and safety problems. It also has the least impact on the environment. Key concerns raised by the public regarding option two have influenced a realignment which means it can be built with less impact during construction and the existing road can remain for local traffic movements, pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.
- 2.6.4 The Applicant published an update information sheet on the Scheme's website with the announcement on 14 August 2017. This is provided in **Annex A**.
- 2.6.5 In the update, the Applicant explained why option two was preferred. It also said that, prior to submitting an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), people would have another opportunity to have their say on the Scheme in a second consultation.
- 2.6.6 The options consultation report summarising the feedback received in March 2017 and April 2017 was published with this announcement.

2.6.7 The consultation report was made available on the Scheme's website and also for six weeks in the following locations in the vicinity of the Scheme, from 14 August 2017 to 24 September 2017:

- Norwich Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1TF
- Dereham Library, 59 High Street, Dereham, NR19 1DZ

2.7 Ongoing engagement between the route options consultation and statutory consultation

2.7.1 Following the options consultation, the Applicant continued to engage with stakeholders and community representatives to keep them updated about the Scheme. A number of meetings and calls were conducted, and update bulletins and email correspondence were sent to discuss the Scheme.

2.7.2 This engagement also included technical working group meetings, comprising representatives from the Applicant, host local authorities and statutory environmental bodies. The purpose of these groups was to offer a means for the Applicant to seek the technical and local expertise of stakeholders on relevant issues, and to support the development of Statements of Common Ground. **Annex M** of this Report includes details of engagement and key outcome, and **Table 4.12** in this Report sets out changes made to the Scheme design as a result of feedback received by the Applicant.

2.7.3 Organisations met with to discuss the Scheme included:

Statutory bodies

- Norfolk County Council
- Breckland Council
- Broadland District Council
- South Norfolk Council
- Suffolk County Council
- Affected landowners

Affected parish councils

- North Tuddenham
- East Tuddenham
- Hockering
- Honingham
- Easton

Unaffected parish councils and other (Local Liaison Group and formerly Multi Parish Group members)

- Barford & Wramplingham
- Barnham Broom
- Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne
- Carleton Forehoe

- Colney
- Costessey Town Council
- Drayton
- Elsing
- Felthorpe
- Great Melton
- Great Witchingham
- Harris
- Hellesdon
- Horsford
- Horsham
- Lyng
- Lyon
- Marlingford & Colton
- Mattishall
- Morton on the Hill
- Ringland
- Soboh
- Taverham
- Weston Longville
- Wicklewood
- Wymondham Town Council
- Yaxham

Member of Parliament

- George Freeman MP (Mid Norfolk)
- Jerome Mayhew MP (Broadland)

Environmental organisations and groups

- Natural England
- The Environmental Agency
- Historic England
- Drainage Board

Commercial and third parties

- Openreach
- National Grid
- UKPN
- Anglian Water
- Diocese of Norwich
- Dong Energy
- St Andrew's Church
- Norwich Western Link Working Group – Norfolk County Council

2.8 EIA screening and scoping

- 2.8.1 The Applicant conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening exercise, before moving to the scoping phase. As such, the Applicant prepared a Scoping Report (**TR010038/APP/6.5**) seeking a view on its approach to the environmental surveys and assessments proposed as part of the EIA.
- 2.8.2 The Applicant wrote to PINS under Regulations 8(1)(b) and 10(1) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regs) on 19 September 2019, to notify the Secretary of State that an Environmental Statement would be submitted with the application, and to submit its Scoping Report for the Scheme.
- 2.8.3 A copy of the Applicant's letter requesting a Scoping Opinion is provided in **Annex B**.
- 2.8.4 The Applicant received a Scoping Opinion (**TR010038/APP/6.6**) from PINS on 1 November 2019. The Scoping Opinion has informed the scope and contents of the Environmental Statement presented as part of the application, and it was considered in the production of the preliminary environmental information published during the statutory consultation.
- 2.8.5 In addition, following receipt of the Scoping Opinion, the Applicant reviewed the list of consultees contacted by PINS as part of its consultation on the Scoping Report. This was to ensure that all organisations contacted by PINS were included in subsequent consultation activity.

3 STATUTORY CONSULTATION

3.1 Overview of the statutory consultation

- 3.1.1 This chapter sets out how the Applicant has complied with the requirements set out in section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the PA 2008.
- 3.1.2 The Applicant held a statutory consultation on its proposal to upgrade the A47 between North Tuddenham to Easton for an initial period from 26 February 2020 to 8 April 2020. This provided a 43-day consultation period.
- 3.1.3 Recognising the impacts of coronavirus and the lockdown measures put in place by the Government (as announced by the Government on 23 March 2020), the Applicant made arrangements as soon as was practicably possible to extend the statutory consultation period. This gave the community and stakeholders additional time to consider the proposals presented and provide feedback. The consultation period was extended to 30 April 2020, providing a further 22 days to submit feedback. More information about the effects of this on the consultation is provided in this chapter.
- 3.1.4 This chapter also explains the additional targeted statutory consultation and a project update undertaken by the Applicant, following the statutory consultation from 26 February 2020 to 30 April 2020. Information about the project update was distributed to properties in the community consultation zone, prescribed consultees, local authorities and others. The information provided a deadline for any comments on the updates to the scheme.
- 3.1.5 An analysis of the responses received to these statutory consultations and the Applicant's regard to them is provided in **Chapter 4** and **Annex N** and **Annex O** of this Report.
- 3.1.6 The purpose of the statutory consultation was to provide an opportunity to comment on the proposals for the Scheme, ahead of the Applicant submitting an application to PINS for a DCO, including:
- providing the opportunity for the community and consultation bodies to give feedback on the Scheme proposals
 - encouraging the community and consultation bodies to help shape the Scheme to maximise local benefits and minimise any impacts
 - helping local people and consultation bodies to understand the nature and impacts of the Scheme
 - enabling potential mitigation measures to be considered and, if appropriate, incorporated into the Scheme design before an application was submitted
 - identifying ways in which the proposals support wider strategic or local objectives.

- 3.1.7 The Scheme proposal presented comprised:
- 9km of new dual carriageway, running to the south of the existing A47 at Hockering and north of the existing A47 at Honingham
 - two new junctions where the A47 passes over the local roads: one where Berrys Lane meets Wood Lane (Wood Lane junction) and one where Blind Lane meets Taverham Road (Norwich Road junction)
 - removal of the existing roundabout at Easton to create a free-flowing road
 - building four bridges for the A47 to pass over or under: the new Mattishall Lane Link Road, the proposed Wood Lane junction, the River Tud and the proposed Norwich Road junction
 - Sandy Lane connecting to the A47 via a new side road providing access to Wood Lane junction
 - two new lay-bys on the A47, between Fox Lane and the proposed Wood Lane junction, and police observation points
 - closure to through traffic of: Church Lane (East Tuddenham), Berrys Lane, Blind Lane and Church Lane (Easton), north the of A47
 - widening of the junction of Rotten Row and Church Lane (East Tuddenham)
 - converting sections of the existing A47 for local needs, such as
 - converting to a Class B road north of Honingham, with a new cycle track between and the new Dereham Road link road and Honingham roundabout
 - reducing to a single lane in front of St Andrew's Church, Honingham, with inclusion of passing places, parking places, turning area and security gate
 - alterations to existing public rights of way and provision of new segregated routes for walkers and cyclists, including:
 - a new route for walkers and cyclists linking Honingham with St Andrew's Church below the A47 via the proposed Honingham church underpass
 - a new route for walkers and cyclists linking Easton with Lower Easton over the A47 via the proposed Easton footbridge
 - new drainage systems, including:
 - new outfalls to the River Tud
 - dry culverts to maintain overland flow paths
 - new attenuation basins, with pollution control devices, to control discharges to local watercourses
 - compounds, material storage areas and temporary vehicle parking located within the scheme boundary when construction is taking place

- diverting or installing new utilities infrastructure, such as a high pressure gas pipeline, electricity cables, water pipelines and electronic communications cables
- environmental measures embedded into the Scheme design to reduce the environmental effects and deliver wider benefits, such as noise barriers, low noise road surfaces, permanent mammal crossings and new wetland habitats.

3.1.8 **Figures 3.1 to 3.5** show the proposed design for the Scheme presented at the statutory consultation, including provisions made for WCHs.

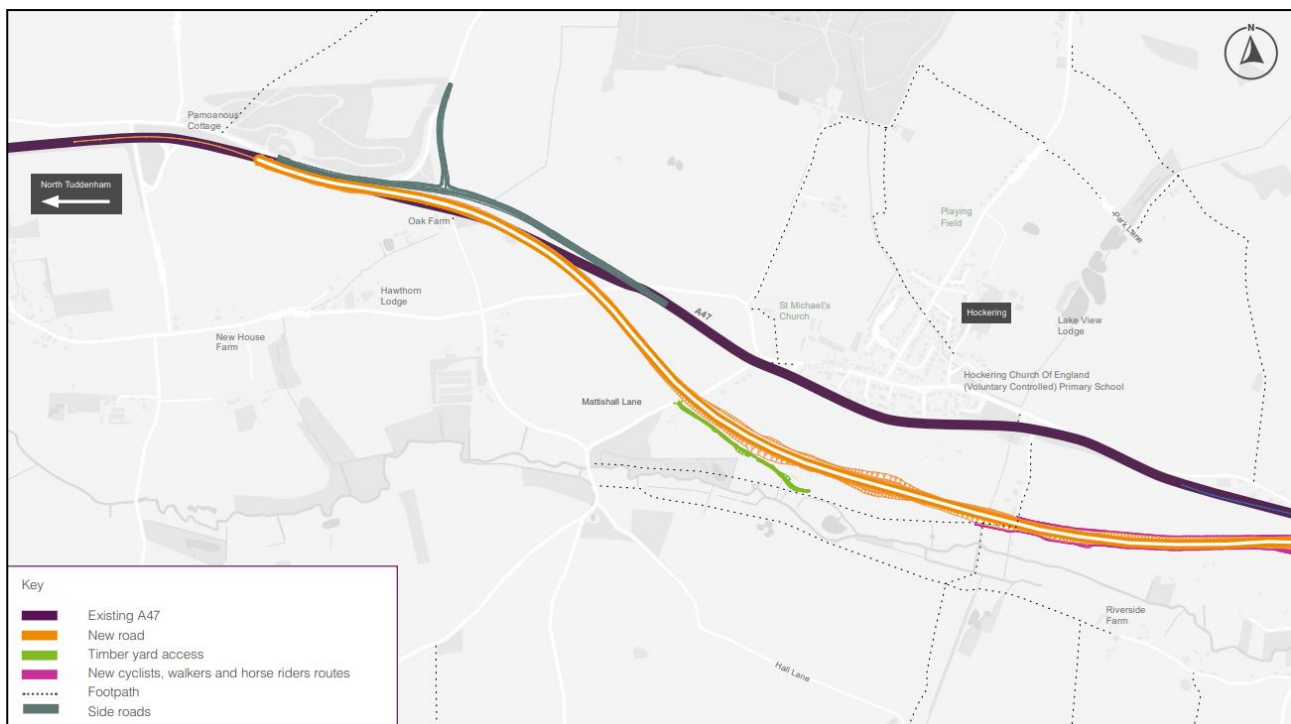


Figure 3.1 Scheme proposal – North Tuddenham To Hockering

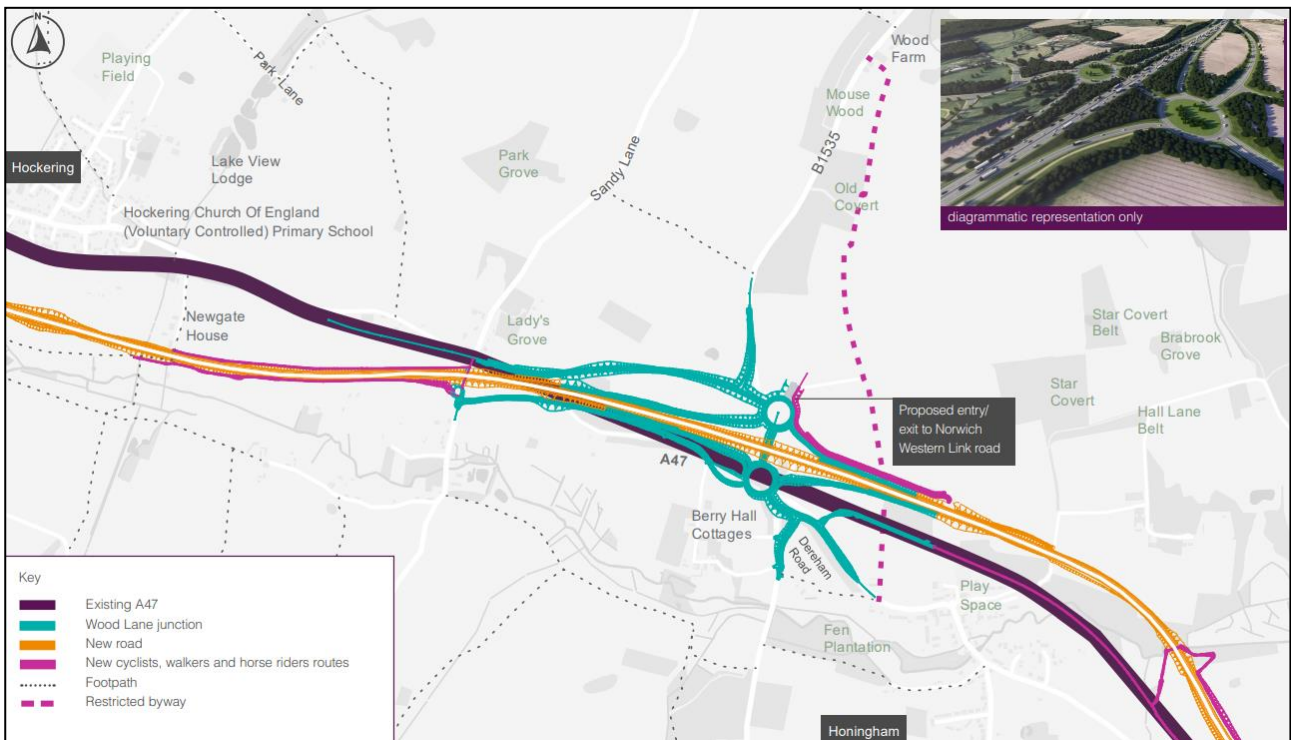


Figure 3.2 Scheme proposal – Wood Lane junction

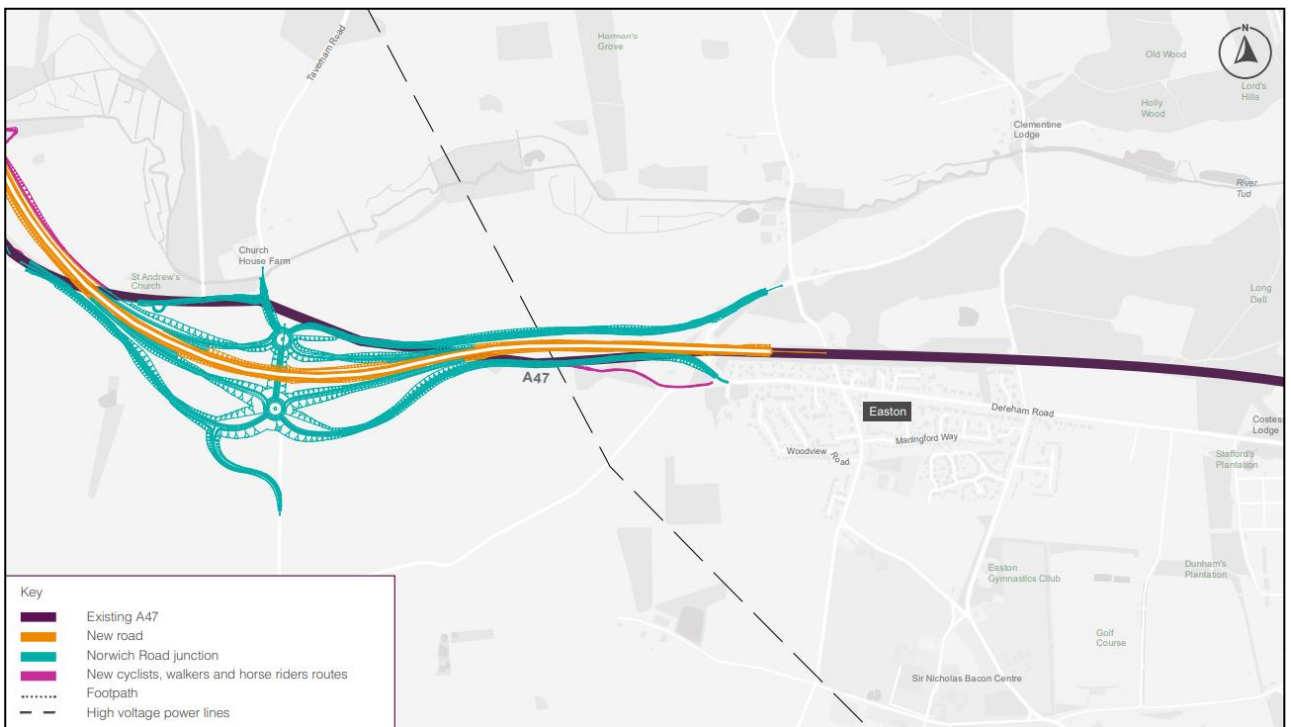


Figure 3.3 Scheme proposal – Norwich Road junction

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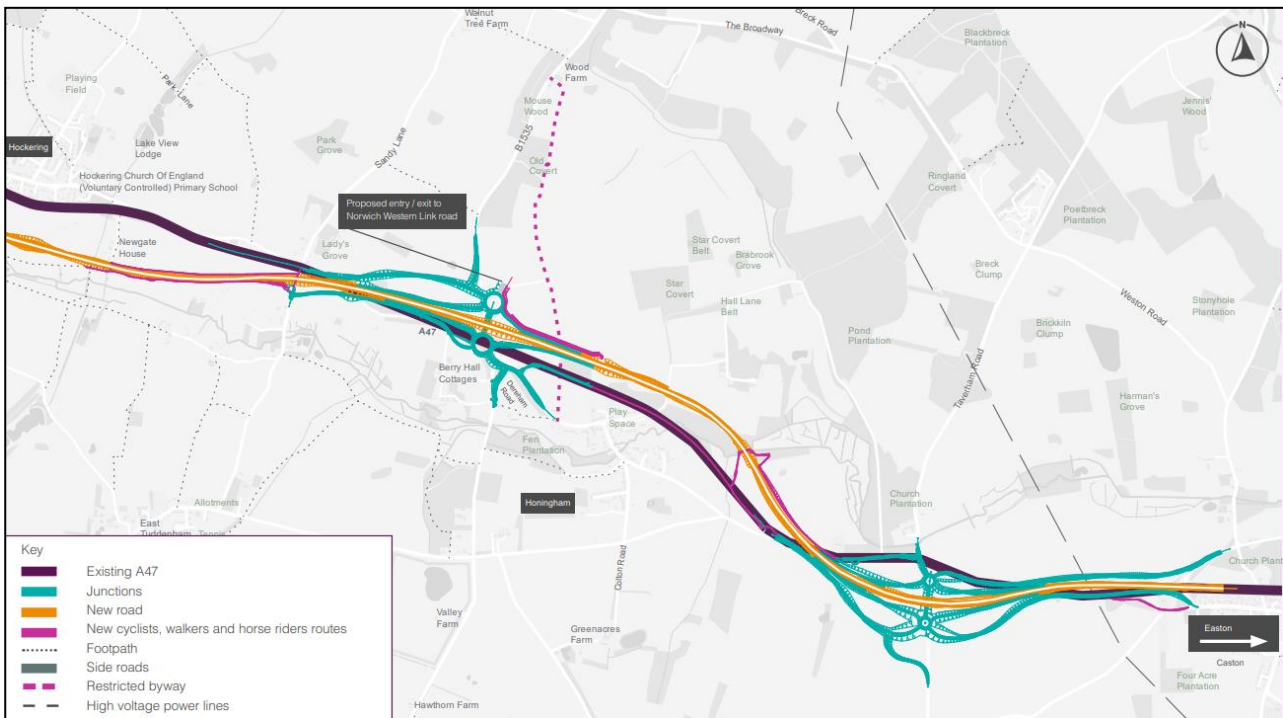


Figure 3.4 Scheme proposal – junctions between North Tuddenham and Easton

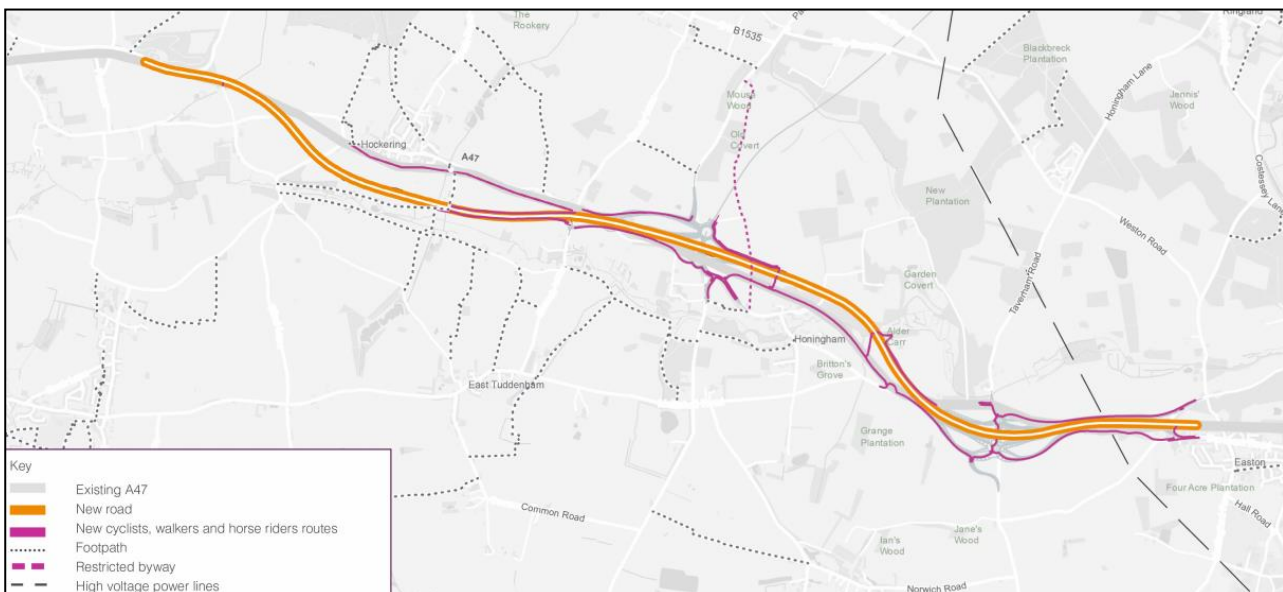


Figure 3.5 Scheme proposal – WHCR provisions

- 3.1.9 The Applicant delivered the consultation under section 42 of the PA 2008 in parallel with consultation under section 47 and section 48 of the PA 2008. All consultation materials made available under section 42 of the PA 2008 were also available to section 47 consultees.
- 3.1.10 As the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, the Applicant has submitted an Environmental Statement as

part of its application. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) was presented (with accompanying non-technical summary (PEIR NTS)) at this statutory consultation. While the EIA was ongoing, this PEIR described the environmental setting and emerging anticipated impacts of the Scheme on the environment.

3.1.11 The PEIR is available to view on the Scheme's website: https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-february/supporting_documents/A47%20North%20Tuddenham%20to%20Easton%20%20Preliminary%20Environmental%20Information%20Report%20PEIR.pdf

3.1.12 The PEIR NTS is available to view on the Scheme's website: https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-february/supporting_documents/A47%20North%20Tuddenham%20to%20Easton%20%20Preliminary%20Environmental%20Information%20Report%20%20NonT%20echnical%20Summary.pdf

3.2 Preparation of the Statement of Community Consultation

3.2.1 As prescribed by section 47 of the PA 2008, a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) was prepared by the Applicant setting out how it proposed to consult people living in the vicinity of the Scheme.

3.2.2 The Applicant's preparation of a draft SoCC took into account the Department for Communities and Local Government (now the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) guidance on pre-application process best practice, and advice and guidance from PINS.

3.2.3 The draft SoCC included the following information and proposals for engaging with the local community:

- holding consultation events at local venues, where members of the team will be available to answer questions about our proposals
- providing details about the consultation and the consultation documents on a dedicated Scheme website: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>
- creation of a consultation brochure, summarising details of the Scheme proposals and consultation events in an accessible form. This would be distributed at the consultation events and made available at deposit locations
- creation of the PEIR and a non-technical summary to set out environmental impacts of the Scheme and possible mitigation measures
- sending a postcard to local people and businesses within the consultation zone
- speaking with local council forums and community / area forums affected or in the vicinity of the Scheme when invited

- where possible and when invited, attend meetings of local community groups affected by the proposal
- the placement of notices in national and local press publications
- advertising the consultation on the Applicant's social media channels
- making the consultation materials freely available to view in hard copy format in publicly accessible venues in the vicinity of the Scheme
- providing a number of ways to submit feedback, including online and in writing.

3.2.4 The Applicant held a non-statutory stage of consultation with local authorities on the draft SoCC from 16 January 2018 to 5 February 2018. This gave an early opportunity to consider the plans and methods proposed to consult the community. The Applicant then formally consulted on the SoCC between 17 January 2020 and 14 February 2020.

3.2.5 Copies of the draft SoCCs the Applicant prepared for the non-statutory consultation and statutory consultations are provided in **Annex C**.

Non-statutory consultation on the draft SoCC

3.2.6 The Applicant carried out non-statutory consultation on the draft SoCC between 16 January 2018 and 5 February 2018. This was to provide local authorities with an early opportunity to give comments on plans to consult the community.

3.2.7 On 15 January 2018, the Applicant sent the draft SoCC by email to:

- Breckland Council
- Broadland District Council
- Cambridge County Council
- East Suffolk Council
- Great Yarmouth Brough Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Mid Suffolk District Council
- Norfolk County Council
- Norwich City Council
- South Kesteven District Council
- South Norfolk Council
- Suffolk County Council
- Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk
- West Sussex County Council

3.2.8 A deadline of 5 February 2018 for comments on the draft SoCC was given, providing 21 days for authorities to provide feedback.

- 3.2.9 A copy of the draft SoCC sent is provided in **Annex C**. Copies of the correspondence sent to local authorities for the non-statutory consultation on the draft SoCC are provided in **Annex D** of this Report.
- 3.2.10 Feedback from Broadland District Council was received on 1 February 2018. A copy of this is provided in **Annex E**.
- 3.2.11 Feedback from South Norfolk Council was received on 5 February 2018. While the Applicant does not have an original copy of the response, the full text from South Norfolk Council's response is provided in **Annex E**.
- 3.2.12 The other authorities consulted did not provide any feedback on the draft SoCC at this stage.
- 3.2.13 **Table 3.1** details the comments received to the non-statutory consultation on the draft SoCC and explains how the Applicant took them into account.
- 3.2.14 As the non-statutory consultation on the draft SoCC for the Scheme was undertaken at the same time as consultation on other Highways England draft SoCCs relating to other A47 projects, the comments below on occasion refer to multiple documents. **Table 3.1** notes the actions taken for the Tuddenham Scheme and its draft SoCC.

Table 3.1 Non-statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities			
Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
Broadland District Council			
General	In general, we feel the Statement provides a clear and transparent summary of how, where and when local communities and other stakeholders will be able to have their say and access information relating to the development of the scheme and how these opportunities will be publicised.	The Applicant noted this.	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.
Paragraph 4.7 – Media s	In terms of publicity media, we feel that more should be made of parish-based facilities (e.g. parish magazines/newsletters, websites, parish notice-boards) as one of the primary means for	The Applicant noted this but did not update the draft SoCC as it had already established a	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.

Table 3.1 Non-statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities			
Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	<p>local residents to learn about how they can engage in the development process. Clerks of the parish councils in question (those directly affected, and those adjoining) should be able to advise on the details of any such media in their parish.</p>	<p>parish council working group to engage parish councils about the Scheme and share information about the scheme. Information was shared with these parish councils at the statutory consultation. The parish councils were also provided a comprehensive suite of statutory consultation documents as they were statutory consultees under s42(1)(a) (including a copy of the s48 notice). As such, they had all of the consultation information necessary to publicise the consultation.</p>	
Appendix 2	<p>Appendix 2 indicates those local authorities directly affected by the schemes, as well as adjoining local authorities. However, we feel that the SoCC should also include a list of the other identified stakeholder bodies to be consulted during the project development,</p>	<p>The Applicant noted this but these stakeholders and groups and organisations would already be identified as section 42 parties</p>	<p>To avoid duplication this list was removed from the draft SoCC.</p>

Table 3.1 Non-statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities			
Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	including parish councils (directly impacted and adjoining), local businesses and local interest groups, as well as wider public, private and third sector bodies.	or via the development of the consultation zone. The properties in the consultation zone included local businesses, as well as residential addresses. Adjoining parish councils likely to be impacted by the Scheme, local interest groups and voluntary sector bodies were added to the section 42 contact list. The Applicant was also part of a working group including directly and indirectly affected parish councils. The Applicant also attended other forums to share information about and discuss the Scheme, including the Norfolk County Council Norwich Weston Link Local Liaison Group, the A47 Taskforce and the A47 Alliance.	

Table 3.1 Non-statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities			
Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
Appendix 1	The identified 'consultation zone' within the SoCC excludes residential areas. Given that the document states that a project summary leaflet and details of exhibitions will be mailed out to residents and businesses within the areas, it doesn't appear that many properties will be in receipt of this information. It is felt that further consideration should be given to the extent of the consultation zones and the extent of leaflet delivery.	The Applicant updated the draft SoCC to address this comment.	A new approach to developing the consultation zone was taken. The Applicant extended the zone and aligned the area to affected parish council boundaries. This zone was provided in the published SoCC.
South Norfolk Council			
General	Overall the Council is supportive of the approach set out in the in the draft Statement of Community Consultation, which provide a clear summary of when and where information about the scheme will be made available, how this will be publicised and how people and organisations will be able ask questions and submit their comments.	The Applicant noted this.	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.
Paragraph 4.7 and Appendix 1	The table of consultation methods the SoCC indicates that leaflets will be delivered to homes and businesses within the identified consultation zone; however, the zone themselves (Appendix 1 in the SoCC) seem to be drawn very tightly and exclude many of the properties closest to the proposed works in	The Applicant noted this and updated the draft SoCC to address this comment.	A new approach to developing the consultation zone for the Tuddenham Scheme was taken. The Applicant extended the zone and

Table 3.1 Non-statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities			
Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	<p>some key settlements, such as Cringleford and Easton within South Norfolk, as well as other settlements in Broadland District. Consequently, it would be more useful and inclusive if the zones were drawn more widely.</p>		<p>aligned the area to affected parish councils boundaries. This area included properties in Broadland District that were in the vicinity of the Scheme. This zone was provided in the published SoCC. For the A47 Tuddenham Scheme, Easton was included in the consultation zone.</p> <p>Cringleford was included in the A47 Thickthorn junction scheme zone.</p>
Paragraph 4.7	<p>The table of consultation methods also indicates the use of local media; currently it is not clear whether the adverts are intended to be placed just in the <i>Eastern Daily Press</i>, or other publications, such as the freely distributed <i>Norwich Extra</i>, which may help reach a wider audience. It would also be useful to include, either in this section or as a separate item, the use of local parish magazines and newsletters, which again are often distributed free to local residents, and parish websites</p>	<p>The Applicant noted these comments and as this section referred to statutory notices, it updated the table entry title to reflect this. The Applicant deemed it not necessary to publish a statutory notice in the <i>Norwich Extra</i> as the <i>Norwich Extra</i> describes</p>	<p>The table entry title in the draft SoCC was updated to reflect this was explaining the publication of statutory notices.</p>

Table 3.1 Non-statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities			
Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	(details should be available via the relevant parish clerks).	<p>itself as ‘the biggest free weekly newspaper in Norwich¹. However, at the statutory consultation it did issue a press release to <i>Norwich Extra</i>, so it could publish information about the statutory consultation and Scheme.</p> <p>The parish councils were provided a comprehensive suite of statutory consultation documents as they were statutory consultees under section 42(1)(a) (including a copy of the section 48 notice). As such, they had all of the consultation information necessary to publicise the consultation.</p>	
Appendix 2	Appendix 2 of the SoCC usefully lists the Local Authorities that will be consulted	The Applicant noted this but these	To avoid duplication this list was removed

¹ Website link: <http://www.norwichextra.com/>

Table 3.1 Non-statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities			
Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	directly, but it would be helpful if a more comprehensive list could be provided, including relevant parish/town councils, local businesses, interest groups, landowners etc, who will also be consulted directly.	stakeholders and groups and organisations would already be identified as section 42 parties or via the development of the consultation zone. The consultation zone included local businesses as well as residential addresses. The Applicant had already also established local working groups separately with interested parties about the Scheme.	from the draft SoCC.
Paragraph 4.7 – Public Information Exhibitions and paragraph 5.1	In terms of the specific venues proposed for exhibitions and information points for consultation material, I would also suggest the following: For the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Dualling, it would be useful to include an exhibition at Easton Village Hall and use the local library, which is in Costessey, as an information point (unless Easton Village Hall can be made available).	The Applicant updated the draft SoCC to address this.	Easton Village Hall was added to the draft SoCC as a location for a public consultation event.

Statutory consultation on draft SoCC

3.2.15 Each local authority within section 43(1) of the PA 2008 was consulted on the detail of the draft SoCC as part of the statutory consultation. The Applicant consulted

Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council, Breckland Council and South Norfolk Council as host local authorities responsible for the areas where the Scheme would be built.

- 3.2.16 The Applicant wrote to Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council, Breckland Council and South Norfolk Council by email on 15 January 2020, requesting comments on the draft SoCC in a formal, statutory consultation beginning on 17 January 2020 and ending on 14 February 2020. Therefore, the authorities were provided with 29 days to provide their comments.
- 3.2.17 Copies of the requests for comment sent to Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council, Breckland Council and South Norfolk Council on Wednesday 15 January 2020 are provided in **Annex D**.
- 3.2.18 A response from Breckland Council was received on 27 January 2020 and 28 January 2020. Copies of the comments are provided in **Annex E**.
- 3.2.19 A response from Broadland District Council was received on 14 February 2020. A copy of this is provided in **Annex E**.
- 3.2.20 A response from South Norfolk Council was received on Friday 14 February 2020. A copy of this is provided in **Annex E**.
- 3.2.21 Norfolk County Council did not provide any comments on the draft SoCC.
- 3.2.22 **Table 3.2** details all of the comments received to the statutory consultation on the draft SoCC and explains how the Applicant took them into account. Broadland District Council's and South Norfolk Council's feedback on the draft SoCC was very similar, however both were submitted separately and the table below reflects this.

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
Breckland Council			
General	The only comment that we would make is in relation to Parish Councils not directly abutting the route or where the route is not travelling through. Those are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lyng Parish Council 	The Applicant added the parish councils to the section 42(1)(a) contact list in response to Breckland	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elsing Parish Council • Swanton Morley Parish Council • Mattishall Parish Council • East Tuddenham Parish Council <p>Whilst it is not considered there needs to be individual postcard consultation outside the zone shown within the document it is suggested that the Clerks of those councils are formally advised of the consultation exercise.</p>	Council's comment.	
General	<p>I am assuming that District Councillors for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Wensum • Dereham Neatherd, and • Mattishall <p>will be advised in writing of the consultation event as will the Chief Executive of Breckland.</p>	The councillors identified are all councillors at Breckland Council. The council will be notified of the consultation as a host local authority under section 42(1)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008). Information provided to the council will include detail about the consultation events.	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.
South Norfolk Council			
General	Thank you for consulting South Norfolk Council on the proposed SoCC. Specific comments on the content of	Feedback provided at earlier stages of consultation on	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	<p>the SoCC are listed below.</p> <p>South Norfolk Council responded to a Highways England consultation on a draft SoCC for the North Tuddenham to Easton Dualling Scheme in February 2018. That draft SoCC related to community consultation that would be taking place during summer 2018. However, the current draft SoCC refers to one previous round of consultation on the scheme, which took place in March/April 2017. There is no reference to the previous draft SoCC from January 2018 or the planned consultation in summer 2018. Presumably this consultation was postponed? It might be helpful to provide a reference, in case there are other stakeholders that are similarly confused.</p>	<p>the draft SoCC was taken into account. Where required, the SoCC was updated to take account of this feedback.</p> <p>Mention of the Applicant's initial plan to hold a statutory consultation for the Scheme is not mentioned in the SoCC because it was deferred and not announced publicly.</p>	
General	<p>Certain phrases within the SoCC, particularly under 'The Project' (pages 2 and 3), are quite technical, particularly for members of the public and would benefit from either re-wording or being defined (perhaps in a glossary).</p> <p>The following terms are examples:</p>	The Applicant acknowledged this comment and updated the draft SoCC.	The language used in the draft SoCC was simplified and technical terms and phrases were replaced.

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'offline dual carriageway' • 'new grade separated junctions' • 'at-grade roundabout' • 'WCH provision' • 'attenuation basins' • 'statutory undertaker infrastructure' • The use of expressions such as '2 No.' and '3 No.' will be confusing to many members of the public. We would suggest using setting out quantities in simple longhand (e.g. 'Two', 'Three'). 		
The Project	The description of the project proposals would be made clearer with the inclusion of a graphical representation. Although the SoCC shouldn't pre-empt the consultation brochure (where the proposals will no doubt be set out in more detail), given that there is a proposals list within the SoCC, it would be beneficial to include an inset map to accompany it.	The Applicant notes this but did not make this amendment, as maps would be provided in the supporting consultation materials provided at the deposit locations, online and at the public consultation events.	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.
The Scheme	The reference to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report in the hyphenated project proposals list is the first reference to this report which is discussed in further detail later on page 3. In addition, it is referred to as	The Applicant acknowledged this comment. However, the SoCC would be published for the public to read at the same time as the PEIR.	The Applicant did not adjust the draft SoCC to say the PIER <i>will</i> be available. It left it to read that the PIER is available to view as part of the

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	<p>though it is currently available, whereas the later reference explains that it will be available for the future consultation. We would suggest the wording of the bullet point is amended to state, <i>'These will be illustrated in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (see below).'</i></p>	<p>Therefore, noting that the PEIR <i>will</i> be available to view would be incorrect.</p>	<p>statutory consultation materials.</p>
<p>Consulting the community – previous comments</p>	<p>In the 'Consulting the community – previous consultation' section (page 4), references are made and a link provided to the Preferred Route Announcement leaflet, available from the HE website. However, this leaflet includes details (and a graphic) of the original route design which has now been updated. It is suggested that there should be a reference with the hyperlink to the fact that the route design proposals in the leaflet are no longer extant.</p>	<p>The Applicant noted this but did not make this amend, as this section of the draft SoCC already made it clear that the Scheme's plans have progressed. It states: 'We've now updated our designs, following our preferred route announcement in August 2017, and would like your views on this updated design as part of our statutory consultation.'</p>	<p>No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.</p>
<p>Consultation events</p>	<p>The list of consultation events and venues on page 7 doesn't include Colton, which is within the consultation zone and where there is a village hall. Has consideration been given to</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledged these comments and included further details about the Norwich city centre</p>	<p>The draft SoCC was updated to state that the Norwich city centre consultation event would be</p>

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	<p>holding an event here? In addition, at which venue will the Norwich city centre exhibition be located? We feel this should be specified.</p>	<p>consultation event venue.</p> <p>To ensure a fair approach to engagement locally, the Applicant decided not to hold consultation events outside of directly affected parish council areas. A consultation event was therefore not held at Colton Village Hall. However, as the area was included in the public consultation zone, local residents would be notified of the consultation and given details about consultation events they could attend.</p>	<p>held at the Assembly House, Theatre Street, NR2 1RQ.</p>
<p>Council and community/ area forum briefings</p>	<p>One of the consultation methods specified in the table on page 8 is 'community / area forum briefings'. Is this referring to pre-established area forums that might already exist, or does it mean co-ordinating a series of 'area forums' for the express purpose of discussing this project? If the former, has Highways England already identified</p>	<p>The Applicant noted this comment. This referred to any existing area forums.</p> <p>The commitment here is about attending any meetings when invited, and the draft SoCC asked</p>	<p>No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.</p>

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Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	<p>relevant community / area forums and, if not, how will it do so?</p>	<p>groups to contact the Applicant if they wish to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>The Applicant continued its ongoing engagement with the Norfolk County Council Norwich Weston Link Local Liaison Group Meeting, the A47 Taskforce and the A47 Alliance. These forums provided the opportunity for the Applicant and local stakeholders to engage on the Scheme's development.</p>	
<p>Statutory notices</p>	<p>Although one of the methods listed on page 8 is the issuing of a 'statutory notice' in national and local media, there is no mention of a more informal press release or press briefings (for example, with the Eastern Daily Press, local TV news etc.).</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledged this comment. It did not commit to securing additional coverage in local media with a press release and press briefings. This is because it cannot guarantee publications will publish information provided to them.</p> <p>The Applicant did however issue a</p>	<p>No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.</p>

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
		press release at the beginning of the statutory consultation.	
Social media	As regards social media channels in relation to the consultation (page 9), can further details be provided? For example, will there be specific social media pages that will publicise the consultation and, if so, what are their addresses? Can local authorities help to spread the word via their own social media channels?	<p>The Applicant acknowledged these comments but, at the time of the consultation on the draft SoCC, was unable to confirm which social media channels would be used for the statutory consultation. Therefore, no specific details were published that could have later been incorrect .</p> <p>The Applicant did go on to share information about the statutory consultation on its @HighwaysEast Twitter page.</p> <p>Local authorities were able to share details about the statutory consultation online.</p>	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
Information available at and details of local display/deposit locations	Where libraries are mentioned as a deposit/display location, it might be helpful if there is a footnote explaining that you need to register your library card to be able to use library buildings under Open Access.	The Applicant noted this comment and included a message in the statutory consultation brochure about contacting local libraries prior to visiting.	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.
Broadland District Council			
General	<p>Thank you for consulting Broadland District Council on the proposed SoCC. Specific comments on the content of the SoCC are listed below.</p> <p>Broadland District Council responded to a Highways England consultation on a draft SoCC for the North Tuddenham to Easton Dualling Scheme in February 2018. That draft SoCC related to community consultation that would be taking place during summer 2018. However, the current draft SoCC refers to one previous round of consultation on the scheme, which took place in March/April 2017. There is no reference to the previous draft SoCC from January 2018 or the planned consultation in summer 2018. Presumably this consultation was</p>	<p>The Applicant noted this comment. Feedback provided at earlier stages of consultation on the draft SoCC was taken into account. Where required, the SoCC was updated to take account of this feedback.</p> <p>The Applicant's initial plan to hold a statutory consultation for the Scheme is not mentioned in the SoCC because it was postponed and not formally announced.</p>	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.

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Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	<p>postponed? It might be helpful to provide a reference, in case there are other stakeholders that are similarly confused.</p>		
General	<p>Certain phrases within the SoCC, particularly under 'The Project' (pages 2 and 3), are quite technical, particularly for members of the public and would benefit from either re-wording or being defined (perhaps in a glossary).</p> <p>The following terms are examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'offline dual carriageway' • 'new grade separated junctions' • 'at-grade roundabout' • 'WCH provision' • 'attenuation basins' • 'statutory undertaker infrastructure' • The use of expressions such as '2 No.' and '3 No.' will be confusing to many members of the public. We would suggest using setting out quantities in simple longhand (e.g. 'Two', 'Three'). 	The Applicant acknowledged this comment.	The language used in the draft SoCC was simplified and technical terms and phrases were removed.
The Project	The description of the project proposals would be made clearer with the inclusion of a graphical representation. Although the SoCC shouldn't pre-empt	The Applicant noted this but did not make this amend, as maps would be provided in the supporting	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.

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	<p>the consultation brochure (where the proposals will no doubt be set out in more detail), given that there is a proposals list within the SoCC, it would be beneficial to include an inset map to accompany it.</p>	<p>consultation materials provided at the deposit locations, online and at the public consultation events.</p>	
<p>The Scheme</p>	<p>The reference to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report in the hyphenated project proposals list is the first reference to this report which is discussed in further detail later on page 3. In addition, it is referred to as though it is currently available, whereas the later reference explains that it <i>will</i> be available for the future consultation. We would suggest the wording of the bullet point is amended to state, '<i>These will be illustrated in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (see below).</i>'</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledged this comment. However, the SoCC would be published for the public to read at the same time as the PEIR. Therefore, noting that the PEIR <i>will</i> be available to view would be incorrect. The Applicant also recognised that highlighting that more information about the PEIR is available in the SoCC would be helpful for readers.</p>	<p>A bold heading was added to the section in the draft SoCC about the PEIR, to separate it from other text and to highlight that there is more detail about the report in the document.</p>
<p>Consulting the community – previous comments</p>	<p>In the 'Consulting the community – previous consultation' section (page 4), references are made and a link provided to the Preferred Route Announcement leaflet, available from the HE website. However, this leaflet includes details (and</p>	<p>The Applicant noted this but did not make an amend, as this section of the draft SoCC already made it clear that the Scheme's plans have progressed. It</p>	<p>No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.</p>

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
	<p>a graphic) of the original route design which has now been updated. It is suggested that there should be a reference with the hyperlink to the fact that the route design proposals in the leaflet are no longer extant.</p>	<p>states: 'We've now updated our designs, following our preferred route announcement in August 2017, and would like your views on this updated design as part of our statutory consultation.'</p>	
<p>Council and community/ area forum briefings</p>	<p>One of the consultation methods specified in the table on page 8 is 'community / area forum briefings'. Is this referring to pre-established area forums that might already exist, or does it mean co-ordinating a series of 'area forums' for the express purpose of discussing this project? If the former, has Highways England already identified relevant community / area forums and, if not, how will it do so?</p>	<p>This referred to any existing area forums.</p> <p>The commitment here is about attending any meetings when invited, and the consultation report asked groups to contact the Applicant if they wish to arrange a meeting.</p>	<p>No amendment was made to the draft SoCC</p>
<p>Statutory notices</p>	<p>Although one of the methods listed on page 8 is the issuing of a 'statutory notice' in national and local media, there is no mention of a more informal press release or press briefings (for example, with the Eastern Daily Press, local TV news etc.).</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledged this comment. It did not commit to securing additional coverage in local media with a press release and press briefings. This is because it cannot guarantee publications will publish information</p>	<p>No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.</p>

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
		<p>provided to them.</p> <p>The Applicant did however issue a press release at the statutory consultation stage.</p>	
Social media	<p>As regards social media channels in relation to the consultation (page 9), can further details be provided? For example, will there be specific social media pages that will publicise the consultation and, if so, what are their addresses? Can local authorities help to spread the word via their own social media channels?</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledged these comments, but at the time of the consultation on the draft SoCC was unable to confirm which social media channels would be used for the statutory consultation.</p> <p>Therefore, no specific details that could have later been incorrect were published.</p> <p>Local authorities were able to share details about the statutory consultation online.</p>	No amendment was made to the draft SoCC.
Information available at and details of local display/deposit locations	<p>Where libraries are mentioned as a deposit/display location, it might be helpful if there is a footnote explaining that you need to register your library card to be able to use library buildings under Open Access.</p>	<p>The Applicant noted this comment and included a message in the statutory consultation brochure about contacting local</p>	

Table 3.2 Statutory draft SoCC consultation with local authorities

Section of draft SoCC:	Suggestion or comment made by local authority:	Regard had to the suggestion:	Amendment to draft SoCC (if applicable):
		libraries prior to visiting.	

3.2.23 A copy of the published SoCC taking account of the comments in **Tables 3.1** and **3.2** is provided in **Annex F**.

3.2.24 As prescribed by section 47(6) of the PA 2008, the Applicant made the SoCC available at locations in the vicinity of the Scheme during the statutory consultation period. Details of the availability of the SoCC in the vicinity of the Scheme are provided in **Table 3.3**.

Table 3.3 Availability of the SoCC in the vicinity of the proposal²

Dates available	Venue	Opening Hours (at time of consultation)
Wednesday 26 February 2020 to Wednesday 8 April 2020	Dereham Library 59 High Street Dereham NR19 1DZ	Monday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Tuesday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Wednesday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Thursday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Friday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Saturday 8am-4pm (staffed 9.30am-4pm) Sunday 10am-4pm (Open Library access only)

² **Section 3.7** of this Report explains why, due to coronavirus, hard copies of materials were not made available during the extended statutory consultation period.

Table 3.3 Availability of the SoCC in the vicinity of the proposal²		
Dates available	Venue	Opening Hours (at time of consultation)
Wednesday 26 February 2020 to Wednesday 8 April 2020	Costessey Library Breckland Road Norwich NR5 0RW	Monday: 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Tuesday: 8am-7pm (staffed 2-7pm) Wednesday: 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Thursday: 8am-7pm (Open Library access only) Friday: 8am-7pm (staffed 2-7pm) Saturday: 8am-4pm (staffed 11am-4pm) Sunday: 10am-4pm (Open Library access only)
Wednesday 26 February 2020 to Wednesday 8 April 2020	Norfolk County Council County Hall Martineau Lane Norwich NR1 2DH	Monday to Friday: 9am-5pm
Wednesday 26 February 2020 to Wednesday 8 April 2020	Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library The Forum Millennium Plain NR2 1AW	Monday to Friday: 8am-10am (Open Library access first floor only) Monday to Friday: 10am-7pm Saturday: 9am-5pm

3.2.25 The Applicant publicised the SoCC's availability in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the Scheme, as prescribed by section 47(6) of the PA 2008. Details of the publication of this notice are included in **Table 3.4**.

3.2.26 A copy of the final SoCC notice as published is provided within **Annex G**.

Table 3.4 SoCC Notice publication date	
Date Published	Newspaper
Wednesday 26 February 2020	<i>Eastern Daily Press</i>

3.3 Section 42 (letters and consultation documents)

- 3.3.1 Section 42 of the PA 2008 requires the applicant to consult with the prescribed consultees (section 42(1)(a)), landowners, those with an interest in the land and those who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim under section 42(1)(d) and relevant local authorities (section 42(1)(b)).
- 3.3.2 Prescribed consultees are defined in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended). This also makes provision through a 'circumstances' test for whether there is a requirement to consult a specific party.
- 3.3.3 Statutory pre-application consultation took place with prescribed consultees, people with land interests, local authorities, members of the public and other consultees under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008. These stakeholders are listed and discussed separately in this Consultation Report.
- 3.3.4 **Annex K** sets out each consultee prescribed in Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended), whether they were included in the consultation, and justification for that inclusion.

Prescribed consultees

- 3.3.5 The Applicant wrote formally to all consultees identified under section 42(1)(a) of the PA 2008, to notify them of the statutory pre-application consultation about the Scheme. The letters were sent on 21 February 2020.
- 3.3.6 The letters provided an overview of the Scheme, summarised the consultation, explained how to provide feedback to the Applicant and stated a consultation period of 26 February 2020 to 8 April 2020. Prescribed consultees were therefore given 43 calendar days consultation period in which to provide feedback to the statutory consultation.
- 3.3.7 A USB containing all the consultation documents was included with each letter to prescribed consultees. This included:
- Consultation brochure
 - Consultation response form
 - Scheme Assessment Report
 - Junction & Sideroad Strategy
 - PEIR
 - PEIR NTS
 - Informal consultation report
 - Consultation postcard
 - Section 48 notice

- Section 47 notice
- Scheme plan
- Statement of Community Consultation

3.3.8 The letter included a link to the Scheme's website (<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>) which also hosted all the consultation documents.

3.3.9 As the Scheme is an EIA development, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, each prescribed consultee received a copy of the section 48 notice with their letter to formally notify them of the Applicant's intent to apply for a DCO as well as a copy of the PEIR and PEIR NTS.

3.3.10 A copy of the letter and details of the enclosures sent to prescribed consultees are provided in **Annex I**.

Local authorities consulted

3.3.11 Section 42(1)(b) of the PA 2008 requires the applicant to consult with the local authorities identified in section 43 of the PA 2008. There are four categories of authority:

- **A** is a neighbouring local authority that shares a boundary with a unitary council or lower-tier district B council within whose area development is situated
- **B** is either a unitary council or a lower-tier district council in which the development is situated – a host local authority
- **C** is an upper-tier county council in which the development is situated – a host local authority
- **D** is either a unitary council or an upper tier county council which shares a boundary with a host 'C' authority – a neighbouring local authority.

3.3.12 Details of the identification of relevant local authorities, including whether they are an A, B, C or D authority, and the criteria for their identification, are included in **Table 3.5**. **Figure 3.6** shows the relationship between the authorities.

Table 3.5 Identification of relevant local authorities

Name	A, B, C or D authority	Criteria for identification
North Norfolk District Council	A	North Norfolk District Council is a neighbouring local authority that shares a boundary with a lower-tier district council (Broadland and Breckland District Councils) within whose area the Scheme is situated
West Suffolk Council	A	West Suffolk Council is a neighbouring local authority that shares a boundary with a lower-tier district council (Breckland District Council) within whose area the Scheme is situated
East Suffolk Council	A	East Suffolk Council is a neighbouring local authority that shares a boundary with a lower-tier district council (South Norfolk Council) within whose area the Scheme is situated
Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk	A	Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk is a neighbouring local authority that shares a boundary with a lower-tier district council (Breckland District Council) within whose area the Scheme is situated
Mid Suffolk District Council	A	Mid Suffolk District Council is a neighbouring local authority that shares a boundary with a lower-tier district council (Beckland and South Norfolk District Councils) within whose area the Scheme is situated
Norwich City Council	A	Norwich City Council is a neighbouring local authority that shares a boundary with a lower-tier district council (Broadland District and South Norfolk Councils) within whose area the Scheme is situated

Table 3.5 Identification of relevant local authorities

Name	A, B, C or D authority	Criteria for identification
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	A	Great Yarmouth Borough Council is a neighbouring local authority that shares a boundary with a lower-tier district council (Broadland District and South Norfolk Councils) within whose area the Scheme is situated
The Broads Authority	A	The Broads Authority is a neighbouring local authority that shares a boundary with a lower-tier district council (Broadland District Council) within whose area the Scheme is situated
Breckland Council	B	Breckland Council is a lower-tier district council in which the Scheme is situated
Broadland District Council	B	Broadland District Council is a lower-tier district council in which the Scheme is situated
South Norfolk Council	B	South Norfolk Council is a lower-tier district council in which the Scheme is situated
Norfolk County Council	C	Norfolk County Council is an upper-tier county council in which the Scheme is situated
Cambridgeshire County Council	D	Cambridgeshire County Council is an upper tier county council which shares a boundary with a host 'C' authority (Norfolk County Council)
Lincolnshire County Council	D	Lincolnshire County Council is an upper tier county council which shares a boundary with a host 'C' authority (Norfolk County Council)
Suffolk County Council	D	Suffolk County Council is an upper tier county council which shares a boundary with a host 'C' authority (Norfolk County Council)

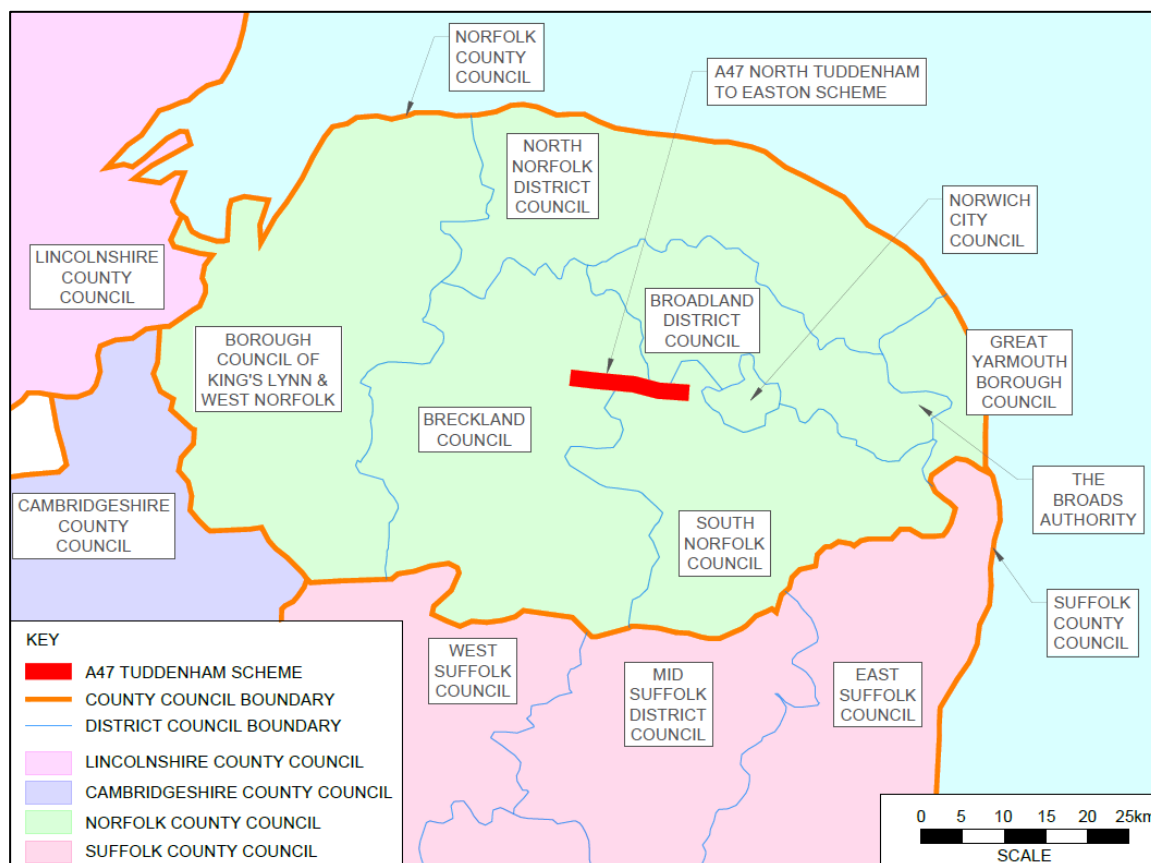


Figure 3.6 Identification of relevant lower tier authorities

- 3.3.13 The Applicant wrote formally to all consultees identified under section 42(1)(b) of the PA 2008, to notify them of the statutory pre-application consultation for the Scheme. The letters were sent on 21 February 2020.
- 3.3.14 The letters provided an overview of the Scheme, summarised the consultation, explained how to provide feedback to the Applicant and stated a consultation period of 26 February 2020 to 8 April 2020. Consultation bodies such as local authorities were therefore given 43 calendar day consultation period in which to provide feedback to the statutory consultation.
- 3.3.15 Host councils received a letter explaining they had been identified as a host authority which the Scheme is situated, for the purposes of section 42(1)(b) of the PA 2008.
- 3.3.16 Neighbouring local authorities received a letter explaining they had been identified as an authority which shares a boundary with a host authority, for the purposes of section 42(1)(b) of the PA 2008.
- 3.3.17 A USB containing all the consultation documents was included with each letter to prescribed consultees. This included:
- Consultation brochure
 - Consultation response form
 - Scheme Assessment Report

- Junction & Sideroad Strategy
- PEIR
- PEIR NTS
- Informal consultation report
- Consultation postcard
- Section 48 notice
- Section 47 notice
- Scheme plan
- Statement of Community Consultation

- 3.3.18 The letter included a link to the Scheme's website (<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>), which also hosted all the consultation documents.
- 3.3.19 As the Scheme is EIA development, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, each local authority received a copy of the section 48 notice with their letter to formally notify them of the Applicant's intent to apply for a DCO as well as a copy of the PEIR and PEIR NTS.
- 3.3.20 Copies of the letters and details of the enclosures sent to local authorities are provided in **Annex I**.

Persons with interests in land

- 3.3.21 Section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008 states that the Applicant must consult each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44. This includes any owner, lessee, tenant or occupier, any person interested in the land or has power to sell, convey or release the land and any person entitled to make a relevant claim (as defined by s44(6) of the PA 2008).
- 3.3.22 The methodology for identifying land interests as defined in section 42(1)(d) and section 44 of the PA 2008 is described further in the Statement of Reasons **(TR010038/APP/4.1)**.
- 3.3.23 A list of land interests consulted (noting their interest in the land) during the statutory consultation phase is provided in the Book of Reference **(TR010038/APP/4.3)**.
- 3.3.24 The Applicant wrote formally to landowners, those with an interest in the land and those who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim under section 42(1)(d) on 21 February 2020.
- 3.3.25 The letters provided an overview of the Scheme, summarised the consultation, explained how to provide feedback to the Applicant and stated a consultation period of 26 February 2020 to 8 April 2020. Prescribed consultees were therefore given 43 calendar days consultation period in which to provide feedback to the statutory consultation.

- 3.3.26 Identified contacts with a Category 1 or Category 2 interest in land were notified in the letter that they had been identified as having a legal interest in or rights over land which may be directly affected by the Scheme.
- 3.3.27 Identified contacts with a Category 3 interest in land were notified that they may be indirectly affected by the Scheme.
- 3.3.28 A USB containing all the consultation documents was included with each letter to prescribed consultees. This included:
- Consultation brochure
 - Consultation response form
 - Scheme Assessment Report
 - Junction & Sideroad Strategy
 - PEIR
 - PEIR NTS
 - Informal consultation report
 - Consultation postcard
 - Section 48 notice
 - Section 47 notice
 - Scheme plan
 - Statement of Community Consultation
- 3.3.29 The letter included a link to the Scheme's website (<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>), which also hosted all the consultation documents.
- 3.3.30 As the Scheme is EIA development, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, each contact received a copy of the section 48 notice with their letter to formally notify them of the Applicant's intent to apply for a DCO.
- 3.3.31 Copies of the Category 1 and 2 and Category 3 letters and details of the enclosures are provided in **Annex I**.

Land interests identified after consultation launch

- 3.3.32 A number of people and organisations with an interest in land were identified after the statutory consultation had launched. This was because new information enabled the Applicant to attribute land to previously unidentified contacts. The numbers consulted and the consultation periods provided are as follows:
- Six Category 1 and 2 parties were sent a letter on 24 March 2020, providing a consultation period from 27 March 2020 to 24 April 2020
 - One Category 1 and 2 and two Category 3 parties were sent a letter on 1 May 2020, providing a consultation period from 4 May 2020 to 1 June 2020
 - One Category 1 and 2 party was sent a letter on 1 June 2020, providing a consultation period from 4 June 2020 to 2 July 2020.

3.3.33 The Applicant consulted these parties under section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008. Each contact received a Category 1 and 2 or Category 3 letter as required, which included the information, consultation materials and a section 48 notice as set out above.

3.3.34 A copy of the letter sent to newly identified land interests is provided in **Annex I**.

3.4 Section 46 (notifying the Secretary of State)

3.4.1 Under section 46 of the PA 2008, the Applicant must notify the Secretary of State of the proposed application and send PINS (on behalf of the Secretary of State) the section 42 consultation documents on or before commencing the section 42 consultation.

3.4.2 The Applicant wrote to PINS on 21 February 2020 to provide the following materials:

- Covering letters for:
 - Section 42(1)(a) Prescribed Consultees
 - Section 42(1)(b) Host Authority
 - Section 42(1)(b) Bordering Authorities
 - Section 42(1)(d) Category 1 and 2 Land Interests
 - Section 42(1)(d) Category 3 Land Interests
- Section 47 (postcard)
- S47 Notice
- S48 Notice
- Statement of Community Consultation
- Consultation Brochure
- Consultation Response Form
- Scheme boundary plan
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report non-technical summary
- Scheme Assessment Report
- Public Consultation Report (non-statutory - August 2018)
- Junction and Sideroad Strategy Report

3.4.3 The Applicant sent a covering letter with these documents, setting out the background to the Scheme, the Applicant's intention to submit an application for a DCO and details about the statutory consultation.

3.4.4 A copy of the letter and enclosed consultation material is provided in **Annex H**.

3.4.5 On 9 April 2020, the Applicant wrote to PINS a second time to notify that, as a result of Government coronavirus restrictions, it had extended the period for receipt of responses to the statutory consultation for the Scheme.

3.5 Section 47 (local community consultation)

3.5.1 The Applicant consulted with the local community in accordance with the SoCC provided in **Annex G**, as prescribed by section 47(7) of the PA 2008.

3.5.2 The Applicant notified the local community about the consultation and provided information by:

- organising public consultation events for people to attend, meet the Applicant's team, view the Scheme proposals and submit their feedback. Details of these events are provided in **Table 3.8**. All of these events took place prior to the first COVID-19 lockdown
- updating the Scheme website at the beginning of the consultation (<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>) to host details about the consultation, an online questionnaire for people to complete and a library of the consultation material that could be downloaded
- writing directly to people living in the vicinity of the Scheme on Friday 21 February 2020, notifying them of the consultation. A consultation postcard was sent to residents and businesses in the consultation zone set out in **Figure 3.7**. The area included 2,817 residential and 70 commercial addresses. A copy of the consultation postcard issued is provided in **Annex J**. The consultation zone included the parish areas of North Tuddenham, Mattishall, Hockering, East Tuddenham, Honingham and Easton, but was also expanded to include all of the village of Colton. The Applicant chose this consultation area because it considered that it was proportionate for the size and complexity of the Scheme
- the publication of the section 47 and section 48 notices in the *Eastern Daily Press* explaining the consultation and how the community could get involved and provide feedback. The section 48 notice was also published in *The Guardian* and the *London Gazette*. The section 47 notice explained the publication of the Statement of Community Consultation and where it could be viewed. A copy of notices as published are provided in **Annex G**
- issuing a press release to local and regional media on Wednesday 26 February 2020. This included details about the Scheme proposals and the Applicant's consultation, including information about public events and how people could have their say. A copy of this is provided in **Annex J**
- making copies of the consultation materials available to view at local places from 26 February 2020 to 8 April 2020. These venues are listed in **Table 3.7**. The materials were:
 - Public consultation brochure and response form
 - Scheme map showing the full area and boundaries of the Scheme
 - PEIR and PEIR NTS
 - Previous public consultation report

- Development Consent Order leaflet, explaining the planning process in more detail.
- Scheme plan
- A display board highlighting materials to visitors and providing details of the statutory consultation

Table 3.7 Public information points	
Location	Opening times (at the time of consultation)
Dereham Library 59 High Street, Dereham, NR19 1DZ	Monday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Tuesday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Wednesday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Thursday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Friday 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Saturday 8am-4pm (staffed 9.30am-4pm) Sunday 10am-4pm (Open Library access only)
Costessey Library Breckland Road, Norwich, NR5 0RW	Monday: 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Tuesday: 8am-7pm (staffed 2-7pm) Wednesday: 8am-7pm (staffed 9.30am-7pm) Thursday: 8am-7pm (Open Library access only) Friday: 8am-7pm (staffed 2-7pm) Saturday: 8am-4pm (staffed 11am-4pm) Sunday: 10am-4pm (Open Library access only)
Norfolk County Council County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH	Monday to Friday: 9am-5pm
Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library The Forum, Millennium Plain, NR2 1AW	Monday to Friday: 8am-10am (Open Library access first floor only) Monday to Friday: 10am-7pm Saturday: 9am-5pm



Figure 3.7: Extent of the consultation zone

3.5.3 In support of consultation with the community, the Applicant prepared the following materials:

- a consultation brochure providing an overview of the proposal and consultation process
- a consultation response form for the public to use to give their feedback to the Applicant
- PEIR
- PEIR NTS
- information boards to display at the public consultation events
- a 3D digital video visualisation of the Scheme proposal to display at the public consultation events
- the SoCC
- a detailed Scheme plan
- a plan showing the proposed red line boundary
- copies of the notices prepared in compliance with section 47 and section 48 of the PA 2008
- the Scheme Assessment Report
- the Junction and Sideroad Strategy Report.

Copies of all materials set out as part of **paragraph 3.5.3** were made available at all consultation events and on the Scheme's website (<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>) during the statutory consultation. With the exception of the 3D digital video visualisation and the information display boards, these materials remain online.

- 3.5.4 Copies of the key materials made available as part of the consultation with the local community are provided in **Annex J**.
- 3.5.5 The PEIR, PEIR NTS, Scheme Assessment Report and Junction and Sideroad Strategy Report are provided on the Scheme's website as they are large documents: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>
- 3.5.6 **Table 3.8** provides details of consultation events undertaken within the local community during the consultation period. Example images taken at the consultation events that illustrate how they were set up are provided in **Annex J**.

Table 3.8 Events undertaken within the local community		
Location	Date and time	Number of visitors
North Tuddenham Village Hall Fox Lane, North Tuddenham, Dereham, NR20 3DH	Thursday 27 February 2020 1pm – 8pm	95
Hockering Village Hall 3 Heath Road, Dereham, NR20 3HT	Friday 28 February 2020 1pm – 8pm	105
East Tuddenham Village Hall Mattishall Road, East Tuddenham, Dereham, NR20 3LR	Monday 2 March 2020 1pm – 8pm	162
Honingham Village Hall 31 Dereham Road, Honingham, Norwich, NR9 5AP	Tuesday 3 March 2020 1pm – 8pm	146
Easton Village Hall Marlingford Road, Easton Norwich, NR9 5AD	Wednesday 4 March 2020 1pm – 8pm	120
Norwich City Centre Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RQ	Saturday 7 March 2020 10am – 4pm	15

- 3.5.7 Consultees were invited to provide feedback by:
- completing an online copy of the consultation response form, on the Scheme's website: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>
 - placing a completed copy of the response form into a response box at one of the public consultation events
 - completing the consultation response form and sending it to this address: Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON.
- 3.5.8 Consultees were invited to contact the project by:
- emailing the Applicant at: A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk
 - calling the Applicant on 0300 123 5000.
- 3.5.9 Evidence that the consultation with the local community adheres with the commitments made in the published SoCC is provided in **Table 3.9**.

Table 3.9 SoCC compliance	
Commitment within the SoCC	Accordance with commitments
<p>Consultation events</p> <p>Highways England will hold consultation events at local venues, where members of the team will be available to answer questions about our proposals. Visitors to the consultation events will be able to submit their consultation responses if they choose to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Tuddenham Village Hall, Fox Lane, North Tuddenham, Dereham, NR20 3DH – Thursday 27 February 2020, 1pm – 8pm • Hockering Village Hall, 3 Heath Road, Dereham, NR20 3HT – Friday 28 February 2020, 1pm – 8pm • East Tuddenham Village Hall, Mattishall Road, East Tuddenham, Dereham, NR20 3LR – Monday 2 March 2020, 1pm – 8pm • Honingham Village Hall 31 Dereham Road, Honingham, Norwich, NR9 5AP – Tuesday 3 March 2020, 1pm – 8pm • Easton Village Hall Marlingford Road, Easton Norwich, NR9 5AD – Wednesday 4 March 2020, 1pm – 8pm • Norwich City Centre Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RQ – Saturday 7 March 2020, 10am – 4pm 	<p>The Applicant held the following consultation events in the vicinity of the Scheme, meeting this commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Tuddenham Village Hall, Fox Lane, North Tuddenham, Dereham, NR20 3DH – Thursday 27 February 2020, 1pm – 8pm • Hockering Village Hall, 3 Heath Road, Dereham, NR20 3HT – Friday 28 February 2020, 1pm – 8pm • East Tuddenham Village Hall, Mattishall Road, East Tuddenham, Dereham, NR20 3LR – Monday 2 March 2020, 1pm – 8pm • Honingham Village Hall 31 Dereham Road, Honingham, Norwich, NR9 5AP – Tuesday 3 March 2020, 1pm – 8pm • Easton Village Hall Marlingford Road, Easton Norwich, NR9 5AD – Wednesday 4 March 2020, 1pm – 8pm • Norwich City Centre Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RQ – Saturday 7 March 2020, 10am – 4pm

Table 3.9 SoCC compliance	
Commitment within the SoCC	Accordance with commitments
<p>Scheme webpage</p> <p>A full summary of the scheme, this SoCC, the consultation brochure, online response form, Preliminary Environmental Information Report and non-technical summary, and a plan showing the extent of the scheme (red line boundary) will be available at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NT-E</p>	<p>The Applicant made the following documents available to view and download on the Scheme website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the Scheme and statutory consultation • Consultation Brochure • Consultation Response Form • SoCC • A47 North Tuddenham to Easton - Scheme Plan • A47 North Tuddenham to Easton - Scheme Boundary Plan • PEIR NTS • PEIR (including a full summary of the scheme) • Junction and Sideroad Strategy Report • Scheme Assessment Report (including the appendices to the Report) • A47 North Tuddenham to Easton - section 47 Notice • A47 North Tuddenham to Easton - section 48 Notice <p>When the Applicant extended the statutory consultation for the Scheme, the consultation extension letter that was sent to consultees was made available to view and download on the Scheme website.</p>

Table 3.9 SoCC compliance	
Commitment within the SoCC	Accordance with commitments
<p>Consultation brochure</p> <p>The consultation brochure contains details of the Scheme and consultation events.</p> <p>Copies of the consultation brochure will be available to view at local deposit locations, on the scheme website, and at the consultation events.</p> <p>The suite of documents will include a Preliminary Environmental Information Report and a non-technical summary (more details below) which will set out environmental impacts and possible mitigation measures – all of which we'd like your views on.</p>	<p>For the statutory consultation, the Applicant created a consultation brochure that contained details of the Scheme and the consultation events. It also included details of the proposed design and how to provide feedback to the Applicant.</p> <p>A copy of the consultation brochure is provided in Annex J.</p> <p>The consultation brochure was made available at the information points locations set out in Table 3.7, and at the consultation events detailed in Table 3.8. The consultation brochure was also made available to view and download on the Scheme website.</p> <p>A PEIR and PEIR NTS were also provided for the duration of the statutory consultation period, and made available at the consultation events, public information points and on the Scheme website.</p> <p>The PEIR and PEIR NTS are still available to view on the Scheme website: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/</p>
<p>Postcards</p> <p>Postcards will be sent to local people living within the consultation zone, but who do not own land affected by the scheme.</p>	<p>On 21 February 2020, the Applicant sent a postcard to all addresses in the consultation zone, including the addresses of local residents and businesses in the consultation zone to notify them of the consultation, to let them know how they could find out more about the Scheme and give their feedback.</p> <p>A copy the postcard issued is provided in Annex J. The consultation zone is shown in Figure 3.7.</p>

Table 3.9 SoCC compliance	
Commitment within the SoCC	Accordance with commitments
<p>Council and community/area forum briefings</p> <p>Where possible, we'll speak to local council forums and community / area forums affected or in the vicinity of our scheme when invited.</p> <p>If you wish to speak to us about this, contact the project team using the details provided below.</p>	<p>The Applicant received no requests to attend local council forums or community and local area forums, and brief members during the consultation period.</p> <p>The Applicant continued its ongoing engagement with the Norwich County Council Norwich Weston Link Local Liaison Group Meeting and the A47 Taskforce. These forums provided the opportunity for the Applicant and local stakeholders to engage on the Scheme's development.</p>
<p>Stakeholder briefings</p> <p>Where possible, we'll attend meetings of local community groups affected by the proposal when invited.</p> <p>If you wish to speak to us about this, contact the project team using the details provided below.</p>	<p>The Applicant received no requests to attend meetings to brief stakeholders during the consultation period.</p> <p>The Applicant however has ongoing engagement with a district council group meeting every other month, and ad-hoc ongoing engagements continued with key statutory stakeholders including environmental organisations. The Applicant also continued engagement with the Norfolk County Council Norwich Weston Link Local Liaison Group, the A47 Alliance and A47 Taskforce.</p>
<p>Statutory notices</p> <p>Statutory notices to publicise the proposed DCO application and the SoCC will be issued: Notice of proposed DCO application will be published once in <i>The Guardian</i> newspaper and once in the <i>London Gazette</i>. It will also be published for two successive weeks in <i>The Eastern Daily Press</i>, which is a local newspaper in circulation in the vicinity of the scheme.</p> <p>A separate notice will also be published in the <i>Eastern Daily Press</i> stating where and when the SoCC can be viewed.</p>	<p>The Applicant published the section 48 notice in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Guardian</i> on 26 February 2020 • <i>The London Gazette</i> 26 February 2020 • <i>The Daily Post</i> on 26 February 2020 and 4 March 2020 <p>The section 47 notice was published in the <i>Eastern Daily Press</i> on Wednesday 26 February 2020.</p>

Table 3.9 SoCC compliance	
Commitment within the SoCC	Accordance with commitments
<p>Social media</p> <p>The public consultation will be advertised on social media channels.</p>	<p>The Applicant published updates about the statutory consultation for the Scheme on its @HighwaysEAST Twitter account (https://twitter.com/highwayseast?lang=en) and its Highways England: East Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/HighwaysEAST/).</p>
<p>Responding to the consultation</p> <p>A consultation response form will be available to help you provide comments on the scheme design. All consultation responses must be made in writing by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing the online response form at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47NTE • Attending a consultation event where you can meet the project team and complete a paper copy of the response form • Picking up a paper copy of the response form at one of our deposit locations which can be posted via freepost to the following address: Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON 	<p>The Applicant created a consultation response form for the statutory consultation.</p> <p>The form was made available online to download and complete and return to the Applicant or to complete online on the consultation website.</p> <p>Paper copies of the response form were also made available at consultation events for people to take away or to complete and submit at the events.</p> <p>Paper copies of the response form were also made available at the public information points specified in Table 3.7. This provided details for how to submit the form via a freepost address.</p> <p>A copy of this is provided in Annex J.</p>

Table 3.9 SoCC compliance	
Commitment within the SoCC	Accordance with commitments
<p>Public information points</p> <p>The documents listed below will be made available for your information and to help inform your consultation response. They will be available to view free of charge at the Public Information Points during the consultation period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation brochure and response form • Scheme map showing the full area and boundaries of the scheme • Preliminary Environmental Information Report and non-technical summary • Previous public consultation report • Development Consent Order leaflet, explaining the planning process in more detail <p>Made available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dereham Library • Costessey Library • Norfolk County Council • Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library 	<p>The Applicant made the following documents available at the public information points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation brochure and response form • Scheme map showing the full area and boundaries of the Scheme • Preliminary Environmental Information Report and non-technical summary • Options consultation report • Development Consent Order leaflet, explaining the planning process in more detail <p>The documents were made available at the following locations from 26 February 2020 to 8 April 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dereham Library • Costessey Library • Norfolk County Council • Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library <p>Section 3.7 of this Report explains why, due to coronavirus, hard copies of materials were not made available during the extended statutory consultation period.</p>

Table 3.9 SoCC compliance	
Commitment within the SoCC	Accordance with commitments
<p>Next steps</p> <p>We will record and carefully consider all responses received during the consultation. We will take them into account when finalising our application prior to submitting it to the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>We will explain our consideration of the consultation responses in a consultation report. This will include a description of how our application was informed by the responses received, and outline any changes made as a result of the consultation. The consultation report forms part of our application to the Planning Inspectorate.</p>	<p>The Applicant has recorded the feedback it received at the statutory consultation for the Scheme.</p> <p>Chapter 4 of this Report provides an overview of the feedback given. Annex N of this Report provides an in-depth account of the responses received during the statutory consultation and how the Applicant has had regard to the responses as well as where responses have led to changes to the design of the Scheme.</p>

3.6 Section 48 (publicity)

- 3.6.1 Section 48 of the PA 2008 imposes a duty on the Applicant to publish a notice of the proposed application in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended).
- 3.6.2 **Table 3.10** includes details of the newspapers used to publicise the proposed application, including national, local and the *London Gazette*.
- 3.6.3 Copies of the newspaper notices as noted in **Table 3.10** are provided in **Annex G**.

Table 3.10 Section 48 newspaper notice publication details		
National newspaper		
Publication	Week 1	Week 2 (local only)
<i>London Gazette</i>	26 February 2020	N/A
<i>The Guardian</i>	26 February 2020	N/A
Local newspaper(s)		
<i>Eastern Daily Press</i>	26 February 2020	4 March 2020

3.7 Consultation extension due to coronavirus

- 3.7.1 On 23 March 2020, the government announced the first nationwide lockdown in order to mitigate the impacts of the coronavirus. The lockdown generally sought to restrict in-person interactions and places and activities that enable such interactions. The impact of the lockdown meant that, for example, the libraries the Applicant used as public information points closed at the end of March 2020, and there was some uncertainty about how best to undertake activity such as submitting hard copy responses during the last two weeks of the original consultation period (26 February 2020 to 8 April 2020).
- 3.7.2 Recognising the impacts of coronavirus and the lockdown measures put in place by the government, the Applicant made arrangements as soon as practicable to extend the statutory consultation period. The extended consultation period gave the community and other stakeholders additional time to consider the proposals presented and provide feedback.
- 3.7.3 The consultation was extended to 30 April 2020, providing an additional 22 days to give feedback to the Applicant.
- 3.7.4 The Applicant's decision to extend the statutory consultation was made prior to the publication of the Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc.) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020. However, the Applicant's activity aligned with the modifications eventually set out in the regulations.
- 3.7.5 The Applicant communicated this extension by:
- issuing a consultation extension letter on 9 April 2020 to consultees prescribed by section 42(1)(a) of the PA 2008
 - issuing a consultation extension letter on 9 April 2020 to authorities identified under section 42(1)(b) of the PA 2008
 - issuing a consultation extension letter on 9 April 2020 to persons with an interest in land identified under section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008
 - issuing a consultation extension letter on 9 April 2020 to residents and businesses in the consultation zone (see consultation zone **Figure 3.7**).
- 3.7.6 A copy of the consultation extension letter sent to consultees is provided in **Annex J**.
- 3.7.7 As noted in **section 3.4** of this Report, the Applicant also communicated the consultation extension to PINS.
- 3.7.8 The consultation materials and the online response form remained freely available on the Scheme's website (<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>) for the duration of the extended consultation period.

3.7.9 Additionally, the Applicant published a notice in the publications noted in **Table 3.11**, to further publicise the extension to the statutory consultation. This noted the extended consultation deadline of 30 April 2020. Copies of the notice as it appeared in the relevant newspapers are provided in **Annex G**.

Table 3.11 Consultation extension newspaper notice publication details	
National newspaper	
<i>London Gazette</i>	22 April 2020
<i>The Guardian</i>	22 April 2020
Local newspaper(s)	
<i>Eastern Daily Press</i>	22 April 2020

3.7.10 In line with government guidance, no face-to-face engagements were organised with stakeholders and the community at this time.

3.7.11 The Applicant held its consultation events prior to government lockdown measures being implemented. Therefore, the Applicant was able to meet its commitment set out in the published SoCC to provide these and the opportunity for people to meet and talk to the Applicant’s team in person.

3.7.12 Due to coronavirus restrictions, public information point venues closed before the end of the initial statutory consultation period. This was highlighted in the consultation extension letter, and consultees were advised that the consultation materials would remain available online. The consultation extension mitigated the impacts of the closure of the information points, the lockdown and the general concerns about the pandemic by allowing additional time for consultees and others to consider the documents online and provide a response to the Applicant.

3.7.13 The extension letter also informed consultees that they could request copies of documents deposited at the public information points to compensate for the closure of the information points.

3.7.14 The extension letter informed consultees that submissions made after 30 April 2020 would be accepted and the public information points would be asked to display the deposit documents for about three weeks after they have re-opened. The Applicant was subsequently informed by the information points that they were unable to allow the public to view deposit documents upon re-opening. Further lockdowns have meant that the information points remain unable to open or function appropriately.

3.8 Protective provisions for statutory undertakers

3.8.1 Discussions are ongoing and it is anticipated that an agreement will be reached with each of the relevant Statutory Undertakers where required prior to the close of examination. **Annex M** of this Report identifies the work undertaken in drafting Protective Provisions.

3.9 Ongoing engagement

3.9.1 Following statutory consultation, the Applicant continued engagement with stakeholders to keep them updated about the Scheme and to discuss technical elements of proposals. This took the form of scheduled meetings, conference calls and email correspondence.

3.9.2 This activity has also helped support the development of Statements of Common Ground. Details of ongoing engagements to develop these and resolve issues with key stakeholders are provided in **Annex M** of this Report.

3.9.3 Organisations met with to discuss the Scheme included:

Statutory bodies

- The Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England
- Affected landowners
- Norfolk County Council including for:
 - De Trunking (fortnightly)
 - Norwich Western Link developments
 - Norfolk County Council Local Liaison Group
- Broadland District Council
- Breckland Council
- South Norfolk Council

Commercial and third parties

- RSPB
- Vattenfall
- Ørsted
- Equinor
- National Grid
- Openreach
- UKPN
- Anglian Water
- Childhood First
- A47 Taskforce
- A47 Alliance
- Food Enterprise Zone

Members of Parliament

- George Freeman MP (Mid Norfolk)
- Jerome Mayhew MP (Broadland)

Parish councils

- East Tuddenham
- Easton
- Hockering
- Honingham
- North Tuddenham
- Barford & Wrampingham
- Barnham Broom
- Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne
- Carleton Forehoe
- Colney
- Costessey Town Council
- Drayton
- Elsing
- Felthorpe
- Great Melton
- Great Witchingham
- Harris
- Hellesdon
- Horsford
- Horsham
- Lyng
- Lyon
- Marlingford & Colton
- Mattishall
- Morton on the Hill
- Ringland
- Soboh
- Taverham
- Weston Longville
- Wicklewood
- Yaxham

3.9.4 The Applicant continued to respond to questions sent to the Scheme's email address (A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk) and to enquiries to its phonenumber (0300 123 5000).

3.9.5 In July 2020, NCC announced the preferred route for their Norwich Western Link³. The Applicant is on the NWL local liaison group to ensure a joined-up approach. From this engagement the risk of traffic passing through Ringland during the period

³ Information of the Norwich Western Link project can be found at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl

between the Scheme opening and NWL opening was explored. As an outcome of this engagement process, the Applicant proposes to apply the following measure if NWL receives planning consent prior to the Scheme commencing construction: a temporary closure of access (exit and entry) to Honingham Lane at the junction with Taverham Road, Weston Road and Telegraph Hill until NWL opens.

3.10 Project update engagement, December 2020

- 3.10.1 On 7 December 2020, the Applicant issued a letter with a project update brochure to local residents, businesses and other addresses in the consultation zone (see **Figure 3.7**) and section 42(1)(a), (b), and (d) consultees. This was to provide an update on the Scheme and set out the changes made by the Applicant to its design since the statutory consultation in early 2020.
- 3.10.2 The Applicant also asked recipients to send it any feedback they may have on the updated proposal by 6 January 2021, therefore providing approximately 30 days (beginning from the day after the day the letter would have been received) to give comments. This was done so the Applicant could make sure it had considered any final comments before it submitted its application for a DCO for the Scheme.
- 3.10.3 The Applicant invited feedback through the following channels:
- By post to Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON
 - By email to A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk
- 3.10.4 An example of the letter and a copy of the project update brochure sent on 7 December 2020 are provided in **Annex L**.
- 3.10.5 The Applicant has responded to the feedback it received in relation to its project update in **Annex O** of this Report.

3.11 Targeted statutory consultation, December 2020

- 3.11.1 As a result of a modification to the Scheme's development boundary, the Applicant identified additional Category 1 and 2 and Category 3 land interests. The Applicant consulted these parties under section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008 between 7 December 2020 to 13 January 2021. This provided a consultation period of approximately 36 days.
- 3.11.2 The Applicant undertook this consultation in the same way it consulted land interests for the statutory consultation. Each newly identified interest received a letter sent by the Applicant on 7 December 2020. The letter provided an overview of their interest, the Scheme and the consultation.
- 3.11.3 The letters also explained how to provide feedback to the Applicant by the deadline of 13 January 2021 using the following channels:
- By post to Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON
 - By email to A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk

- 3.11.4 A USB containing the statutory consultation documents and a section 48 notice were enclosed with each letter. The Applicant also enclosed the project update brochure developed for the engagement set out in **section 3.10** of this Report.
- 3.11.5 Copies of the letters sent are provided in **Annex L** of this Report.
- 3.11.6 The Applicant issued the same documents it developed for its statutory consultation to the newly identified contacts, including the PEIR, as the changes to the development boundary did not significantly alter the Scheme's scale or affects reported in the PEIR.
- 3.11.7 In addition, four further Category 1 and 2 land interests were identified throughout December 2020 and January 2021, and these were also consulted under section 42(1)(d) of the PA 2008. The recipients received the same letter as land interests consulted between 7 December 2020 to 13 January 2020. The consultation period was altered, giving the four consultees adequate time to provide feedback to the Applicant. One consultee was sent a letter setting out a consultation period from 21 December 2020 to 27 January 2021. The further three contacts were sent a letter setting out a consultation period consultation period from 27 January 2021 to 26 February 2021. All consultees were therefore given more than the 28-day consultation period required.
- 3.11.8 The enclosures noted above were also included with these three further letters, ensuring a consistent approach in consulting additional land interests after the statutory consultation period.
- 3.11.9 The Applicant has responded to the feedback it received to the targeted statutory consultation in **Annex O** of this Report.

4 CONSULTATION RESPONSES

4.1 Analysis of responses to the statutory consultation

4.1.1 This chapter provides an overview of responses received to the Applicant's statutory pre-application consultation for the Scheme.

4.1.2 The statutory consultation for the Scheme was initially scheduled to be held from 26 February 2020 to 8 April 2020. Due to the impacts of coronavirus and restrictions on movement imposed by the government, the Applicant extended the statutory consultation to Thursday 30 April 2020. More information about this is provided in section 3.7 of this Report.

4.1.3 The Applicant invited all consultees, including those identified under section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the PA 2008, to submit feedback within the consultation period noted above.

4.1.4 All feedback the Applicant received was saved and logged so it could be analysed and reported on.

4.1.5 Recognising the impacts coronavirus was having on people's lives, the Applicant provided flexibility on the deadline for feedback. The consultation extension letter stated:

"If you know you will want to make representations, but are unable to finalise your comments because you do not have access to the public information points, please tell us before 30 April 2020 that you plan to do so. Ideally please also provide me with a summary of your initial views. We can then consider if we can help you to obtain the additional documents and information you need. We will also know you intend to provide a fuller response once you have been able to complete your inspection of the consultation documents."

4.1.6 Consultees were invited to provide feedback by:

- completing an online copy of the consultation response form, on the Scheme's website: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton-improvement-scheme/>
- placing a completed copy of this form into a response box at one of our public consultation events (held prior to government coronavirus restrictions)
- completing the consultation response form and sending it to this address: Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON.

4.1.7 Feedback was also submitted to the Applicant by email, to the Scheme address A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk. The Applicant accepted and recorded all the feedback that was sent to this account, including both free text submissions and completed consultation response forms.

- 4.1.8 A copy of the consultation response form is provided in **Annex J** of this Report.
- 4.1.9 Response forms submitted by post, email and the online form responses were received, processed and imported into a single database for analysis.
- 4.1.10 Responses which did not follow the format of the response form (such as emails and letters) were integrated with open text responses to question 13 of the response form ('Please provide any other comments you may have about the Scheme') for the purposes of analysis.
- 4.1.11 This section provides a breakdown by question of the feedback the Applicant received in response to its consultation response form. Where a question included a free text response section, a summary of number of comments received by topic is presented in a table. **Annex N** of this Report sets out how the Applicant has had regard to the comments received during the consultation.
- 4.1.12 As consultation response form questions 1 to 5 ask for personal details about the consultee providing feedback, details about those responses are not published in this Report. Analysis therefore begins at the first question about the Scheme: question 6.
- 4.1.13 A total of 419 responses were received during the statutory consultation period. The format in which the responses were received is shown in **Table 4.1**. The number of responses for each respondent type according to the PA 2008 is provided in **Table 4.2**.

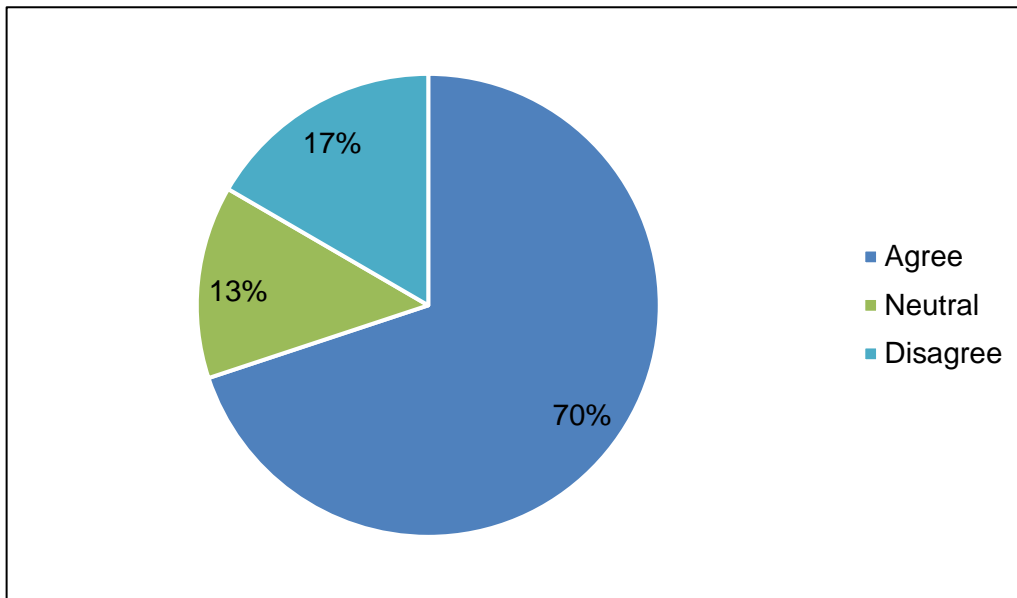
Table 4.1: Consultation responses received	
Response Type	Count
Online response form	220
Hard copy response form or letter	122
Email	77
Total:	419

Table 4.2: Respondent type	
Type	Count
Prescribed consultees (section 42 and section 43)	33
Persons with an interest in land (section 44)	48
Public (section 47 and section 48)	338
Total:	419

Question 6: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to make the A47 a dual carriageway between North Tuddenham and Easton?

- 4.1.14 This question provided a series of tick box options (6a) and an area to write any free text comments (6b).
- 4.1.15 **Figure 4.1** presents a summary of responses to the tick box options, and **Table 4.3** summarises the free text box responses.

Figure 4.1 – Response to question 6a. ‘Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to make the A47 a dual carriageway between North Tuddenham and Easton?’



- 4.1.16 Most respondents (244) to question 6a agreed with the proposal to make the A47 a dual carriageway between North Tuddenham and Easton. A smaller number of respondents (58) disagreed, while the least number of respondents (37) remained neutral.

Table 4.3 – Summary of free text responses to question 6b: ‘Please give the reason for your answer:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Consultation	18
Concern, info/materials, brochure/maps	2
Concern, info/materials, inaccessible	1

Table 4.3 – Summary of free text responses to question 6b: ‘Please give the reason for your answer:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, info/materials, other - misleading/vague	1
Concern, process, communication	1
Concern, process, covid19	7
Concern, process, general	1
Suggestion, info/material	2
Suggestion, process, further engagement	1
Suggestion, process, general	1
Support, process, general	1
Dual carriageway	487
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	1
Concern, design/safety, design, cost	11
Concern, design/safety, design, journey time	3
Concern, design/safety, design, land take	7
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	1
Concern, design/safety, design, location	2
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	12
Concern, design/safety, safety	5
Concern, environment, air quality	3
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	9
Concern, environment, noise	2
Concern, general	2
Concern, people/communities, access	3
Concern, people/communities, compensation	1
Concern, people/communities, general	3
Concern, people/communities, property value	1

Table 4.3 – Summary of free text responses to question 6b: ‘Please give the reason for your answer:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, traffic/congestion, effectiveness	4
Concern, traffic/congestion, encourage traffic growth	12
Concern, traffic/congestion, general	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, dual existing road	4
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	4
Suggestion, design/safety, design, other improvements	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, speed limit/signage	5
Suggestion, design/safety, design, transport assessment	1
Suggestion, traffic/congestion	3
Support, design/safety, design, general	6
Support, design/safety, design, journey time	17
Support, design/safety, safety	109
Support, environment, air quality	8
Support, environment, general	2
Support, environment, noise	3
Support, general	25
Support, people/communities, access	5
Support, people/communities, general	11
Support, people/communities, local economy	12
Support, traffic/congestion, effectiveness	56
Support, traffic/congestion, existing road issues	106
Support, traffic/congestion, general	4
Support, traffic/congestion, traffic decrease elsewhere	20
General comments on the proposed Scheme	86
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	5

Table 4.3 – Summary of free text responses to question 6b: ‘Please give the reason for your answer:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, design/safety, design, cost	4
Concern, design/safety, design, land take	1
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	2
Concern, design/safety, design, park & ride	1
Concern, Norwich Western Link	14
Concern, people/communities, access	1
Concern, people/communities, Ringland	2
Concern, traffic/congestion, construction, disruption	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, construction, timescale	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, effectiveness	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	2
Suggestion, alternative transport	14
Suggestion, design/safety, design, cost	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	1
Suggestion, people/communities, not affected	2
Suggestion, traffic/congestion	1
Support, design/safety, safety	28
Support, people/communities, local economy	2
Support, traffic/congestion	2
Improving connections for WCH	3
Support, design/safety, safety	3
Location	122
Colton	2
Dereham	16
Easton	25
Hockering	9

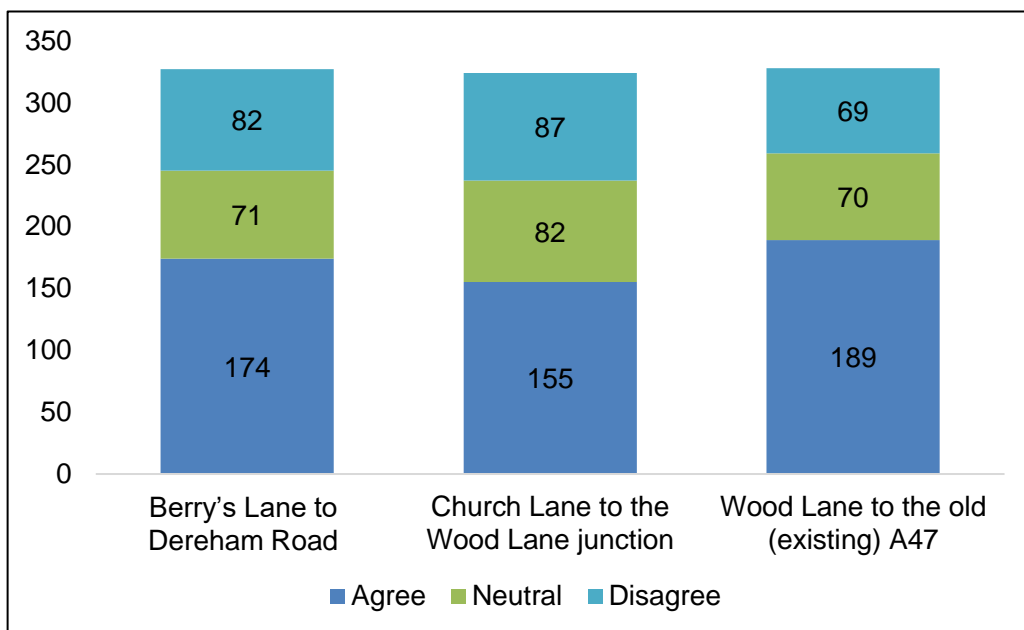
Table 4.3 – Summary of free text responses to question 6b: ‘Please give the reason for your answer:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Honingham	16
King’s Lynn	3
Mattishall	9
North Tuddenham	3
Norwich	24
Peterborough	3
Ringland	4
Scarning	1
Tuddenham	3
Yarmouth	4
Norwich Road junction	4
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	1
Concern, design/safety, design, cost	1
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	1
Concern, design/safety, safety	1
Other	7
No comment	3
Refer to other consultation	2
Respondent context	2
Preliminary Environmental Information Report	103
Concern, biodiversity, general	12
Concern, biodiversity, habitat	21
Concern, biodiversity, river Tud	4
Concern, biodiversity, wildlife	7
Concern, flooding/drainage, general	1
Concern, landscape/visual, general	3

Table 4.3 – Summary of free text responses to question 6b: ‘Please give the reason for your answer:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, landscape/visual, land take	2
Concern, noise/air/light, air quality	12
Concern, noise/air/light, noise	5
Concern, PEIR, climate	32
Concern, PEIR, mitigation measures	1
Support, PEIR, climate	1
Support, PEIR, info/materials	2
Wood Lane junction	8
Concern, design/safety, safety	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, increase traffic elsewhere	1
Support, design/safety, design, Norwich Western Link	1
Support, design/safety, safety	3
Support, people/communities	1
Support, traffic/congestion	1
Wood Lane side road connection	7
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, design/safety, design, location	1
Concern, Church Lane, traffic/congestion	5
Suggestion, Church Lane, design/safety, design	1

Question 7: Do you agree or disagree with the following proposed side road connections at the Wood Lane junction:

- 4.1.17 The question also provided a series of tick box options (7a, 7b and 7c) and an area to write any free text comments (7d).
- 4.1.18 **Figure 4.2** presents a summary of responses to the tick box options and, **Table 4.4** summarises the free text box responses.

Figure 4.2 – Response to Question 7a to 7c ‘Do you agree or disagree with the following proposed side road connections at the Wood Lane junction:’



- 4.1.19 Overall, most respondents agreed with the proposed side road connections at the Wood Lane junction. It is necessary to note that each option received slightly different numbers of responses: Berrys Lane to Dereham Road received 327 responses; Church Lane to the Wood Lane junction received 324; and Wood Lane to the old (existing) A47 received 328.
- 4.1.20 The connection from Wood Lane to the old (existing) A47 received the most support from respondents, with 58% of respondents (189 out of 328) expressing agreement. In contrast, when asked about the connection from Church Lane to the Wood Lane junction, 48% of respondents (155 out of 324) expressed support.

Table 4.4 – Summary of free text responses to Question 7d ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Wood Lane junction:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Consultation	13
Concern, events, staff	1
Concern, info/materials, brochure/maps	4
Concern, info/materials, questionnaire	1
Concern, process, communication	2
Concern, process, covid19	1
Concern, process, predetermination	1
Concern, process, further engagement	3
Dual carriageway	1
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	1
Concern, design/safety, design, land take	2
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	2
Concern, design/safety, safety	1
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	1
Concern, environment, noise	1
Concern, general	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, dual existing road	2
General comments on proposed Scheme	26
Concern, design/safety, design, cost	1
Concern, general	2
Concern, Norwich Western Link	14
Concern, people/communities, general	1
Suggestion, alternative transport	2
Suggestion, Norwich Western Link	1
Suggestion, people/communities, not affected	1

**Table 4.4 – Summary of free text responses to Question 7d
 ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding
 the proposed side road connections and the Wood Lane
 junction:’**

Theme	Frequency of comment
Suggestion, people/communities, unable to comment	3
Support, design/safety, design	1
Improvements for WCH	1
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	1
Keep sections of the existing A47	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, keep whole A47 open	1
Support, general	1
Support, people/communities, access	1
Location	44
Barnham Broom	1
Carleton Forehoe	1
Dereham	1
East Tuddenham	6
Easton	1
Hockering	3
Honingham	6
Mattishall	4
Morton on the Hill	2
North Tuddenham	1
Norwich	2
Ringland	5
Taverham	2
Weston Longville	1
Wymondham	6
Yarmouth	1

Table 4.4 – Summary of free text responses to Question 7d ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Wood Lane junction:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Norwich Road junction	6
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	1
Concern, environment, biodiversity	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	1
Support, design/safety, safety	2
Support, traffic/congestion, general	1
Norwich side road connection	2
Concern, Blind Lane, people/communities	1
Suggestion, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, road closure	1
Other	12
Editor's note	5
No comment	7
Preliminary Environmental Information Report	8
Concern, biodiversity, habitat	1
Concern, biodiversity, wildlife	1
Concern, landscape/visual, general	2
Concern, PEIR, climate	3
Suggestion, biodiversity, wildlife	1
Wood Lane junction	226
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	26
Concern, design/safety, design, land take	21
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	13
Concern, design/safety, design, location	16
Concern, design/safety, design, Norwich Western Link	25
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	5
Concern, design/safety, design, safety	2

Table 4.4 – Summary of free text responses to Question 7d ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Wood Lane junction:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, environment, biodiversity	5
Concern, environment, general	4
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	7
Concern, general	1
Concern, people/communities, access	5
Concern, people/communities, general	5
Concern, traffic/congestion, general	3
Concern, traffic/congestion, increase traffic elsewhere	8
Concern, traffic/congestion, rat running	8
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	12
Suggestion, design/safety, design, location	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, speed limit/signage	11
Suggestion, design/safety, design, underpass	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, WCH route	3
Suggestion, traffic/congestion	4
Support, design/safety, design, layout	11
Support, design/safety, design, Norwich Western Link	3
Support, design/safety, safety	8
Support, general	8
Support, people/communities	2
Support, traffic/congestion	5
Wood Lane side road connection	82
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, design/safety, design, layout	2
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road,	1

**Table 4.4 – Summary of free text responses to Question 7d
‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding
the proposed side road connections and the Wood Lane
junction:’**

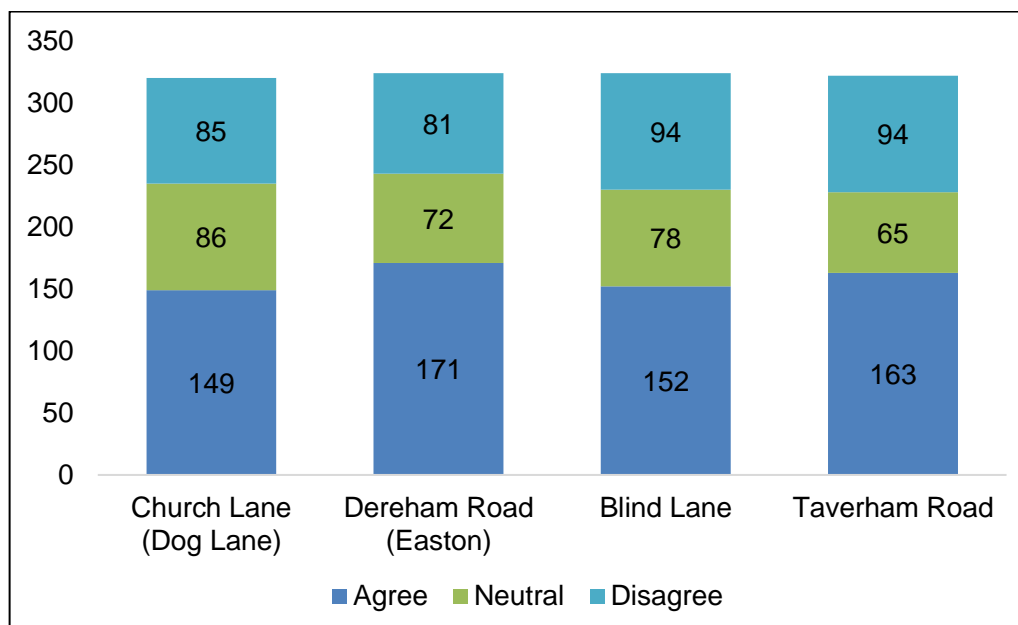
Theme	Frequency of comment
design/safety, design, safety	
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, people/communities	3
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, traffic/congestion, general	6
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	21
Concern, Church Lane, design/safety, design, land take	1
Concern, Church Lane, design/safety, design, layout	2
Concern, Church Lane, design/safety, design, unnecessary	6
Concern, Church Lane, design/safety, safety	2
Concern, Church Lane, environment, flooding/drainage	2
Concern, Church Lane, environment, landscape/visual	1
Concern, Church Lane, environment, wildlife	1
Concern, Church Lane, people/communities, access	6
Concern, Church Lane, people/communities, anti-social behaviour	1
Concern, Church Lane, people/communities, general	2
Concern, Church Lane, traffic/congestion	4
Concern, old (existing) A47, traffic/congestion	2
Suggestion, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, design/safety, design	6
Suggestion, Church Lane, design/safety, design	1
Support, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, design/safety, design	2
Support, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, people & communities, access	2
Support, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, people & communities, local economy	1

Table 4.4 – Summary of free text responses to Question 7d ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Wood Lane junction:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Support, Church Lane, design/safety, design	4
Support, Church Lane, people & communities	1
Support, old (existing) A47, people & communities	2

Question 8: ‘Do you agree or disagree with the following proposed side road connections at the Norwich Road junction?’

- 4.1.21 This question provided a series of tick boxes options (8a, 8b, 8c and 8d) and an area to write any free text comments (8e).
- 4.1.22 **Figure 4.3** presents a summary of responses to the tick box options and **Table 4.5** summarises the free text box responses.

Figure 4.3 – Response to question 8a to 8d. ‘Do you agree or disagree with the following proposed side road connections at the Norwich Road junction?’



- 4.1.23 Overall, many respondents agreed with the proposed side road connections at the Norwich Road junction. It is necessary to note that each option received slightly

different numbers of responses: Church Lane (Dog Lane) - 320; Dereham Road (Easton) - 324; Blind Lane - 324; Taverham Road - 322.

4.1.24 Amongst those who responded, the 'Dereham Road (Easton)' option received the most support amongst all the side road connections, with 53% of respondents (171 out of 324) expressing agreement. In contrast, the connections on Church Lane (Dog Lane) and Blind Lane, received the least support from respondents, with 47% (149 out of 320 and 152 out of 324 respectively) expressing agreement in each case.

Table 4.5 – Summary of free text responses to Question 8e: 'Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Norwich Road junction:'	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Consultation	19
Concern, events, general	1
Concern, info/materials, brochure/maps	9
Concern, info/materials, questionnaire	1
Concern, process, covid19	1
Concern, process, promotion	1
Suggestion, process, further engagement	4
Suggestion, process, promotion	1
Support, info/materials	1
Dual carriageway	15
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	1
Concern, design/safety, safety	1
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	1
Concern, general	5
Concern, people/communities, compensation	1
Concern, people/communities, impact on business	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, dual existing road	1
Suggestion, people/communities, access	1
Support, general	3
General comments on proposed Scheme	22

Table 4.5 – Summary of free text responses to Question 8e: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Norwich Road junction:’

Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	1
Concern, general	2
Concern, people/communities, access	1
Concern, people/communities, Ringland	2
Suggestion, alternative transport	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, cost	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, speed limit/signage	4
Suggestion, design/safety, safety	1
Suggestion, Norwich Western Link	4
Suggestion, people/communities, unable to comment	4
Improve connections for WCH	1
Suggestion, design/safety, safety	1
Keep sections of the existing A47	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, keep whole A47 open	1
Location	168
Barford	1
Bowthorpe	1
Colton	3
Costessey	3
Dereham	4
Drayton	5
East Tuddenham	1
Easton	56
Great Yarmouth	1
Hockering	3
Honingham	16

Table 4.5 – Summary of free text responses to Question 8e: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Norwich Road junction:’

Theme	Frequency of comment
King's Lynn	2
Little Fransham	1
Marlingford	2
Mattishall	5
Morton on the Hill	2
Necton	1
North Tuddenham	1
Norwich	6
Peterborough	1
Ringland	29
Taverham	21
Wendling	1
Weston Longville	1
Wymondham	1
Norwich Road junction	254
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	14
Concern, design/safety, design, design, cost	5
Concern, design/safety, design, design, land take	12
Concern, design/safety, design, design, layout	12
Concern, design/safety, design, design, location	14
Concern, design/safety, design, design, unnecessary	12
Concern, design/safety, design, design, WCH	3
Concern, design/safety, safety	11
Concern, environment, air quality	3
Concern, environment, biodiversity	5

Table 4.5 – Summary of free text responses to Question 8e: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Norwich Road junction:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	16
Concern, environment, noise	2
Concern, general	8
Concern, people/communities, access	15
Concern, people/communities, general	5
Concern, traffic/congestion, general	6
Concern, traffic/congestion, rat running	12
Concern, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	5
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	4
Suggestion, design/safety, design, location	24
Suggestion, design/safety, design, speed limit/signage	6
Suggestion, design/safety, design, underpass	7
Suggestion, design/safety, design, use existing A47	5
Suggestion, environment	1
Support, design/safety, design, layout	11
Support, design/safety, design, location	2
Support, design/safety, design, WCH	1
Support, design/safety, safety	8
Support, general	3
Support, people/communities, access	13
Support, people/communities, local economy	1
Support, traffic/congestion, general	2
Support, traffic/congestion, traffic decrease elsewhere	6
Norwich Road junction side road connection	131
Concern, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, layout	3

Table 4.5 – Summary of free text responses to Question 8e: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Norwich Road junction:’

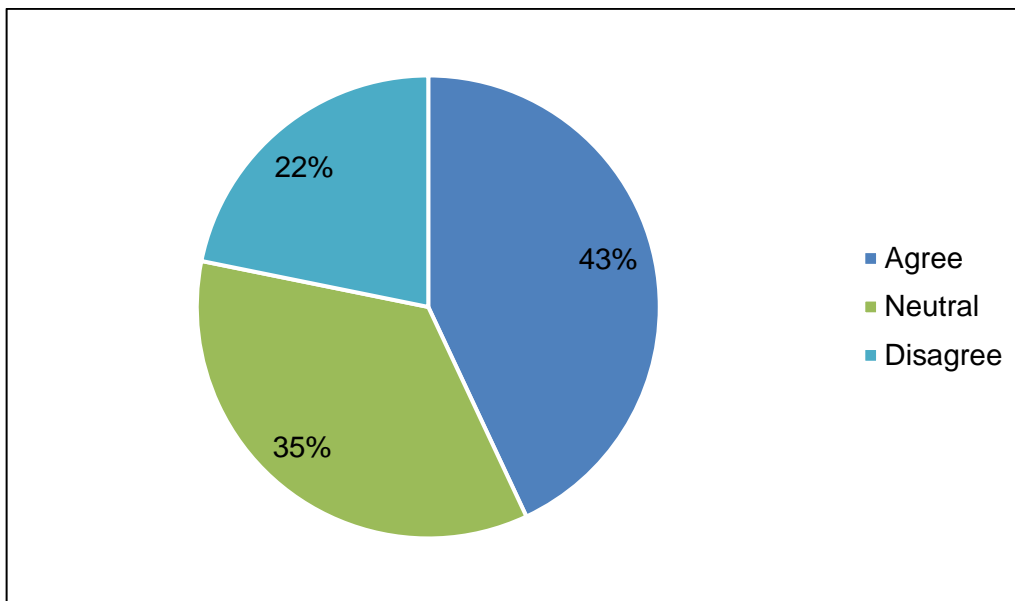
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, road closure	7
Concern, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, unnecessary	2
Concern, Blind Lane, people/communities	2
Concern, Blind Lane, traffic/congestion, general	3
Concern, Blind Lane, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	2
Concern, Church Lane (Dog lane), design/safety, design, layout	2
Concern, Church Lane (Dog lane), design/safety, design, location	1
Concern, Church Lane (Dog lane), design/safety, design, unnecessary	2
Concern, Church Lane (Dog lane), traffic/congestion	6
Concern, Dereham Road (Easton), design/safety, design, layout	1
Concern, Dereham Road (Easton), design/safety, design, location	3
Concern, Dereham Road (Easton), design/safety, design, unnecessary	1
Concern, Dereham Road (Easton), traffic/congestion	2
Concern, Taverham Road, design/safety, design, layout	9
Concern, Taverham Road, design/safety, design, location	2
Concern, Taverham Road, design/safety, design, unnecessary	2
Concern, Taverham Road, design/safety, safety	5
Concern, Taverham Road, traffic/congestion, general	2
Concern, Taverham Road, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	30
Suggestion, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, layout	4
Suggestion, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, road closure	12
Suggestion, Taverham Road, design/safety, design, A47 link	5

Table 4.5 – Summary of free text responses to Question 8e: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the proposed side road connections and the Norwich Road junction:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Suggestion, Taverham Road, design/safety, design, layout	7
Suggestion, Taverham Road, design/safety, design, road closure	13
Support, Blind Lane, design/safety, design	3
Other	15
No comment	11
Personal details	3
Respondent context	1
Preliminary Environmental Information Report	4
Concern, biodiversity, general	1
Concern, biodiversity, habitat	1
Concern, PEIR, climate	1
Suggestion, noise/air/light, noise	1
Wood Lane junction	5
Concern, design/safety, design, location	1
Concern, design/safety, design, Norwich Western Link	1
Concern, general	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, increase traffic elsewhere	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, location	1
Wood Lane side road connection	12
Concern, Church Lane, design/safety, design, land take	3
Concern, Church Lane, design/safety, design, unnecessary	2
Concern, Church Lane, design/safety, safety	2
Concern, Church Lane, environment, flooding/drainage	2
Concern. Church Lane. traffic/congestion	2
Support. Berrys Lane to Dereham Road. people & communities, access	1

Question 9: Do you agree or disagree that the proposals will improve connections for walking, cycling and horse riding?

4.1.25 This question provided a of tick box option (9a) and an area to write any free text comments (9b). **Figure 4.4** presents a summary of responses to the tick box option and **Table 4.6** summarises the free text box responses.

Figure 4.4 – Response to question 9a. ‘Do you agree or disagree that the proposals will improve connections for walking, cycling and horse riding?’



4.1.26 Many respondents to question 9 (142) agreed that the proposals will improve connections for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. 116 respondents remained neutral and 72 disagreed.

Table 4.6 – Summary of free text responses to question 9b: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the walking, cycling and horse riding proposals:’

Theme	Frequency of comment
Consultation	7
Concern, info/materials, brochure/maps	3
Concern, info/materials, other - misleading/vague	1
Concern, info/materials, questionnaire	2
Support, info/materials	1
Dual carriageway	6

Table 4.6 – Summary of free text responses to question 9b: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the walking, cycling and horse riding proposals:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, general	4
Concern, people/communities, access	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, encourage traffic growth	1
General comments on proposed Scheme	9
Norwich Western Link	2
Concern, people/communities, general	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	2
Suggestion, Norwich Western Link	2
Suggestion, people/communities, unable to comment	2
Improve connections for WCH	239
Concern, design/safety, design, cost	3
Concern, design/safety, design, general	4
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	8
Concern, design/safety, design, location	9
Concern, design/safety, design, underpass	4
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	21
Concern, design/safety, safety	15
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	6
Concern, environment, noise	2
Concern, people/communities, access	29
Concern, people/communities, anti-social behaviour	10
Concern, people/communities, maintenance	4
Suggestion, design/safety, design, general	4
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	15
Suggestion, design/safety, design, underpass	15
Suggestion, design/safety, safety	1

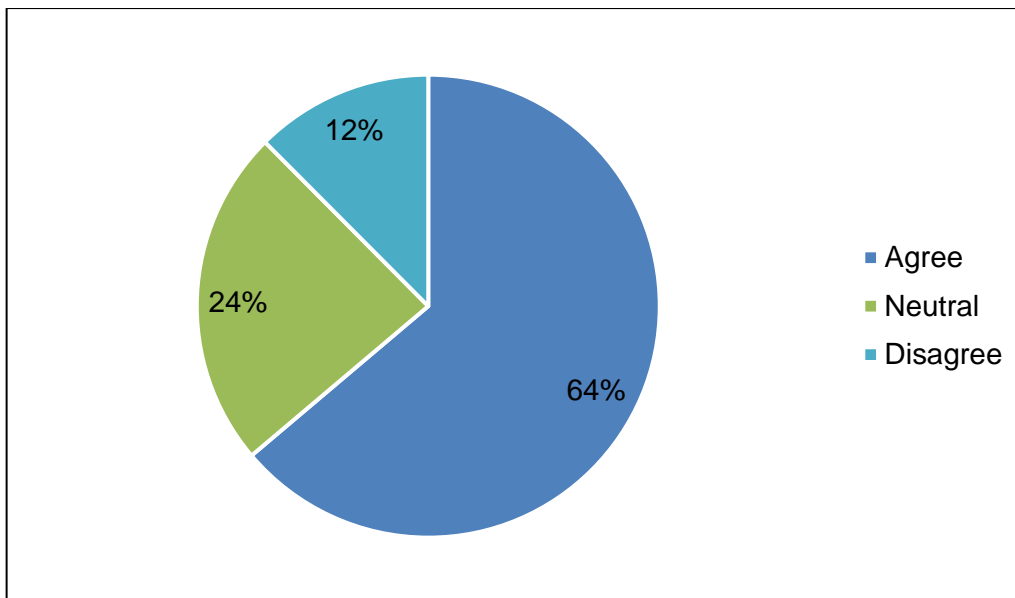
Table 4.6 – Summary of free text responses to question 9b: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the walking, cycling and horse riding proposals:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Suggestion, people/communities, access	3
Support, design/safety, design, general	4
Support, design/safety, design, independent of the scheme	19
Support, design/safety, design, layout	4
Support, design/safety, design, new route	2
Support, design/safety, design, underpass	3
Support, design/safety, safety	9
Support, general	30
Support, people/communities, access	11
Support, people/communities, general	3
Support, traffic/congestion	1
Keep sections of the existing A47	9
Concern, design/safety, safety	1
Concern, traffic/congestion	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, keep whole A47 open	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, segregation measure	2
Support, general	1
Support, people/communities, access	1
Location	81
Bowthorpe	1
Costessey	1
Dereham	2
East Tuddenham	2
Easton	20
Hethersett	1

Table 4.6 – Summary of free text responses to question 9b: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding the walking, cycling and horse riding proposals:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Hockering	17
Honingham	15
Ipswich	1
Mattishall	7
Norwich	7
Ringland	4
Taverham	2
Wymondham	1
Norwich Road junction	2
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	1
Concern, design/safety, design, location	1
Norwich Road junction side road connection	1
Concern, Taverham Road, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	1
Other	10
No comment	9
Process request	1
Preliminary Environmental Information Report	4
EI - Concern, biodiversity, general	1
EI - Suggestion, PEIR, info/materials	1
EI - Support, PEIR, climate	2
Wood Lane junction	1
Concern, design/safety, safety	1
Wood Lane side road connection	2
Concern, Church Lane, design/safety, design, layout	2
Concern, old (existing) A47, traffic/congestion	2

Question 10: Do you agree or disagree with the proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and walking, cycling, and horse riding?

- 4.1.27 This question provided a tick box option (10a) and an area to write any free text comments (10b).
- 4.1.28 **Figure 4.5** presents a summary of responses to the tick box option and **Table 4.7** summarises the free text box responses.

Figure 4.5 – Response to question 10a. Do you agree or disagree with the proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and walking, cycling, and horse riding?



- 4.1.29 The majority of respondents (210) agreed with the proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and WCH. 41 respondents disagreed with the proposals and 78 remained neutral.

Table 4.7 – Summary of free text responses to question 10b: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and walking, cycling and horse riding.’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Consultation	7
Concern, info/materials, questionnaire	4

Table 4.7 – Summary of free text responses to question 10b: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and walking, cycling and horse riding:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, process, predetermination	2
Suggestion, process, general	1
Dual carriageway	7
Concern, design/safety, design, land take	1
Concern, general	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, dual existing road	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, transport assessment	1
General comments on proposed Scheme	8
Concern, people/communities, access	3
Concern, traffic/congestion, effectiveness	1
Suggestion, alternative transport	3
Suggestion, people/communities, unable to comment	1
Improve connections for WCH	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	2
Support, traffic/congestion	1
Keep sections of the existing A47	204
Concern, design/safety, design	3
Concern, design/safety, safety	14
Concern, environment	3
Concern, people/communities, access	4
Concern, people/communities, anti-social behaviour	11
Concern, people/communities, general	1
Concern, people/communities, unnecessary	7
Concern, traffic/congestion	8
Suggestion, design/safety, design, keep whole A47 open	10

Table 4.7 – Summary of free text responses to question 10b: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and walking, cycling and horse riding:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	8
Suggestion, design/safety, design, parking	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, segregation measure	18
Suggestion, design/safety, design, underpass	4
Suggestion, design/safety, design, WCH	6
Suggestion, design/safety, safety	6
Suggestion, environment, air quality	1
Suggestion, environment, landscape/visual	7
Suggestion, environment, noise	1
Suggestion, people/communities, access	4
Suggestion, people/communities, prevent misuse	8
Suggestion, traffic/congestion, general	3
Support, design/safety, design	1
Support, design/safety, safety	8
Support, general	22
Support, people/communities, access	23
Support, people/communities, local amenity	10
Support, traffic/congestion	12
Location	43
Dereham	2
East Tuddenham	1
Easton	7
Hockering	7
Honingham	13

Table 4.7 – Summary of free text responses to question 10b: ‘Please provide any further comments you may have regarding proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and walking, cycling and horse riding:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Mattishall	7
Norwich	3
Ringland	2
Taverham	1
Norwich Road junction	3
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, rat running	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, location	1
Other	15
No comment	15
Preliminary Environmental Information Report	2
Concern, landscape/visual, land take	1
Concern, PEIR, climate	1
Wood Lane junction	2
Concern, design/safety, safety	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	1

Question 11: Do you agree or disagree with the proposed environmental mitigation that is outlined in the *Preliminary Environmental Information Report*?

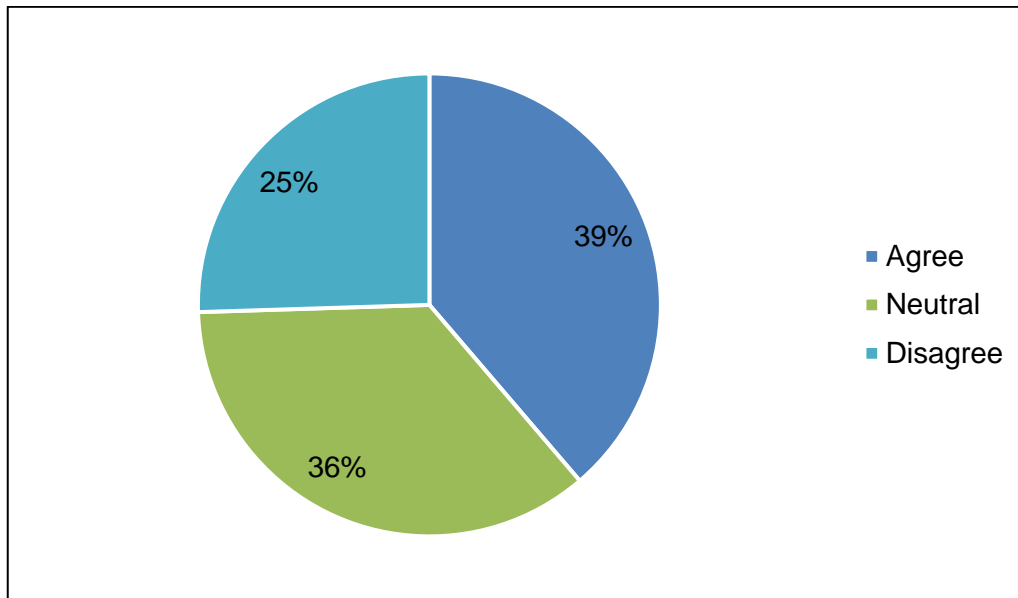
4.1.30 This question provided a tick box response option. **Figure 4.6** summarises response to this.

4.1.31 In the consultation response form, question 11 also provided the following explanatory text:

A Preliminary Environmental Information Report has been produced as part of the consultation: a non-technical summary version is also available. These documents outline the potential environmental impacts of the scheme and our proposed mitigation solutions. Both of these documents can be viewed on the scheme webpage, at public events and at public information points listed in the consultation

brochure.

Figure 4.6 – Response to question 11. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed environmental mitigation that is outlined in the *Preliminary Environmental Information Report*?



4.1.32 117 respondents agreed with the proposed environmental mitigation outlined in the PEIR. A slightly lower number of respondents (108) were neutral, while 77 respondents expressed disagreement.

Question 12: ‘Please provide your reason and any further comments you may have regarding the *Preliminary Environmental Information Report*:’

4.1.33 This question provided an area to write any free text comments. **Table 4.8** summarises the themes raised in the free text responses.

Table 4.8 – Summary of free text responses to question 12: ‘Please provide your reason and any further comments you may have regarding the <i>Preliminary Environmental Information Report</i>:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Consultation	4
Concern, events, general	1
Concern, process, 2017 proposals	3
Dual carriageway	34

Table 4.8 – Summary of free text responses to question 12: ‘Please provide your reason and any further comments you may have regarding the <i>Preliminary Environmental Information Report</i>:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, design/safety, design, land take	9
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	4
Concern, design/safety, design, location	5
Concern, environment, noise	1
Concern, general	6
Concern, people/communities, access	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, effectiveness	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, dual existing road	1
Suggestion, environment, landscape/visual	1
Suggestion, environment, noise	1
Support, environment, general	1
Support, general	2
General comments on proposed Scheme	17
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	1
Concern, Norwich Western Link	3
Concern, people/communities, Ringland	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	1
Suggestion, alternative transport	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, lighting	4
Suggestion, design/safety, safety	1
Suggestion, Norwich Western Link	2
Suggestion, traffic/congestion	1
Location	19
Easton	2
Hockering	6

Table 4.8 – Summary of free text responses to question 12: ‘Please provide your reason and any further comments you may have regarding the <i>Preliminary Environmental Information Report</i>:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Honingham	10
Weston Longville	1
Other	6
No comment	4
Process request	1
Respondent context	1
Preliminary Environmental Information Report	219
Concern, biodiversity, biodiversity net gain	1
Concern, biodiversity, ecological assessment	12
Concern, biodiversity, general	6
Concern, biodiversity, habitat	32
Concern, biodiversity, river Tud	6
Concern, biodiversity, wildlife	8
Concern, flooding/drainage, general	3
Concern, flooding/drainage, surface water	1
Concern, landscape/visual, farmland	1
Concern, landscape/visual, general	1
Concern, landscape/visual, heritage	1
Concern, landscape/visual, land take	2
Concern, noise/air/light, air quality	6
Concern, noise/air/light, light	6
Concern, noise/air/light, noise	9
Concern, PEIR, climate	7
Concern, PEIR, cost	2
Concern, PEIR, info/materials, misleading/vague	18
Concern, PEIR, info/materials, not seen	9

Table 4.8 – Summary of free text responses to question 12: ‘Please provide your reason and any further comments you may have regarding the <i>Preliminary Environmental Information Report</i>:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, PEIR, mitigation measures	13
Suggestion, biodiversity, biodiversity net gain	1
Suggestion, biodiversity, ecological assessment	4
Suggestion, biodiversity, habitat	2
Suggestion, biodiversity, wildlife	3
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, culverts	1
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, fluvial/pluvial	2
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, general	1
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, groundwater flow	1
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, SuDS	6
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, surface water	2
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, water quality	1
Suggestion, landscape/visual, general	2
Suggestion, landscape/visual, Landscape Character Assessment	2
Suggestion, landscape/visual, planting	6
Suggestion, noise/air/light, light	2
Suggestion, noise/air/light, noise	2
Suggestion, PEIR, climate	3
Suggestion, PEIR, general	1
Suggestion, PEIR, info/materials	2
Support, biodiversity, ecological assessment	3
Support, biodiversity, habitat	2
Support, flooding/drainage, general	1
Support, landscape/visual, heritage	2
Support, landscape/visual, Landscape Character	1

Table 4.8 – Summary of free text responses to question 12: ‘Please provide your reason and any further comments you may have regarding the <i>Preliminary Environmental Information Report</i>:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Assessments	
Support, landscape/visual, planting	2
Support, landscape/visual, waste management	1
Support, noise/air/light, air quality	1
Support, noise/air/light, noise	4
Support, PEIR, general	9
Support, PEIR, info/materials	4
Support, support with caveats	1
Wood Lane side road connection	2
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, design/safety, design, utilities	1
Concern, Church Lane, environment, wildlife	1

Question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’

4.1.34 This question provided an area to write any free text comments. **Table 4.9** summarises the themes raised in the free text box responses.

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Consultation	119
Concern, events, general	3
Concern, info/materials, brochure/maps	10
Concern, info/materials, inaccessible	3
Concern, info/materials, other - misleading/vague	5
Concern, info/materials, questionnaire	2

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, info/materials, website	2
Concern, process, 2017 proposals	2
Concern, process, communication	9
Concern, process, covid19	10
Concern, process, general	6
Concern, process, Norwich Western Link	3
Concern, process, predetermination	3
Concern, process, timescale	2
Suggestion, info/material	2
Suggestion, process, further engagement	40
Suggestion, process, general	4
Support, events, general	2
Support, events, staff	1
Support, process, general	7
Support, process, promotion	3
Dual carriageway	
Concern, design/safety, design, cost	3
Concern, design/safety, design, journey time	2
Concern, design/safety, design, land take	9
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	7
Concern, design/safety, design, location	2
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	7
Concern, design/safety, design, utilities	4
Concern, design/safety, safety	3
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	6

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, environment, noise	1
Concern, general	2
Concern, people/communities, access	26
Concern, people/communities, compensation	2
Concern, people/communities, general	4
Concern, people/communities, impact on business	10
Concern, people/communities, property value	5
Concern, people/communities, proximity to property	6
Concern, traffic/congestion, general	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, bridge	5
Suggestion, design/safety, design, dual existing road	7
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	16
Suggestion, design/safety, design, other improvements	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, speed limit/signage	9
Suggestion, design/safety, design, utilities	9
Suggestion, environment, general	3
Suggestion, environment, landscape/visual	4
Suggestion, environment, noise	1
Suggestion, people/communities, access	1
Suggestion, people/communities, compensation	2
Support, design/safety, design, general	6
Support, design/safety, safety	8
Support, environment, general	2
Support, general	30

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Support, people/communities, general	3
Support, people/communities, local economy	3
Support, traffic/congestion, effectiveness	5
Support, traffic/congestion, existing road issues	4
Support, traffic/congestion, general	2
Support, traffic/congestion, traffic decrease elsewhere	2
General comments on proposed Scheme	178
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	4
Concern, design/safety, design, cost	16
Concern, design/safety, design, general	2
Concern, design/safety, design, land take	2
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	4
Concern, design/safety, design, scoping report	2
Concern, general	3
Concern, Norwich Western Link	33
Concern, people/communities, access	3
Concern, people/communities, anti-social behavior	1
Concern, people/communities, general	13
Concern, traffic/congestion, construction, disruption	5
Concern, traffic/congestion, construction, timescale	6
Concern, traffic/congestion, effectiveness	7
Concern, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	3
Suggestion, alternative transport	7
Suggestion, design/safety, design, complexity	4
Suggestion, design/safety, design, cost	1

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	11
Suggestion, design/safety, design, lighting	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, location	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, speed limit/signage	6
Suggestion, design/safety, safety	2
Suggestion, Norwich Western Link	7
Suggestion, people/communities, access	1
Suggestion, people/communities, cumulative effects	1
Suggestion, people/communities, unable to comment	2
Suggestion, traffic/congestion	3
Support, design/safety, design	2
Support, design/safety, safety	1
Support, general	6
Support, people/communities, general	6
Support, people/communities, local economy	7
Support, traffic/congestion	1
Improve connections for WCH	27
Concern, design/safety, design, location	1
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	2
Concern, design/safety, safety	1
Concern, people/communities, access	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, general	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, underpass	5
Suggestion, design/safety, safety	1

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Suggestion, people/communities, access	1
Support, design/safety, design, layout	2
Support, design/safety, safety	1
Support, general	3
Support, people/communities, access	5
Keep sections of the existing A47	27
Suggestion, design/safety, design, bridge	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, keep whole A47 open	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	4
Suggestion, design/safety, design, parking	2
Suggestion, design/safety, design, segregation measure	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, WCH	4
Suggestion, people/communities, access	1
Suggestion, traffic/congestion, construction	2
Suggestion, traffic/congestion, general	1
Support, general	1
Support, people/communities, access	3
Support, people/communities, local amenity	4
Location	181
Barnham Broom	2
Carleton Forehoe	1
Costessey	1
Dereham	7
East Tuddenham	1
Easton	38
Felixstowe	1

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Great Yarmouth	2
Hockering	19
Honingham	21
King's Lynn	2
Lowestoft	1
Mattishall	22
North Tuddenham	8
Norwich	20
Peterborough	1
Ringland	13
Swaffham	1
Taverham	3
Thuxton	1
Tuddenham	5
Wendling	1
Wymondham	8
Yarmouth	1
Yaxham	1
Norwich Road junction	44
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	5
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	3
Concern, design/safety, design, location	5
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	5
Concern, design/safety, safety	4
Concern, environment, air quality	1

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, environment, flooding/drainage	1
Concern, environment, heritage	1
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	2
Concern, general	1
Concern, people/communities, access	2
Concern, traffic/congestion, general	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, rat running	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	3
Suggestion, design/safety, design, location	5
Suggestion, design/safety, design, underpass	2
Support, design/safety, design, location	1
Norwich Road junction side road connection	28
Concern, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, general	1
Concern, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, layout	3
Concern, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, location	1
Concern, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, road closure	1
Concern, Blind Lane, people/communities	1
Concern, Blind Lane, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	2
Concern, Church Lane (Dog lane), design/safety, design, layout	2
Concern, Church Lane (Dog lane), traffic/congestion	1
Concern, Dereham Road (Easton), design/safety, design, layout	2
Concern, Dereham Road (Easton), design/safety, design, location	1
Concern, Taverham Road, design/safety, design, layout	1
Concern, Taverham Road, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	3

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Suggestion, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, layout	3
Suggestion, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, location	2
Suggestion, Blind Lane, design/safety, design, road closure	1
Suggestion, Taverham Road, design/safety, design, road closure	2
Support, Blind Lane, design/safety, design	1
Other	95
Editor's note	36
No comment	12
Personal details	11
Process request	1
Refer to other consultation	3
Respondent context	32
Preliminary Environmental Information Report	274
Concern, biodiversity, biodiversity net gain	1
Concern, biodiversity, ecological assessment	13
Concern, biodiversity, general	7
Concern, biodiversity, habitat	11
Concern, biodiversity, river Tud	3
Concern, biodiversity, wildlife	12
Concern, flooding/drainage, culverts	2
Concern, flooding/drainage, floodplain	1
Concern, flooding/drainage, fluvial/pluvial	6
Concern, flooding/drainage, hydraulic model	1
Concern, flooding/drainage, surface water	3
Concern, flooding/drainage, water quality	5

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, landscape/visual, general	14
Concern, landscape/visual, heritage	11
Concern, landscape/visual, land take	1
Concern, landscape/visual, waste management	2
Concern, noise/air/light, air quality	7
Concern, noise/air/light, light	3
Concern, noise/air/light, noise	14
Concern, PEIR, climate	7
Concern, PEIR, info/materials, misleading/vague	3
Concern, PEIR, info/materials, not seen	1
Concern, PEIR, mitigation measures	3
Suggestion, biodiversity, biodiversity net gain	1
Suggestion, biodiversity, ecological assessment	6
Suggestion, biodiversity, wildlife	7
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, culverts	5
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, general	4
Suggestion, biodiversity, habitat	20
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, groundwater flow	2
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, hydraulic model	5
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, surface water	3
Suggestion, flooding/drainage, water quality	4
Suggestion, landscape/visual, general	2
Suggestion, landscape/visual, hazardous substances	1
Suggestion, landscape/visual, heritage	10
Suggestion, landscape/visual, Landscape Character Assessment	1

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Suggestion, landscape/visual, planting	2
Suggestion, noise/air/light, air quality	3
Suggestion, noise/air/light, electric/magnetic fields	1
Suggestion, noise/air/light, light	3
Suggestion, noise/air/light, noise	13
Suggestion, PEIR, climate	4
Suggestion, PEIR, EIA	10
Suggestion, PEIR, general	7
Suggestion, PEIR, info/materials	4
Support, biodiversity, ecological assessment	1
Support, biodiversity, habitat	7
Support, biodiversity, river Tud	2
Support, flooding/drainage, SuDS	1
Support, flooding/drainage, water quality	2
Support, landscape/visual, heritage	2
Support, landscape/visual, planting	2
Support, landscape/visual, waste management	1
Support, noise/air/light, light	1
Support, PEIR, climate	2
Support, PEIR, general	2
Support, PEIR, info/materials	1
Support, support with caveats	1
Wood Lane junction	60
Concern, design/safety, design, complexity	9
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	6

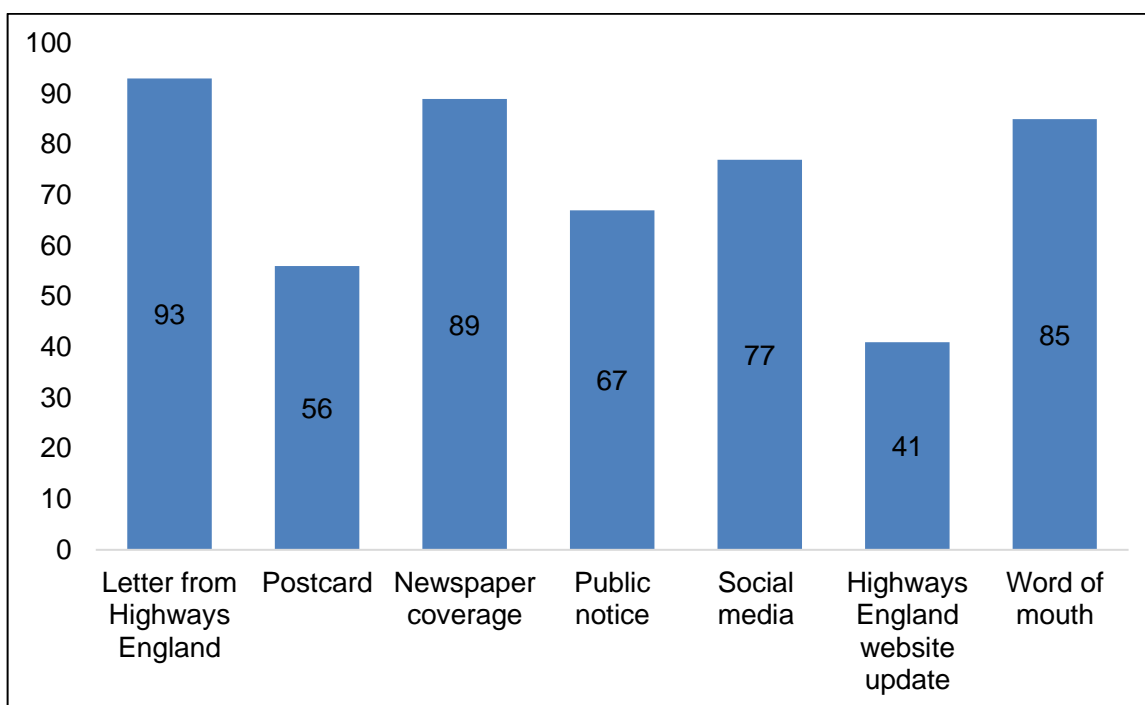
Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, design/safety, design, location	3
Concern, design/safety, design, Norwich Western Link	2
Concern, design/safety, design, unnecessary	1
Concern, design/safety, safety	2
Concern, environment, biodiversity	2
Concern, environment, general	1
Concern, environment, heritage	1
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	2
Concern, general	1
Concern, people/communities, access	1
Concern, people/communities, general	2
Concern, traffic/congestion, general	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, increase traffic elsewhere	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, rat running	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, layout	13
Suggestion, design/safety, design, location	4
Suggestion, design/safety, design, WCH route	1
Support, design/safety, design, Norwich Western Link	2
Support, design/safety, safety	2
Support, general	1
Support, people/communities	1
Wood Lane side road connection	164
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, design/safety, design, layout	2
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, design/safety, safety	1
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, people/communities	3

Table 4.9 – Summary of free text responses to question 13: ‘Please provide any other comments you may have about the scheme:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	1
Concern, Church Lane, design/safety, design, unnecessary	38
Concern, Church Lane, environment, landscape/visual	37
Concern, Church Lane, environment, wildlife	37
Concern, Church Lane, traffic/congestion	36
Suggestion, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, design/safety, design	7
Suggestion, Church Lane, design/safety, design	1
Support, Berrys Lane to Dereham Road, people & communities, access	1

Question 14: ‘How did you hear about the public consultation events? (Please tick all that apply)’

4.1.35 Question 14 provided a series of tick box options in response to the question. **Figure 4.7** summarises the responses. A free text area was provided for respondents to note if they had heard about the public consultation events in another way. Responses to this are summarised in **Table 4.10**.

Figure 4.7 – Response to question 14: ‘How did you hear about the public consultation events? (Please tick all that apply)’



4.1.36 The most common means by which respondents heard about the consultation was via letters from the Applicant (93). Many respondents also referred to other means, such as newspaper coverage (89) and word of mouth (85).

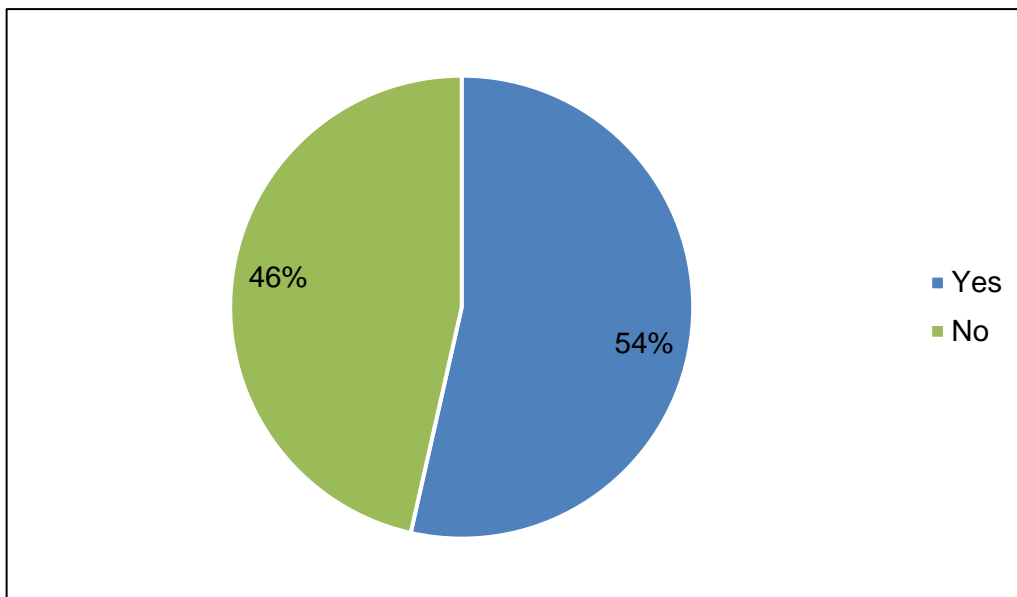
Table 4.10 – Summary of free text responses to question 14: ‘Other (please specify)’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Consultation	66
Concern, process, inclusive	1
Concern, process, promotion	5
Promotion, online, email	4
Promotion, online, social media	1
Promotion, online, unspecified	1
Promotion, other, general	7
Promotion, other, HE correspondence	6
Promotion, other, library	3
Promotion, other, local council	26
Promotion, other, newspaper/magazine	5

Table 4.10 – Summary of free text responses to question 14: ‘Other (please specify)’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Promotion, other, radio	2
Promotion, other, statutory consultee	5
Dual carriageway	1
Support, general	1

Question 15: ‘Did you attend a public consultation event?’

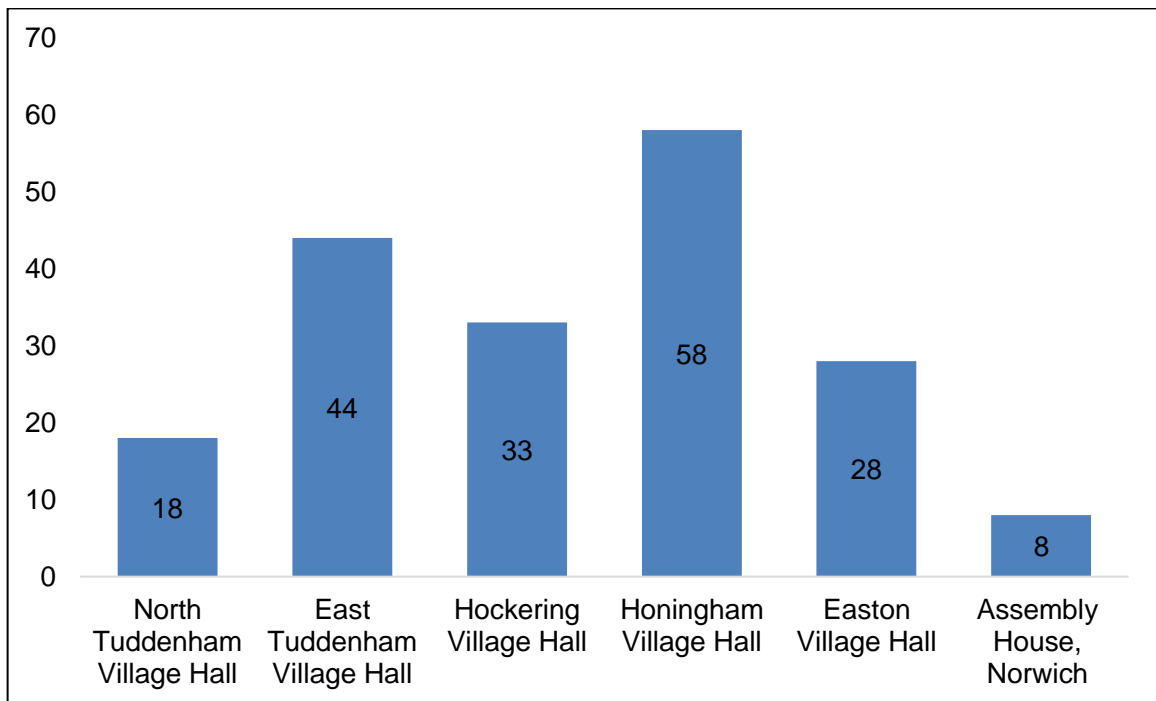
4.1.37 Question 15 provided a series a series of tick box options to the two-part question. **Figures 4.8** and **4.9** summarise the responses.

Figure 4.8 – Response to question 15: ‘Did you attend a public consultation event?’



4.1.38 A total of 174 respondents said they attended a consultation event and selected one or more of the six consultation event options. 151 respondents said they did not attend a consultation event.

Figure 4.9 – Response to question 15: ‘If yes, please tick below:’



4.1.39 Respondents most commonly reported having attended a public consultation event at Honingham Village Hall (58). Some respondents also reported attending events at East Tuddenham Village Hall (44), Hockering Village Hall (33), Easton Village Hall (28) and North Tuddenham Village Hall (18). Eight respondents reported attending an event at Assembly House, Norwich.

Question 16: ‘Please provide us with any comments you may have on the consultation process or how we can engage with you in the future:’

4.1.40 Question 16 provided a free a free text area for respondents to complete. **Table 4.11** provides a summary of the themes respondents raised.

Table 4.11 – Summary of free text responses to question 16: ‘Please provide us with any comments you may have on the consultation process or how we can engage with you in the future:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Consultation	132
Concern, events, general	4
Concern, events, staff	4
Concern, info/materials, brochure/maps	5

Table 4.11 – Summary of free text responses to question 16: ‘Please provide us with any comments you may have on the consultation process or how we can engage with you in the future:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, info/materials, inaccessible	2
Concern, info/materials, other - misleading/vague	2
Concern, info/materials, questionnaire	2
Concern, process, communication	2
Concern, process, covid19	5
Concern, process, general	1
Concern, process, inclusive	1
Concern, process, predetermination	14
Concern, process, promotion	8
Concern, process, timescale	5
Promotion, online, email	1
Suggestion, events	5
Suggestion, info/material	5
Suggestion, process, further engagement	18
Suggestion, process, general	1
Suggestion, process, promotion	3
Support, events, general	7
Support, events, staff	13
Support, info/materials	4
Support, process, general	20
Dual carriageway	16
Concern, design/safety, design, cost	1
Concern, design/safety, design, land take	1
Concern, environment, air quality	1
Concern, environment, landscape/visual	1

Table 4.11 – Summary of free text responses to question 16: ‘Please provide us with any comments you may have on the consultation process or how we can engage with you in the future:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Concern, environment, noise	1
Concern, people/communities, access	2
Concern, people/communities, general	1
Concern, people/communities, proximity to property	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, dual existing road	1
Support, design/safety, safety	1
Support, general	4
General comments on proposed Scheme	12
Concern, design/safety, design, general	1
Concern, design/safety, design, layout	1
Concern, Norwich Western Link	2
Concern, people/communities, general	1
Concern, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	3
Suggestion, alternative transport	1
Suggestion, design/safety, design, speed limit/signage	2
Support, people/communities, local economy	1
Improve connections for WCH	1
Concern, people/communities, access	1
Location	18
Dereham	1
Easton	4
Hockering	2
Honingham	3
Mattishall	2
Norwich	4

Table 4.11 – Summary of free text responses to question 16: ‘Please provide us with any comments you may have on the consultation process or how we can engage with you in the future:’	
Theme	Frequency of comment
Ringland	2
Norwich Road junction side road connection	1
Concern, Taverham Road, traffic/congestion, traffic increase elsewhere	1
Other	20
No comment	4
Personal details	3
Process request	3
Refer to other consultation	2
Respondent context	8
Preliminary Environmental Information Report	5
Concern, biodiversity, general	1
Concern, landscape/visual, general	1
Concern, PEIR, info/materials, misleading/vague	1
Suggestion, biodiversity, habitat	1
Suggestion, landscape/visual, planting	1
Wood Lane junction	1
Concern, design/safety, design, Norwich Western Link	1

4.2 Regard to responses (in accordance with section 49 of the PA 2008)

- 4.2.1 Section 49 of the PA 2008 imposes a duty on the Applicant to have regard to any relevant responses received under section 42, section 47 or section 48 of the PA 2008 within the specified deadline.
- 4.2.2 The Applicant considers that the responses to the closed questions included in the consultation response form provided as part of the consultation support the submitted application.
- 4.2.3 In response to question 6a, most respondents agree with the proposal to make the A47 a dual carriageway between North Tuddenham and Easton.

- 4.2.4 In response to questions 7a, 7b and 7c, 'agree' was the most popular response to the proposed side road connections at Wood Lane junction, with the Wood Lane to the old (existing) A47 option receiving the most support.
- 4.2.5 In response to questions 8a to 8d, 'agree' was the most popular response to the proposed side road connections at Norwich Road junction, with the Dereham Road (Easton) option receiving the most support.
- 4.2.6 In response to question 9a asking if respondents they agree or disagree that the proposals will improve connections for walking, cycling and horse riding, the most popular response was 'agree'.
- 4.2.7 In response to question 10a, most respondents agreed with the proposals to keep sections of the existing A47 open for local traffic and walking, cycling, and horse riding.
- 4.2.8 In response to question 11 asking respondents if they agree or disagree with the proposed environmental mitigation that is outlined in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, the most popular response was 'agree'.
- 4.2.9 The Applicant has shown regard to all other issues raised during the statutory consultation, in accordance with section 49 of the PA 2008. This is reported in detail in **Annex N** which summarises (in a series of tables) relevant written consultation responses and explains what regard has been had to them.
- 4.2.10 In **Annex N**, tables are included for each individual strand of statutory consultation (section 42(1)(a) and section 42(1)(b), section 42(1)(d), section 47 and section 48).
- 4.3 Analysis of responses to the project update engagement and targeted consultation**
- 4.3.1 As set out in **sections 3.10** and **3.11** of this Report, following the statutory consultation held from 26 February 2020, the Applicant carried out additional engagement in December 2020 and January 2021 with the community and stakeholders, including statutory consultation under section 42 of the PA 2008 and newly identified land interests. The Applicant invited consultees to provide feedback on its proposals, including an updated scheme design.
- 4.3.2 The Applicant asked consultees to provide feedback in freeform text using the following methods:
- Post to Freepost A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON
 - Email to A47NorthTuddenhamtoEastonRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk
- 4.3.3 The Applicant has set out how it has had regard to comments it received to the project update and targeted consultation in **Annex O** of this Report.

4.4 Summary of scheme changes as a result of consultation

4.4.1 **Table 4.12** sets out the design changes made to the Scheme as a result of responses received during the statutory consultation.

4.4.2 Further information about the decision-making process behind the design of the Scheme is provided in the Scheme Design Report (**TR010038/APP/7.3**), submitted with the application.

Table 4.12 Changes to the Scheme as a result of consultation

No.	Element of the Scheme and issue raised in consultation	Design change as a result of consultation response
1	Loss of direct connectivity between Hockering and Mattishall for residents to access doctor's surgery, schools, school, places of worship, etc.	Added an underpass for traffic, walkers and cyclists at Mattishall Lane.
2	Length of WCH diversion following severance of Public Right of Way FP7 connectivity between Hockering and the River Tud via Gypsy Lane.	
3	Extent of intrusion into River Tud floodplain by the proposed A47 River Tud bridge.	Altered the proposed River Tud bridge as a result of conversations with the Environment Agency.
4	Concerns raised regarding unnecessary provision of a link between Church Lane and Wood Lane junction. Link would be of limited benefit and existing links provide necessary connections.	Removed the link road from Church Lane to Wood Lane junction.
5	As a result of the inclusion of the underpass at Mattishall Lane there is limited justification for a WCH underpass at Church Lane.	Removed the Church Lane WCH underpass.
6	Concerns about increased traffic using Berrys Lane as a shorter route from Norwich Road junction to reach Mattishall Road and communities to the south.	Following engagement with the Local Liaison Group (Norfolk County Council and Parish Councils), residents and landowners around Berrys Lane, access to Berrys Lane will be closed to through traffic and will be for local access only. The existing PRow linking Berrys Lane with Dereham Road will be

Table 4.12 Changes to the Scheme as a result of consultation

No.	Element of the Scheme and issue raised in consultation	Design change as a result of consultation response
		upgraded to improve walking and cycling connectivity.
7	Concerns that if the A47 Scheme opened before the Norwich Western Link road, there would be an increase in traffic through Ringland to access the A47 via Norwich Road Junction to avoid a longer journey time to Wood Lane Junction.	Engagement with the Local Liaison Group (Norfolk County Council and Parish Councils) and the South of the A47 Taskforce, chaired by MP George Freeman. Through this it was agreed to apply a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order between opening of the Scheme and opening of Norwich Western Link to prevent traffic using Honingham Lane to access Norwich Road junction via Ringland.
8	Concerns about the extent of the existing A47 being left unused and risk of attracting antisocial behaviour.	Changed the Wood Lane junction southern connection to use existing A47 for direct connection to Honingham roundabout, with side road link of the existing A47 to Dereham Road to reuse more of the existing A47 road and divert traffic away from Honingham village.
9	Concerns about the increase in length of the WCH connection between Honingham and St Andrew's Church.	Removed the proposed walking and cycling route from Honingham under the A47 via the River Tud bridge to St Andrew's Church. Replaced with a walking and cycling link from Honingham to St Andrew's Church via an underpass under the new A47.
10	Loss of access to farmland and intrusion of a retaining wall on the setting on St Andrew's Church by the A47 dual carriageway.	Relocated the Norwich Road junction 150m eastwards to reduce the impact on St Andrew's Church and maintain the farm access.
11	Concerns that the link between Taverham Road and Church Lane would result in additional traffic using Ringland Road where there are existing safety concerns.	Reconfigured the proposed northern roundabout at Norwich Road Junction to link to Taverham Road and

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		removed the road linking Taverham Road to Church Lane, Easton.
12	Concerns that the A47 was over designed to benefit private developers of the Greater Norwich Food Enterprise Zone (FEZ).	Upon review of the A47 connection obligations under the FEZ Local Development Order, closed Blind Lane to through traffic and removed provision of a direct connection from the A47 to the FEZ.
13	Concern about lack of new WCH provision across the A47 in Easton and safety risk of increased traffic and speeds to those using the existing at grade A47 walkers crossing between Dog Lane and Dereham Road.	Created a new walking and cycling route between Easton and Lower Easton via a new overbridge. Closed the existing walking route at Easton over the dual carriageway along the route of Ringland Lane (known as Dog Lane north of the A47).
14	Concerns about increased noise levels from the extra road traffic and relocation of the highway.	Added noise barriers (earth banks and fencing) in four locations and extended the road resurfacing through Easton to reduce noise.
15	Comments raised regarding the need to incorporate enhancements to biodiversity	Added two wetland drainage zones to improve biodiversity.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 Compliance with advice and guidance

- 5.1.1 The Applicant has undertaken a consultation process which complies with the Department for Communities and Local Government’s (now the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) guidance on the pre-application process (March 2015), as well as relevant advice from PINS.
- 5.1.2 **Table 1.1** of this Report summarise the Applicant’s consultation and engagement activity for the Scheme.
- 5.1.3 Between 13 March 2017 and 21 April 2017, the Applicant held an options stage of consultation. The purpose of the early consultation was to seek views on the outline proposals and route options for the Scheme from the general public, stakeholders, including local authorities, and other interested bodies. **Chapter 2** of this Report details how the Applicant delivered this consultation and the feedback it received.
- 5.1.4 Between 26 February 2020 to 30 April 2020, the Applicant held a statutory pre-application stage of consultation under the PA 2008 for the Scheme. **Chapter 3** of this Report provides information about how the Applicant complied with section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the PA 2008.
- 5.1.5 **Chapter 4** of this Report summarises the feedback received by the Applicant to the statutory pre-application consultation, and the changes it has made to the Scheme as a result of the comments received. **Annex N** explains how the Applicant has had regard to the comments received during the consultation.
- 5.1.6 **Table 5.1** evidences how the Applicant has complied with guidance on the pre-application process.

Table 5.1 Compliance with DCLG guidance on the pre-application process

Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
17	When circulating consultation documents, developers should be clear about their status, for example ensuring it is clear to the public if a document is purely for purposes of consultation.	<p>Documents produced as part of the consultation were clear about their status. Letters issued to consultees as part of the section 42 consultation, and materials created to consult the community under section 47, set out that they contained details of the statutory consultation or additional statutory consultation.</p> <p>Copies of the letters issued to section 42 stakeholders are provided in Annex I of this Report. The letters issued to newly</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
		<p>identified land interests as part of the additional consultation are provided in Annex L of this Report.</p> <p>Copies of the documents created to consult the local community are provided in Annex J.</p>
18	<p>Early involvement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees can bring about significant benefits for all parties.</p>	<p>The Applicant held a stage of non-statutory consultation for the Scheme between 13 March 2017 and 21 April 2017. This consultation gave the local community, businesses and stakeholders the opportunity to have their say on the early proposal for the Scheme, before they reached an advanced stage.</p> <p>The feedback given to the Applicant was considered as the Scheme developed. Chapter 2 of this report provides more detail about this consultation and the feedback the Applicant received.</p>
19	<p>The pre-application consultation process is crucial to the effectiveness of the major infrastructure consenting regime. A thorough process can give the Secretary of State confidence that issues that will arise during the six months examination period have been identified, considered, and – as far as possible – that applicants have sought to reach agreement on those issues.</p>	<p>The Applicant has conducted a thorough consultation process which has allowed it to identify, consider and, as far as possible, seek to reach agreement on issues likely to arise during the six-month examination.</p> <p>The early engagement and options consultation set out in Chapter 2 of this Report provided the Applicant with the opportunity to identify and consider issues early in the development of the Scheme.</p> <p>The statutory consultation set out in Chapter 3 of this Report built on this understanding and further identified and considered issues likely to arise. Table 4.12 above and Annex N includes evidence of how the Applicant has considered issues raised through consultation. Where appropriate, the Applicant has prepared Statements of</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
		<p>Common Ground with relevant statutory consultees to demonstrate areas of agreement.</p>
20	<p>Experience suggests that, to be of most value, consultation should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • based on accurate information that gives consultees a clear view of what is proposed including any options • shared at an early enough stage so that the proposal can still be influenced, while being sufficiently developed to provide some detail on what is being proposed • engaging and accessible in style, encouraging consultees to react and offer their views 	<p>For both the options consultation and statutory consultation, the Applicant shared information at an early enough stage to allow the proposals for the Scheme to be influenced, while being sufficiently developed to provide some detail on what is being proposed.</p> <p>In each consultation, the Applicant developed a clear scope for what could be influenced by consultees. For the options consultation, this was to provide feedback on the four route options. For the statutory consultation, this was to provide feedback on the design of the Scheme, including the location, layout of junctions, WCH provisions, and environmental impact and mitigation.</p> <p>For each consultation, the Applicant published a consultation brochure written in an engaging and accessible style, setting out what it was possible to influence at that stage, providing accurate information that gave consultees a clear view of what was proposed, and encouraging them to react and offer their views.</p> <p>A copy of the booklet produced for the options consultation is included with Annex A.</p> <p>A copy of the booklet produced for the statutory consultation is included in Annex J.</p>
25	<p>Consultation should be thorough, effective and proportionate. Some applicants may have their own</p>	<p>The Applicant considers that it has conducted a thorough, effective and proportionate statutory consultation. It also</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
	<p>distinct approaches to consultation, perhaps drawing on their own or relevant sector experience, for example if there are industry protocols that can be adapted. Larger, more complex applications are likely to need to go beyond the statutory minimum timescales laid down in the Planning Act to ensure enough time for consultees to understand project proposals and formulate a response. Many proposals will require detailed technical input, especially regarding impacts, so sufficient time will need to be allowed for this. Consultation should also be sufficiently flexible to respond to the needs and requirements of consultees, for example where a consultee has indicated that they would prefer to be consulted via email only, this should be accommodated as far as possible.</p>	<p>considers that it acted appropriately to extend the consultation period in light of the unprecedented impacts of coronavirus restrictions.</p> <p>An initial consultation period of 43 days was provided for statutory consultation under section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the PA 2008. This was greater than the 28 calendar days required to be provided for comments as prescribed by section 45(2) of the PA 2008. Based on the Applicant’s experience in developing highways schemes, it considered this period of comment proportionate to the scale and complexity of the Scheme. The consultation extension as a result of coronavirus restrictions, requesting comments by 30 April 2020, provided a further 22 days to provide feedback to the Applicant about the Scheme.</p> <p>The Applicant has also been conscious of the need to be sufficiently flexible to respond to the needs and requirements of consultees. The Applicant provided a variety of means to respond to the statutory consultation, including completing a response form online, completing and returning a hard copy of the response form and submitting comments by letter. Feedback submitted by email was also acknowledged by the Applicant and considered.</p> <p>The Applicant also provided a variety of means of finding out about the proposal, including attending a consultation event, looking on the consultation website, going to a public information point, or contacting the Applicant directly. Chapter 3 of this Report explains how the Applicant notified consultees.</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
26	<p>The Planning Act requires certain bodies and groups of people to be consulted at the pre-application stage but allows for flexibility in the precise form that consultation may take depending on local circumstances and the needs of the project itself. Sections 42 – 44 of the Planning Act and Regulations set out details of who should be consulted, including local authorities, the Marine Management Organisation (where appropriate), other statutory bodies, and persons having an interest in the land to be developed. Section 47 in the Planning Act sets out the applicant’s statutory duty to consult local communities. In addition, applicants may also wish to strengthen their case by seeking the views of other people who are not statutory consultees, but who may be significantly affected by the project.</p>	<p>The Applicant has identified and consulted with parties prescribed by section 42, section 43 and section 44 of the PA 2008, as well as the local community as prescribed in section 47 of the PA 2008 and defined in the published SoCC.</p> <p>Details of how the Applicant consulted in accordance with each of these sections of the PA 2008 are set out in Chapter 3 of this Report.</p>
27	<p>The Planning Act and Regulations set out the statutory consultees and prescribed people who must be consulted during the pre-application process. Many statutory consultees are responsible for consent regimes where, under Section 120 of the Planning Act, decisions on those consents can be included within the decision on a Development Consent Order. Where an applicant proposes to include non-planning consents within their Development Consent Order, the bodies that would normally be responsible for granting these</p>	<p>The Applicant has identified and consulted with parties prescribed by section 42, section 43 and section 44 of the PA 2008, as well as the local community as prescribed in section 47 of the PA 2008 and defined in the SoCC.</p> <p>Details of how the Applicant consulted in accordance with each of these sections of the PA 2008 are set out in Chapter 3 of this Report. The list of prescribed consultees identified and consulted by the Applicant is provided in Annex K of this Report.</p> <p>A Consents and Agreements Position Statement (TR010038/APP/3.3) sets out</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
	<p>consents should make every effort to facilitate this. They should only object to the inclusion of such non-planning consents with good reason, and after careful consideration of reasonable alternatives. It is therefore important that such bodies are consulted at an early stage. In addition, there will be a range of national and other interest groups who could make an important contribution during consultation. Applicants are therefore encouraged to consult widely on project proposals.</p>	<p>the consents and associated agreements expected to be required and the intended strategy for obtaining them.</p>
29	<p>Applicants will often need detailed technical input from expert bodies to assist with identifying and mitigating the social, environmental, design and economic impacts of projects, and other important matters. Technical expert input will often be needed in advance of formal compliance with the pre-application requirements. Early engagement with these bodies can help avoid unnecessary delays and the costs of having to make changes at later stages of the process. It is equally important that statutory consultees respond to a request for technical input in a timely manner. Applicants are therefore advised to discuss and agree a timetable with consultees for the provision of such inputs.</p>	<p>The Applicant sought technical input from relevant expert bodies at both the options and statutory consultations. At both consultations the deadlines to provide feedback to the Applicant were clearly stated in correspondence to all consultees. The Applicant has also continued engagement with relevant organisations outside of consultation periods.</p>
38	<p>The role of the local authority in such discussions should be to provide expertise about the make-up of its area, including whether people in the area might have</p>	<p>The Applicant engaged early with host local authorities to seek expertise on these issues.</p> <p>As prescribed by section 47 of the PA</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
	<p>particular needs or requirements, whether the authority has identified any groups as difficult to reach and what techniques might be appropriate to overcome barriers to communication. The local authority should also provide advice on the appropriateness of the applicant's suggested consultation techniques and methods. The local authority's aim in such discussions should be to ensure that the people affected by the development can take part in a thorough, accessible and effective consultation exercise about the proposed project.</p>	<p>2008, the Applicant prepared a SoCC setting out how it proposed to consult people living in the vicinity of the land that would be affected by the Scheme. In accordance with section 47 of the PA 2008, the Applicant consulted the required bodies on this to seek their views on the content of the statement.</p> <p>Chapter 3 of this Report details how and when the Applicant consulted stakeholders on the draft SoCC, the feedback it received and how it had regard to the comments made.</p>
41	<p>Where a local authority raises an issue or concern on the Statement of Community Consultation which the applicant feels unable to address, the applicant is advised to explain in their consultation report their course of action to the Secretary of State when they submit their application.</p>	<p>The regard the Applicant had to responses received as part of the consultation on the draft SoCC is set out in Tables 3.1 and 3.2 of this Report.</p>
50	<p>It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate at submission of the application that due diligence has been undertaken in identifying all land interests and applicants should make every reasonable effort to ensure that the Book of Reference (which records and categories those land interests) is up-to-date at the time of submission.</p>	<p>The Applicant has diligently sought to identify all land interests and ensure that the Book of Reference (TR010038/APP/4.3) remains up to date.</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
54	<p>In consulting on project proposals, an inclusive approach is needed to ensure that different groups have the opportunity to participate and are not disadvantaged in the process. Applicants should use a range of methods and techniques to ensure that they access all sections of the community in question. Local authorities will be able to provide advice on what works best in terms of consulting their local communities given their experience of carrying out consultation in their area.</p>	<p>The Applicant has adopted an inclusive approach to consultation to ensure that everyone had the opportunity to participate and were not disadvantaged in the process. The Applicant consulted local authorities on its SoCC prior to statutory consultation, as set out in Chapter 3 of this Report. Tables 3.1 and 3.2 of this Report set how the Applicant has had regard to the comments received.</p>
55	<p>Applicants must set out clearly what is being consulted on. They must be careful to make it clear to local communities what is settled and why, and what remains to be decided, so that expectations of local communities are properly managed. Applicants could prepare a short document specifically for local communities, summarising the project proposals and outlining the matters on which the view of the local community is sought. This can describe core elements of the project and explain what the potential benefits and impacts may be. Such documents should be written in clear, accessible, and non-technical language. Applicants should consider making it available in formats appropriate to the needs of people with disabilities if requested. There may be cases where documents may need to be bilingual (for example, Welsh and English in some areas), but it is not the policy of the Government to</p>	<p>For each consultation, the Applicant published a consultation brochure written in an engaging and accessible style, setting out what it was possible to influence at that stage, providing accurate information that gave consultees a clear view of what was proposed, and encouraging them to react and offer their views.</p> <p>The brochure produced for the options consultation is included with Annex A of this Report.</p> <p>The brochure produced for the statutory consultation and used to consult newly identified land interests is included in Annex J of this Report.</p> <p>Copies of consultation materials were available in alternative formats on request.</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
	encourage documents to be translated into non-native languages.	
57	The Statement of Community Consultation should act as a framework for the community consultation generally, for example, setting out where details and dates of any events will be published. The Statement of Community Consultation should be made available online, at any exhibitions or other events held by applicants. It should be placed at appropriate local deposit points (for example libraries, council offices) and sent to local community groups as appropriate.	The Applicant included a framework for community consultation in the SoCC, including where details and dates of events would be published. The SoCC was made available on the Scheme’s website, at all events, and placed at all public information point locations.
58	Applicants are required to publicise their proposed application under Section 48 of the Planning Act and the Regulations and set out the detail of what this publicity must entail. This publicity is an integral part of the public consultation process. Where possible, the first of the 2 required local newspaper advertisements should coincide approximately with the beginning of the consultation with communities. However, given the detailed information required for the publicity in the Regulations, aligning publicity with consultation may not always be possible, especially where a multi-stage consultation is intended.	<p>The Applicant publicised the Scheme under section 48 of the PA 2008 by publishing notices in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 26 February 2020 and Wednesday 4 March 2020 in the <i>Eastern Daily Press</i> • Wednesday 26 February 2020 in <i>The London Gazette</i> • Wednesday 26 February 2020 in <i>The Guardian</i> <p>This was the period immediately preceding the beginning of statutory consultation. These notices are provided in Annex G of this Report.</p>
68	To realise the benefits of consultation on a project, it must take place at a sufficiently early stage to allow consultees a real	For the options consultation and statutory consultation, the Applicant shared information at an early enough stage to allow the Scheme to be influenced, while

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
	<p>opportunity to influence the proposals. At the same time consultees will need sufficient information on a project to be able to recognise and understand the impacts.</p>	<p>being sufficiently developed to provide sufficient information on what is being proposed to enable consultees to recognise and understand its impacts.</p> <p>In each consultation, the Applicant developed a clear scope for what could be influenced by consultees. For the options consultation, this was to feedback on the four route options. For the statutory consultation, this was to provide feedback on the design of the Scheme, including the location, layout of junctions, WCH provisions, and environmental impact and mitigation.</p> <p>For each consultation, the Applicant published a consultation brochure written in an engaging and accessible style, setting out what it was possible to influence at that stage, providing accurate information that gave consultees a clear view of what was proposed, and encouraging them to offer their views. The statutory consultation brochure was shared with consultees at the additional targeted stage of consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the brochure produced for the options consultation is provided in Annex A. A copy of the brochure produced for the statutory consultation is provided in Annex J.</p>
72	<p>The timing and duration of consultation will be likely to vary from project to project, depending on size and complexity, and the range and scale of the impacts. The Planning Act requires a consultation period of a minimum of 28 days from the day after receipt of the consultation documents. It is expected that this</p>	<p>The initial 43 days provided to comment for statutory consultation under section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the PA 2008 was greater than the 28 calendar days required to be provided for comments as prescribed by section 45(2) of the PA 2008. Based on the Applicant's experience of developing highways schemes, it considered this period of comment proportionate to the scale and complexity</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
	<p>may be sufficient for projects which are straightforward and uncontroversial in nature. But many projects, particularly larger or more controversial ones, may require longer consultation periods than this. Applicants should therefore set consultation deadlines that are realistic and proportionate to the proposed project. It is also important that consultees do not withhold information that might affect a project, and that they respond in good time to applicants. Where responses are not received by the deadline, the applicant is not obliged to take those responses into account.</p>	<p>of the Scheme.</p> <p>In addition, recognising the impacts of coronavirus, the Applicant extended the consultation period for a further 22 days to 30 April 2020, to give consultees further time to consider the information and provide their comments.</p> <p>Considering the Applicant had delivered all of its consultation events as planned prior to lockdown measures being put in place, and the arrangements were made for submissions to be during and after the lockdown period, the Applicant deemed this additional time appropriate.</p>
73	<p>Applicants are not expected to repeat consultation rounds set out in their Statement of Community Consultation unless the project proposals have changed very substantially. However, where proposals change to such a large degree that what is being taken forward is fundamentally different from what was consulted on, further consultation may well be needed. This may be necessary if, for example, new information arises which renders all previous options unworkable or invalid for some reason. When considering the need for additional consultation, applicants should use the degree of change, the effect on the local community and the level of public interest as guiding factors.</p>	<p>The Applicant made changes to the Scheme after the statutory consultation, in response to the feedback it received. However, as the proposals have not changed very substantially, the Applicant deemed that re-running statutory consultation was not necessary.</p> <p>The Applicant has, however, undertaken targeted statutory consultation with newly identified land interests, now affected by the Scheme as a result of a modification to its development boundary.</p>

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Para:	Requirement:	Evidence of compliance:
77	<p>Consultation should also be fair and reasonable for applicants as well as communities. To ensure that consultations is fair to all parties, applicants should be able to demonstrate that the consultation process is proportionate to the impacts of the project in the area that it affects, takes account of the anticipated level of local interest, and takes account of the views of the relevant local authorities.</p>	<p>The Applicant has sought to ensure that the consultation process is proportionate to the impacts of the Scheme in the area that it affects, takes account of the anticipated level of local interest, and takes account of the views of the relevant local authorities. Prior to the statutory consultation, the Applicant engaged with relevant local authorities to seek their views on whether its proposals for consultation were proportionate.</p> <p>Details of the regard the Applicant had to formal comments from local authorities on the SoCC, prior to the statutory consultation, are provided in Tables 3.1 and 3.2 of this Report.</p>
84	<p>A response to points raised by consultees with technical information is likely to need to focus on the specific impacts for which the body has expertise. The applicant should make a judgement as to whether the consultation report provides sufficient detail on the relevant impacts, or whether a targeted response would be more appropriate. Applicants are also likely to have identified a number of key additional bodies for consultation and may need to continue engagement with these bodies on an individual basis.</p>	<p>The Applicant is satisfied that this Report and supporting annexes provide sufficient detail in response to the relevant impacts identified in response to consultation.</p> <p>Details of the regard that the Applicant has had to consultation responses is set out in Annex N. Where appropriate, the Applicant has undertaken further engagement with consultees.</p> <p>The Applicant deemed that further extensive statutory consultation on its proposals for the Scheme was not necessary. However, since the statutory consultation further engagement with some newly identified interest in land has been undertaken. See Chapter 3 of this Report for more information.</p>

5.1.7 The Applicant has also considered the advice given in PINS' *Advice Note Fourteen: Compiling the Consultation Report* (version two). Details of compliance with this is included in the **Table 5.2**.

5.1.8 At the end of February 2021 PINS updated Advice Note Fourteen (creating version three), in the main to include additional advice on reporting virtual consultation activity. As the Scheme held its statutory consultation, including public events, prior to the first coronavirus lockdown in March 2020 and the Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc.)(Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations July 2020, the Applicant hasn't demonstrated compliance with the updated Advice Note Fourteen in **Table 5.2**.

Table 5.2 Compliance with the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 14 Compiling the Consultation Report	
Advice:	Evidence of compliance:
Explanatory text should set the scene and provide an overview and narrative of the whole pre-application stage as it relates to a particular project. It would assist if a quick reference guide in bullet point form, summarising all the consultation activity in chronological order, is included near the start of the report.	This is provided in Chapter 1 of this Report.
The applicant should include a full list of the prescribed consultees as part of the consultation report.	This is provided in Annex K of this Report.
A short description of how Section 43 of the Act has been applied in order to identify the relevant local authorities should be included, this could be supported by a map showing the site and identifying the boundaries of the relevant local authorities.	This is set out in Chapter 3 of this Report.
Where compulsory acquisition forms part of the draft DCO the consultees who are also included in the book of reference for compulsory acquisition purposes should be highlighted in the consolidated list of prescribed consultees.	This is set out in the Book of Reference (TR010038/APP/4.3).
It would be helpful to provide a summary of the rationale behind the SoCC methodology to assist the Secretary of State's understanding of the community consultation and provide a context for considering how consultation was undertaken.	This is set out in section 3.2 of this Report.
Any consultation not carried out under the provisions of the Act should be clearly indicated and identified separately in the report from the Statutory Consultation. This does not necessarily mean that informal consultation has less weight than consultation carried out under the Act but	The options consultation is set out separately to statutory consultation, in Chapter 2 of this Report.

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Advice:	Evidence of compliance:
<p>identifying statutory and Informal Consultation separately will assist when it comes to determining compliance with statutory requirements.</p>	
<p>The summary of responses, if done well, can save a significant amount of explanatory text. We advise that applicants group responses under the 3 strands of consultation as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 42 prescribed consultees (including Section 43 and Section 44); • Section 47 community consultees; and • Section 48 responses to statutory publicity. <p>This list should also make a further distinction within those categories by sorting responses according to whether they contain comments which have led to changes to matters such as siting, route, design, form or scale of the scheme itself, or to mitigation or compensatory measures proposed, or have led to no change.</p>	<p>Chapter 4 of this Report summarises all the feedback received to the statutory consultation and additional statutory consultation. It also documents where changes have been made to the design of the Scheme as a result of feedback given.</p> <p>Annex N of this Report details the specific points made in feedback given. In the annex comments are grouped under the following two stands, and subdivided into feedback theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 42 prescribed consultees (including section 43 and section 44) • Section 47 community consultees and section 48 responses to statutory publicity
<p>A summary of responses by appropriate category together with a clear explanation of the reason why responses have led to no change should also be included, including where responses have been received after deadlines set by the applicant.</p>	<p>This is set out in detail in Annex N of this Report. Regard had to feedback received to the targeted consultation and project update is set out in Annex O of this Report.</p>

- 5.1.9 The Applicant considers that it has met the statutory requirements of the pre-application process. As set out in **section 1.3**, it has undertaken a programme of options and statutory consultation.
- 5.1.10 At each stage of consultation, the Applicant has considered and complied with relevant advice and guidance. The information included in **Tables 5.1** and **5.2** supports this through direct reference to DCLG's and PINS' guidance on the pre-application process.

- 5.1.11 In addition to this Report, the Applicant has completed the section 55 checklist **(TR010038/APP/1.1)** to demonstrate how it has complied with the guidance.

LIST OF ANNEXES:

- Annex A:** Options consultation materials
- Annex B:** The Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017: Regulation 8(1) and 10(1) letter to PINS
- Annex C:** Copies of the draft SoCC provided to local authorities
- Annex D:** Correspondence to local authorities for SoCC consultation
- Annex E:** Response from local authorities on the draft SoCC
- Annex F:** Published SoCC
- Annex G:** Section 47 and 48 newspaper notices
- Annex H:** Section 46 notification letter sent to PINS
- Annex I:** Section 42 letters and enclosures
- Annex J:** Section 47 consultation materials
- Annex K:** List of prescribed consultees identified and consulted
- Annex L:** December 2020 project update and targeted consultation
- Annex M:** Engagement with stakeholders
- Annex N:** Table evidencing regard had to statutory consultation responses (in accordance with S49 of the Planning Act 2008)
- Annex O:** Table evidencing regard had to targeted consultation and project update responses (in accordance with S49 of the Planning Act 2008)