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1 TABLE OF ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS

1.1 Norfolk County Council

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
09/08/2018	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Local Liaison Group)	LLG meeting chaired by Councillor Martin Wilby and minutes recorded by NCC. HE Project Team provide updates to LLG on progress of A47 Scheme and respond to stakeholder queries.
07/05/2019	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Local Liaison Group)	LLG meeting chaired by Councillor Martin Wilby and minutes recorded by NCC. HE Project Team provide updates to LLG on progress of A47 Scheme and respond to stakeholder queries.
06/11/2019	Microsoft Teams Meeting A47 / Norwich Western Link Liaison Meetings (Monthly - Ongoing)	Commencement of the Monthly engagement / design meetings with A47 Delivery Team and the NWL Delivery Team. Chris Fernandes, Rob Holl - NCC
19/11/2019	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Local Liaison Group)	Monthly LLG meeting chaired by Councillor Martin Wilby and minutes recorded by NCC. HE Project Team provide updates to LLG on progress of A47 Scheme and respond to stakeholder queries.
16/12/2019	Meeting County Hall Norfolk (Road Design)	Initial meeting with Julian Fonseca from NCC Network Safety & Sustainability Team. Barrie Arthur presented both the Thickthorn and Tuddenham schemes to provide an overview, touching on the key road design departures from standards on Local Authority assets and establish a line of communication and liaison process going forward.
13/01/2020	Meeting County Hall Norfolk (Road Design)	Meeting with HE Project Team and NCC (David Allfrey and Rob Holl) to outline and discuss the emerging A47 Scheme design.
February 2020	S42 (1)(b) consultation material	Statutory consultation material sent

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Statutory Consultation		
20/03/2020	Email (Traffic Modelling)	Forecast traffic flow figures were sent to NCC infrastructure development team (Ian Parkes) for them to inform consultation response.
27/03/2020	Email (Road Design)	Initial engagement with NCC Network Safety team on the Scheme design. Sweco Highways Lead (Jamie McConachie) issued design pack via email to Julian Fonseca for NCC review & comment. Purpose was to discuss applicability of the DMRB and application to Local Authority Roads in the area in lieu of a specific NCC Design Standard.
02/04/2020	Email (Archaeological Trenching)	Email from the Project Team to NCC County Archaeologist (John Percival) providing a copy of the proposed Trial Trenching Specification for NCC review & comment.
07/04/2020	Call / Email (Road Design)	Email following up a call to confirm receipt of proposed design drawings issued on 27 th March and to request a meeting with NCC to review.
08/04/2020	Email (Road Design)	Response received from NCC Network Safety Team (Julian Fonseca) outlining NCC review comments, proposals, and explaining the departure review and approvals process which is specific to the project. Email also contained approval in principle to proposed sideroad departures and some amendments to be considered.
15/04/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Traffic Modelling)	Initial engagement with NCC and their NWL scheme consultant WSP on exchanging the respective traffic assumptions adopted on HE's A47 Tuddenham scheme and NCC's NWL scheme.
15/04/2020	Email (Archaeological Trenching)	Email from NCC County Archaeologist (John Percival) requesting the download link for the trial trenching specification be resent as it had expired. Revised link provided for NCC to download and review.
16/04/2020	Email (Archaeological Trenching)	Email from the Project Team to NCC County Archaeologist (John Percival) providing updated drawings showing rationalised trench layouts that avoid spanning differing landowner boundaries where possible.

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17/04/2020	Email (Archaeological Trenching)	Email from NCC County Archaeologist (John Percival) providing feedback on proposed Trial Trenching specification.
Received before end of consultation (April 2020)	Online comment	Consultation response from NCC online stating their support to the Scheme with a few considerations detailed in the issues section. Detailed within Section 3 of the SoCG
30/04/2020	Email (Lighting Design)	Email from Barrie Arthur to Chris O'Connell, NCC Lighting Officer, to introduce Sweco and its lighting designer, Designs for Lighting, to NCC. Email indicated contact routes and requested provision of NCC Lighting Standards.
05/05/2020	Email (Archaeological Trenching)	Email from the Project Team to NCC County Archaeologist (John Percival) providing a copy of the finalised Trial Trenching Specification incorporating previous NCC Feedback.
08/05/2020	Email (Archaeological Trenching)	Email from NCC County Archaeologist (John Percival) providing approval for the Trial Trenching Specification (WSI) to proceed.
14/05/2020	Email (Lighting Design)	Email received from Chris O'Connell, NCC Lighting Officer, outlining points of contact and information required for NCC review.
14/05/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Traffic Modelling)	A follow-up meeting held between WSP and Sweco to go through the comparison made between the two models and the issues found with the WSP forecast. Also discussed the differences in the base WSP model and the assumptions made so that discrepancies in results could be explained.
27/05/2020	Email (Traffic Sign Strategy)	Traffic Sign Package issued to NCC Network Safety team for review and comment to be provided back to the Design Team. Issued to Phil Reilly, David Cumming, Julian Fonseca
27/05/2020	Email	Email from Sweco Highways Lead (Jamie McConachie) to NCC Network Safety Lead (Julian Fonseca)

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	(Road Design)	All NCC comments were transferred from email onto a Project Review Record Sheet and Design Team responses provided for NCC review. Email requested a call to review and close out comments between both parties.
06/06/2020	Meeting through Microsoft Teams	Call between Sweco Highways Lead (Jamie McConachie) and NCC Network Safety Lead (Julian Fonseca) to discuss and agree the responses, proposed cross sections, geometry standards and LA departures for Design Fix B.
08/06/2020	Email (Traffic Sign Strategy)	NCC (Julian Fonseca) provided feedback comments on the Traffic Sign Consultation Package
12/06/2020	Teams Meeting (Side Road Strategy)	A discussion on the A47 side road strategy between NCC and HE.
16/07/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Traffic Modelling)	A follow-up meeting held between NWL project team and HE Project Team to reconvene traffic modelling discussion and inform the latest changes on the A47 TUD scheme.
23/07/2020	Meeting through Microsoft Teams	Meeting with NCC and the Norwich Western Link Delivery Team to discuss the A47 Tuddenham Scheme, Stat Con Feedback with a focus primarily on Local Authority Roads (existing & Proposed) and summary of feedback provided.
12/08/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Traffic Modelling)	A follow up meeting with NCC Infrastructure Development Team (Ian Parkes) to examine the new traffic flow forecast on the side roads due to proposed changes on the A47 TUD Scheme
18/08/2020	Email	James Powis (Highways England) shared the emerging design draft for stakeholder consideration following feedback from the statutory consultation. Sent to Simon Wood and the Planning Department inbox.
18/08/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Local Liaison Group)	Monthly LLG meeting chaired by Councillor Martin Wilby and minutes recorded by NCC. HE Project Team provide updates to LLG on progress of A47 Scheme and respond to stakeholder queries.

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19/08/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting A47 / NWL Technical Meeting	Monthly meeting between HE and NCC NWL Delivery Team ensuring a collaborative approach to works being undertaken where there are interactions between the two schemes.
20/08/2020	Call / Email (Lighting Design)	Initial engagement with NCC Lighting Officer Chris O'Connell to present Scheme proposals and discuss NCC requirements for Local Authority owned assets within the proposed design. Email issued following design call between Paul Southcombe (Designs for Lighting) and Chris O'Connell (NCC).
24/08/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Flood Risk and Ecology)	Joint meeting with NCC Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and Environment Agency. Meeting covered both A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Scheme and A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Scheme.
25/08/20	Microsoft Teams Meeting (WCHR / PRoW)	Meeting with NCC PRoW officers to present the proposed WCHR scheme design and explain the changes made as a result of Statutory Consultation feedback.
25/08/20	Email	Confirmation from NCC Lighting Officer, and Network Safety Team, that the local roads and footbridges to be handed over to NCC did not require lighting.
26/08/20	Email	Confirmation from NCC Lighting Officer that lighting was not required on the proposed Mattishall Underpass (Structure S16) and Matishall Lane link road which will be handed over to NCC.
10/09/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Flood Risk)	A meeting with NCC LLFA focussing on the Oak Farm and Hockering Culverts. The new culvert at Hockering should be designed to convey a 1 in 100year event plus an allowance for climate change with a 600mm allowance for freeboard. No freeboard required at the Oak Farm culvert as the proposal is to retain the existing culvert. It was agreed to relocate a number of attenuation features outside of areas of existing surface water or fluvial flood risk. Confirmation of NCC requirements for drainage mitigation. Confirmation that cross drains/dry culverts to maintain surface water flow path connectivity should be designed for a 1 in 100year event plus an allowance for climate change.

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		<p>NCC requested details on proposed flood compensatory storage.</p> <p>NCC requested any proposed watercourse diversions that provides opportunities for water environment improvement whilst addressing flood risk.</p>
15/09/2020	Email (Flood Risk)	Email from NCC Highways and LLFA confirming no historical records flooding of NCC highways in the area.
16/09/2020	Email (Flood Risk)	Email letter from NCC LLFA summarising discussions at 10/09/20 meeting.
30/09/2020	Email (NWL Liaison)	Email issued to Rob Holl sharing the A47 Tuddenham proposed direct maintenance access layout proposals for consideration on the NWL scheme.
20/10/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Local Liaison Group)	<p>Monthly LLG meeting chaired by Councillor Martin Wilby and minutes taken by NCC.</p> <p>HE Project Team provide updates to LLG on progress of A47 Scheme and respond to stakeholder queries.</p>
21/10/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting A47 / NWL Technical Meeting	Monthly meeting between HE and NCC NWL Delivery Team ensuring a collaborative approach to works being undertaken where there are interactions between the two schemes.
23/10/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (De-trunking Working Group meeting held Bi-weekly through to DCO submission)	<p>Commencement of the HE / NCC fortnightly A47 North Tuddenham to Easton de-trunking meeting.</p> <p>Meetings focus on existing and proposed assets to be handed back to NCC upon completion of Scheme: Purpose is to identify communication lines and commence working towards agreements for handover documentation and requirements.</p>
28/10/2020	Email (Lighting Design)	Confirmation from NCC Lighting Officer (Chris O'Connell) that lighting was not required on the proposed Honingham Underpass (Structure S18) and proposed footway which will be handed over to NCC.
28/10/2020	Email (NWL Lighting Design)	Email issued to Rob Holl, sharing the preliminary A47 Tuddenham lighting & ducting layout drawings and models, for review by the NWL development team.

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06/11/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Detrunking Working Group)	Fortnightly meeting of the HE / NCC Detrunking Working Group
13/11/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Flood Risk)	Confirmation from NCC LLFA that minor realignment of the watercourse at Hockering would be acceptable in order to remove the skew of the culvert. Offline culvert constructions requiring full watercourse diversion would not be acceptable.
17/11/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Statement of Common Ground Discussion)	<p>Meeting held between Highways England, NCC, Broadland District Council, Breckland District Council and South Norfolk Council:</p> <p>Discussed the preparation of Statements of Common Ground, Food Enterprise Park access, the Local Liaison Group meetings and the new joined up approach, the draft design changes following stat con feedback, draft plan proposals for Walking, Cycling & Horse Riding, the updated lagoon strategies & drainage proposals and the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton update brochure planned for distribution December 2020.</p> <p>Attendees included: James Powis (HE), Edwin Bechtle (HE), Glen Owen (HE) Philippa Harris (HE), Phil Courtier, David Cumming and Stephen Scowen.</p>
17/11/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Flood Risk)	Update meeting with Sarah Luff (NCC LLFA) on flood risk impacts at Oak Farm, Hockering and River Tud crossing. Also included discussions on Water Framework Directive assessments.
18/11/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting A47 / NWL Technical Meeting	Monthly meeting between HE and NCC NWL Delivery Team ensuring a collaborative approach to works being undertaken where there are interactions between the two schemes.
20/11/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Flood Risk)	Discussions with Sarah Luff (NCC LLFA) around the requirements for a precast box culvert on the Hockering watercourse. Confirmation from the Lead Local Flood Authority that the culvert must be designed to convey a 1 in 100 year flood event (plus a 65% allowance for climate change) and should not prevent passage of mammals.
20/11/20	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Detrunking Working Group)	Fortnightly meeting of the HE / NCC Detrunking Working Group

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02/12/2020	Email	Design Fix C pack for proposed Scheme issued to NCC Network Safety Team for review of proposed Scheme and acceptance of local authority departures. Acceptance letter to be provided for inclusion as appendix in NCC Statement of Common Ground.
03/12/2020	Email (Drainage Strategy Report)	Drainage Strategy Report issued to Sarah Luff at NCC for review and comments to be provided by the LLFA team.
04/12/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Detrunking Working Group)	Fortnightly meeting of the HE / NCC Detrunking Working Group
8/12/2020	Email	James Powis (HE) sent email to Simon Wood and David Allfrey (NCC) in regard to the impact of the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Scheme on a Public Open Space in North Tuddenham.
15/12/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Local Liaison Group) (Traffic Sub-Group)	LLG meeting chaired by Councillor Martin Wilby and minutes taken by NCC. Sub-group meeting focusing primarily on traffic modelling for both NWL and HE proposed schemes.
15/12/2020	Email (WCHR / PRoW)	Email to NCC PRoW officers outlining the summary position of the meeting held on 25 th August 2020 for the SoCG. This position is summarised within the project WCHR Assessment Report which has been shared with Norfolk County Council.
17/12/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting A47 / NWL Technical Meeting	Monthly meeting between HE and NCC NWL Delivery team ensuring a collaborative approach to works being undertaken where there are interactions between the two schemes.
18/12/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Detrunking Working Group)	Fortnightly meeting of the HE / NCC Detrunking Working Group

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05/01/2021	Email (WCHR / PRow)	Follow up email to NCC PRow officers requesting a response to email provided on 15 th December 2020 outlining the summary position of the meeting held on 25 th August 2020 for the SoCG.
05/01/2021	Email (WCHR / PRow)	Response received from NCC PRow officer Michelle Sergeant confirming a response would be issued by 8 th January.
08/01/2021	Email (Drainage Strategy Report)	Drainage Strategy Report re-issued to Sarah Luff at NCC, review and comments to be provided by the LLFA team. Report issued on 2 nd December 2020 had not been downloaded and the link had expired.
14/01/2021	Email (Flood Risk)	Provision of the updated (baseline and proposed) flood modelling to NCC and the Environment Agency for review.
15/01/2021	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Drainage Strategy Report)	Meeting with Sarah Luff (NCC, LLFA) to give an overview of the Tuddenham Scheme in addition to the Drainage Strategy Report which had been issued for review.
15/01/2020	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Detrunking Working Group)	Fortnightly meeting of the HE / NCC Detrunking Working Group
22/01/2021	Email (Road Design – LHA Departures)	Response received from Julian Fonseca on the Local Highway Authority (LHA) departures package. Response outlined NCC position on the departures and indicated acceptance or comments to be addressed.
22/01/2021	Email (Road Design – LHA Departures)	Project team response provided to NCC comments on the LHA departures for review and acceptance
26/01/2021	Email (Drainage Strategy Report)	Review comments provided by Sarah Luff (NCC LLFA), to Project Design Team for review and incorporation.

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28/01/2021	Email (Road Design – LHA Departures)	Response received from Julian Fonseca accepting the provided clarifications and stating formal receipt from NCC will follow.
28/01/2021	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Local Liaison Group) (Traffic Sub-Group)	LLG meeting chaired by Councillor Martin Wilby and minutes taken by NCC. Sub-group meeting focusing primarily on traffic modelling for both NWL and HE proposed schemes.
29/01/2021	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Detrunking Working Group)	Fortnightly meeting of the HE / NCC Detrunking Working Group
03/02/2021	Email (Road Design – LHA Departures)	Email received from Julian Fonseca (NCC) confirming that NCC were happy to sign off all of the proposed LHA Departures and that formal confirmation letter will be issued shortly.
05/02/2021	Email (Road Design – LHA Departures)	Email to Julian Fonseca outlining an alternative design for Dereham Road as a result of discussions with St Peter's Church on consecrated land to the east of the church. Email requested NCC review and comment on proposal.
05/02/2021	Microsoft Teams Call (Road Design – LHA Departures)	Call to discuss email sent to Julian Fonseca on the alternative design for Dereham Road and to discuss the technical proposal, review proposed mitigation and receive NCC feedback.
08/02/2021	Email (Road Design – LHA Departures)	Email from Julian Fonseca confirming NCC were happy with revised proposals for Dereham Road and would prepare the departure information in the background pending HE confirmation on option after meeting with St Peter's church.
09/02/2021	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Traffic Modelling)	Meeting with HE Project Team and NCC NWL Project team to discuss the traffic modelling of both schemes, to provide a response to local MP.

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09/02/2021	Email (Flood Risk)	Email received from NCC LLFA providing feedback on proposed compensatory flood storage requirements at Hockering and Oak Farm culverts.
12/02/2021	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Flood Risk)	Meeting between Jason Ball, and Sarah Luff (LLFA) to discuss the written feedback received on 9 th February from LLFA with regard to Oak Farm culvert.
16/02/2021	Email (Road Design – LHA Departures)	Email from Julian Fonseca, providing formal acceptance of proposed LHA departures, via provision of an attached letter. Letter appended to Departures Checklist for governance submission.
22/02/2021	Email (Road Design – LHA Departures)	Email from Julian Fonseca, providing revised letter to cover off one proposed departure which had been missed from initial acceptance letter. Letter appended to Departures Checklist for governance submission.
23/02/2021	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Local Liaison Group)	Meeting with NCC and Highways England project teams in advance of the Local Liaison Group meeting. Meeting focused on the finalisation of slides for the upcoming LLG meeting.
23/02/2021	Microsoft Teams Meeting (Local Liaison Group)	Local Liaison group meeting, Highways England presented an update to the LLG, and fielded questions on the Scheme design and DCO process.
24/02/2021	Microsoft Teams Meeting A47 / NWL Technical Meeting	Monthly meeting between HE and NCC NWL Delivery team ensuring a collaborative approach to works being undertaken where there are interactions between the two schemes.
01/03/2021	Email (Drainage Strategy Report)	Final version of report issued to LLFA, Sarah Luff, for acceptance.
01/03/2021	Email	Email issued to the Traffic Orders email account (TrafficOrders@norfolk.gov.uk) requesting confirmation of the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) for the 30mph zone at Easton and shared footway / cycleway at Lyng Road.

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	(Local Highway Authority - Road Orders)	
02/03/2021	Microsoft Teams Meeting (South of the A47 Taskforce)	NCC presented the findings from the recently undertaken local road surveys, and mitigation ideas with the taskforce for further interventions on the Barnham Broom corridor. Highways England were also present to support NCC and answer any A47 related questions.
09/03/2021	Email (Local Highway Authority - Road Orders)	Email from David Allfrey in response to a query on existing road orders. David provided NCC response from the legal team on the status of the orders for inclusion within the DCO submission.

1.2 Natural England

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
11/02/2020	Meeting at Natural England Offices (and via skype)	<p>Meeting at Natural England Offices, with Natural England, Environment Agency, Highways England, Galliford Try and Sweco on 11/02/2020. The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns regarding road drainage into the River Tud from bridge to County Wildlife Site, priority habitats and due to species sensitivity (white clawed crayfish).

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood risk is not considered to be a significant issue, however this is dependent on the bridge and culvert design • to ensure SuDS located close to the River Tud are not going to mix the fluvial and runoff • Statutory sites, County Wildlife Sites and priority habitats to be shown on one plan. • The maps have been made like this for the PEIR and will be going forward • Two seasons of ecological surveys are required for the Scheme. Surveys for the Norwich Western Link Road identified that bats are flying to feed, to the south of the A47. • There is a biosecurity concern along the River Tud, in particular bringing equipment onto site • A47 scheme wide requirement to consider biodiversity net gain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The fragmented landscape between A1067 and A47 presents an opportunity for biodiversity net gain and to ensure no further habitat severance occurs. ○ Meeting to be set up to discuss biodiversity net gain
11/02/2020	Email	Email from Galliford Try (the principal contractor) to follow up after meeting at Natural England offices.
18/06/2020	Email	Email to request discussion/comments regarding bat survey methodology.
June - August 2020	Phone calls	Calls from Sweco to Natural England to determine Natural England case officer for the Scheme.
19/06/2020	Email	Response from Natural England to above email to say there has been a change of case officer, the new case officer will respond to the query however there may be a delay.
Approximately 19/06/2020	Phone call	Phone call with Natural England Norfolk and Suffolk team to follow up response to bat survey methodology.
06/08/2020	Email	Email to Norfolk and Suffolk team to request discussion regarding bat survey methodology (follow-up to phone call).
07/08/2020	Email	Response from Natural England to arrange phone call.
07/08/2020	Email	Response from Natural England, forwarding request within team.

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07/08/2020	Email	Response from Natural England, to arrange phone call.
07/08/2020	Email	Email with availability and request as to whether any further information needs to be sent before the call.
07/08/2020	Email	Response from Natural England to suggest meeting time, and request for any further information.
08/01/2021	Email	Email to follow up on comments requested on Habitat Regulations Assessment completed.
08/01/2021	Email	Response from Natural England to say the case has been passed onto another case officer, as needs to be dealt with in the Norfolk and Suffolk team, but currently with the Sussex and Kent team.
08/01/2021	Email	Email to request point of contact in Norfolk and Suffolk team.
08/01/2021	Email	Response from Natural England with contact in Norfolk and Suffolk team.
15/01/2021	Email	Email to follow up responses to Habitat Regulations Assessment with new point of contact in Norfolk and Suffolk team.
18/01/2021	Email	Response from Natural England to request the deadline comments are required by.
18/01/2021	Email	Email to request Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) comments by Friday 18/01/2021. Response to say deadline is fine.
18/01/2021	Email	Response from Natural England to confirm deadline of Friday 18/01/2021.
22/01/2021	Email	Response from Natural England to confirm that detailed comments from Natural England are not required for the HRA. The HRA is sufficiently comprehensive and concerns required details concerning river Wensum SAC. Agree with the conclusions that there is not likely to be an effect on integrity of the SAC due to this application.

1.3 Environment Agency

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
29 May 2020	Email	<p>The Environment Agency's (EA) scoping opinion response made reference to a new AWS abstraction in North Tuddenham village and asked to be contacted for details.</p> <p>An enquiry email was sent by Sweco asking for confirmation as to whether the new abstraction had been included in licence information received.</p>
24 February 2020	Email	<p>Consultation email sent regarding proposed hydrological and hydraulic modelling assessment approach for River Tud and minor watercourses</p>
12 March 2020	Email	<p>EA response to Sweco's proposed hydrological and hydraulic modelling approach.</p>
19 March 2020	Meeting - Skype	<p>Meeting to discuss the EAs response to Sweco's proposed hydrological and hydraulic modelling approach in more detail.</p>
3 June 2020	Meeting - Microsoft Teams	<p>Meeting to present and review the proposed structure design options for the River Tud Bridge crossing.</p>
30 June 2020	Email	<p>Baseline flood model provided to EA (and Norfolk County Council LLFA) for review.</p>
16 July 2020	Email	<p>Response from EA on flood risk and proximity of structure to River, focussing on geomorphology, WFD and ecology.</p>
20 July 2020	Email	<p>EA review comments on baseline flood modelling.</p>
21 July 2020	Meeting - Microsoft Teams	<p>To discuss the response from EA (dated 16 July 2020).</p>
24 August 2020	Meeting - Microsoft Teams	<p>Discussion on proposed River Tud crossing for ecology, geomorphology and flood risk.</p>

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26 August 2020	Email	Email from EA following up on meeting and recommending extra bank distance would be highly desirable, however the EA would not object to current proposals.
10 September 2020	Letter	Letter received from EA following up on the previous 24 August meeting and confirming the EA's advice regarding the margin between the riverbank and cycle path and requirements for mammal.
7 October 2020	Email	Email requesting detailed assessment approach for road drainage discharges to groundwater.
5 November 2020	Meeting - Microsoft Teams	Meeting to discuss construction of the River Tud crossing
11 November 2020	Email	Email response on detailed assessment approach for road drainage discharges to groundwater, providing guidance on approach to be taken and key concerns.
17 November 2020	Meeting	Progress update meeting for the Scheme
22 December 2020	Letter	EA review comments on draft version of Drainage Strategy Report.
14 January 2021	Email	Provision of updated baseline and proposed flood modelling for EA review.
29 January 2021	Letter	EA response and agreement to proposals for compensatory flood storage at the River Tud.
09 February 2021	Email	EA review comments on updated baseline and proposed flood modelling.
09 February 2021	Letter	EA comments on proposals for compensatory flood storage at Oak Farm and Hockering.

1.4 Historic England

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
06/04/2020	Letter response to Statutory Consultation from Historic England	<p><u>Parish church of St Michael at Hockering</u></p> <p>The new road could increase the traffic noise heard from the vicinity of the church and it is unclear how visible the road and proposed landscaping would be.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Church of St Andrew at Honingham</u></p> <p>Currently the volume and speed of traffic on the A47 detracts from the quiet, contemplative qualities of the church and churchyard. The Proposed Scheme could significantly increase this and provide a greater visual impact.</p> <p>The Norwich Road junction to the east of the churchyard would affect the churchyard as would be illuminated at night. The road linking the two new roundabouts would pass under the main A47 carriageway so would be raised on embankments to clear it.</p> <p>The immediate visual impact of the church could be increased, particularly by the retaining wall.</p> <p>The church would be affected by noise and lighting from the complex of roads, affected visitor experience to the church and churchyard.</p> <p>There is potential for archaeological deposits due to the proximity of the Proposed Scheme to the churchyard- these should be investigated (local authority to look into).</p> <hr/> <p><u>Church of St Peter at Easton</u></p> <p>Noise of road and lights on roundabout are apparent from the churchyard but currently screened to a degree.</p> <p>The placement of the link road between the northern edge of the churchyard and the present A47 would remove a belt of planting to the north and the west, bringing development closer to the church.</p> <p>The development could result in harm to the historic significance of the church.</p> <p>More detailed plans are required for the new road to the north of the church.</p> <p>There is potential for archaeological deposits due to the proximity of the Proposed Scheme to the churchyard- these should be investigated (local authority to look into).</p>

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08/10/2020	Email	Email to Historic England with information on Listed Buildings to be discussed from QGIS files (St Andrew's Church and St Peter's Church). Information to be reviewed by Historic England prior to meeting on 15/10/2020.
13/10/2020	Email	<p>Response from Historic England to explain upcoming meeting would be to discuss impact on churches, not to identify receptors.</p> <p>Requested impact on churches to be agreed within Statement of Common Ground.</p>
15/10/2020	Meeting with Historic England and Sweco	<p><u>Discussed Church of St Andrew Honingham</u></p> <p>The Norwich Road junction has been moved south east ~100m, further from St Andrew's Church. The retaining wall which featured in the previous design iteration is now removed as part of the Scheme.</p> <p>Landscaping could be placed between slip road and A47 mainline, however not recommended to plant up whole area as would change landmark of the church. Some screening planting would be beneficial to the setting.</p> <p>Historic England to agree SOCG following review of relevant Environmental Statement chapter.</p> <p>WCHR underpass more preferable than overbridge.</p> <p>Noise and vibration effects to be assessed in assessment of the church. Ground monitoring suggested as mitigation.</p> <p>The approach to be taken in the Environmental Statement is to note that harm is anticipated to the setting of the church.</p> <p><u>Discussed: Church of St Peter at Easton</u></p> <p>Suggested by DE in meeting to ensure as much planting as possible to screen views, as side road moving closer to the church boundary, removing screening layer of trees.</p> <p>Also raised during meeting that there is a potential opportunity to screen using a planted noise barrier to provide visual and noise reducing benefit.</p> <p>Historic England queried if it is possible for the WCHR footbridge to be moved to the east to reduce any setting impacts.</p>

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes
16/10/2020	Email	Email to Historic England to follow-up from meeting, with minutes and cross sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Andrew's Church • St Peter's Church
23/11/2020	Email	Response from Historic England, requesting an addition to the meeting minutes to cover the impact of the potential retaining wall Questions on the cross sections as to whether for St. Andrew's church the section would go through both the A47 main carriageway and the over pass bridge. Requested the height of the footbridge at the St Peter's section.
03/12/2020	Email	Email to Historic England to confirm proposed height of proposed footbridge to east of St Peter's Church.
03/12/2020	Email	Response from Historic England to request further information regarding footbridge and confirm whether an underpass or flyover at Norwich Road junction.
04/12/2020	Email	Email to Historic England with drawing of proposed Easton footbridge, explanation that the option chosen has the least impact on the landscape. Clarification on Norwich Road junction provided.

2 TABLE OF ENGAGEMENT WITH STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS

Statutory undertaker as identified by Regulation 11 list	Engagement	Engagement outcome
Anglian Water	<p>The Applicant has had ongoing engagement with Anglian Water since 2016 to obtain existing utilities information, provide details on the Scheme design and obtain information on possible diversion routes or protection works required. A refresh of this information was carried out in 2020 to capture updates to the design.</p> <p>The Applicant has exchanged a series of emails with Anglian Water in 2020 to discuss the preliminary design of the scheme, the diversions or protection works required, utility corridors, programme and estimates. Anglian Water have been provided with funding to undertake design and site assessments. Budget diversion estimates have been received and design meetings are ongoing on a regular basis, with a number of their assets affected.</p> <p>Anglian Water have been consulted over Protective Provisions to be included with the Draft DCO and have provided some further requirements which are being reviewed and discussed.</p>	<p>Early engagement has resulted in beneficial meetings where the Applicant has been able to share preliminary design information and drawings with Anglian Water. This assists Anglian Water with their design of the proposed diversion and protection works, and feedback has helped shape some aspects of the preliminary design, particularly utility corridors. These discussions and diversion design development are ongoing.</p>
BT Openreach	<p>The Applicant has had ongoing engagement with BT Openreach since 2016 to obtain existing stats information, provide details on the Scheme design and obtain information on possible diversion routes required. A refresh of this information was carried out in 2020 to capture updates to the design.</p> <p>The Applicant has exchanged a series of emails with BT Openreach in 2020 to discuss the preliminary design of the scheme, the diversions required, utility corridors, programme</p>	<p>Early engagement has resulted in beneficial meetings where the Applicant has been able to share preliminary design information and drawings with BT Openreach. This assists BT Openreach in their design of the proposed diversion works and estimate. Feedback from BT Openreach has helped shape some aspects of the utility corridors. These discussions and diversion design development are ongoing.</p>

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	<p>and estimates.</p> <p>BT Openreach have been provided with funding to undertake design and site assessments. Budget diversion estimates have been received and design meetings are ongoing.</p> <p>BT Openreach have been consulted over Protective Provisions to be included with the Draft DCO and are currently reviewing these.</p>	
UK Power Networks	<p>The Applicant has had ongoing engagement with UK Power Networks since 2016 to obtain existing stats information, provide details on the Scheme design and obtain information on possible diversion routes required. A refresh of this information was carried out in 2020, to capture updates to the design.</p> <p>Assets at various voltage level are affected by the works, with HV and LV requiring diversion. Outline diversion designs have been developed and budget diversion cost estimates produced.</p> <p>UK Power Networks have been consulted over Protective Provisions to be included with the Draft DCO and are currently reviewing these.</p>	<p>Early engagement has resulted in beneficial meetings where the Applicant has been able to share preliminary design information and drawings with UK Power Networks. This assists them with their design of the proposed diversion works and estimates. Feedback has helped shape some aspects of the utility corridors. These discussions and diversion design development are for 132kV, 11kV and LV assets and are ongoing.</p>
National Grid Gas Transmission	<p>The Applicant has had ongoing engagement with National Grid since 2016 to obtain existing stats information, provide details on the Scheme design and obtain information on possible effects of the scheme on their assets. A refresh of this information was carried out in 2020, to capture updates to the design.</p>	<p>The Applicant has had ongoing engagement with National Grid in relation to the strategic High-Pressure gas main which is affected by the Scheme. The Applicant has provided details (including cross-sections) of the proposed works to National Grid, who have progressed design studies. Through discussions, the Applicant has been able to finalise the proposed diversion route, whilst still considering the needs of</p>

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	<p>The Applicant has held a number of meetings with National Grid during 2019 and 2020, that have resulted in beneficial discussions and proactive decisions in early development of the High-Pressure gas main diversion.</p> <p>National Grid have been provided with funding to undertake design and site assessments. Budget diversion estimates have been received and design meetings are ongoing on a regular basis.</p> <p>National Grid have been consulted over Protective Provisions to be included with the Draft DCO and are currently reviewing these.</p>	<p>the local residents and landowners.</p> <p>Discussions on the design, cost and construction methodology of the diversion route continue, whilst National Grid develop their detailed design.</p>

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Received before end of consultation (April 2020)	Online comment	Consultation response from Breckland Council online stating their support to the scheme with a few considerations detailed in the issues section.
18/08/2020	Email	James Powis (Highways England) shared the design draft for stakeholder consideration following feedback from the statutory consultation. This was sent for information only and not for comment. Sent to Simon Wood and the planning department inbox.
17/11/2020 (Meetings held quarterly throughout 2020)	Meeting through Microsoft Teams	Meeting held between Highways England, Norfolk County Council, Broadland District Council, Breckland Council and South Norfolk Council: Discussed the Statement of Common Grounds preparation, Food Enterprise Park access, the Local Liaison Group meetings and the new joined up approach, the draft design changes following stat con feedback, draft plan proposals for Walking, Cycling & Horse Riding, the updated lagoon strategies & drainage proposals and the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton update brochure planned for distribution December 2020. Attendees include: James Powis (HE), Edwin Bechtle (HE), Glen Owen (HE) Philippa Harris (HE), Phil Courtier, David Cumming and Stephen Scowen. See appendix B for meeting minutes.
8/12/2020	Email	James Powis (HE) sent email to Simon Wood and David Allfrey (Norfolk County Council) in regard to the impact of the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Scheme on a Public Open Space in North Tuddenham.

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8/12/2020	Email	Tuddenham project team sent email to Simon Wood regarding our Winter 2020 Brochure together with a plan updating on the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton improvements.
8/01/2021	Email	Response sent by Stephen Scowen regarding consultation on the latest version of the proposals relating to the dualling of the A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton.

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3 Issues

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• Supporting the area's economy	Appendix B	Breckland Council welcomes the scheme proposals which help to support the economy and economic growth in the area.	By delivering these improvements, Highways England aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help enable regional development and growth in Norwich and its surrounding area • reduce congestion, make journey times more reliable and provide capacity for future traffic growth • improve resilience of the road to cope with incidents such as collisions, breakdowns and maintenance • improve safety for all road users and those living in the local area • protect the environment by minimising any adverse impacts and where possible, deliver benefits • ensure the new road layout considers local communities and safe access to the A47 • provide a safer route between communities for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other non-motorist groups 	Agreed	17/11/20
• Amenity of local residents and the character of the area	2020 Statutory consultation representation from BDC	The amenity of local residents and the character of the area should be protected and subjected to the detail of the proposal being acceptable and adequate protection being afforded.	The assessment of the visual impacts for local residents as well as an assessment of the landscape character has been undertaken. This assessment is presented in Chapter 7 – Landscape and Visual Effects of the Environmental Statement (application document TR010038/APP/6.1).	Agreed	25/02/21
• Connectivity between Dereham and	2020 Statutory consultation	The newly dualled section of road will significantly improve road connectivity between Dereham and Norwich and	Highways England agrees that through the project aims the scheme will improve connectivity between Dereham and Norwich	Agreed	25/02/21

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Norwich	representation from BDC	thereby support economic and housing growth along the A47 corridor. The proposed dualling will provide increased traffic capacity, decrease journey times and congestion-related delay as well as improve safety and the reliability of journey time. All of which will make it easier to transport goods and people along this route reliably and safely, which historically has been problematic. Businesses and residents reliant upon road connections for travelling between Dereham and Norwich, as well as locations in between, will benefit significantly	and the potential for other local developments that are deemed feasible by the local planning authority and affected district councils.		
• Norwich Western Link	2020 Statutory consultation representation from BDC	The location of this proposed Wood Lane junction is positioned to connect to the much-needed Norwich Western Link.	Highways England agrees that through the project aims the scheme supports economic growth and the potential for other local developments that are deemed feasible by the local planning authority and affected district councils. Impacts will be considered in the ES	Agreed	25/02/21
• Public Open Space	2020 Project Winter Update representation from BDC	The consultation brochure does not identify Poppy's Wood which is located just to the west of Lyng Road. This is designated as an area of open space within the Breckland Local Plan and therefore Policy ENV01 applies. The impact of the proposals upon this area clearly needs to be considered and its ability to be used in this manner should not be impaired in any	Highways England have managed to negate any permanent works from within Poppy Wood designated area, leaving only a need for temporary access during construction of the scheme along the southern edge and then a need for post construction replanting. With that in mind, Highways England do not believe that there is a need to mitigate any impact on Public Open Space in the form of providing compensatory land for the POS as would be the case in circumstances where permanent land	Agreed	25/02/21

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		way, including during the construction phase.	take would be required. Highways England will work with the contractors to ensure access is maintained throughout the construction works and will manage this through the construction and/or traffic management plans during the detailed design phase.		
• Further Comments	N/A	Breckland Council reserves the right to comment further upon the detail	Highways England will submit this Statement of Common Ground in draft form which will allow it to be finalised during the Development Consent Order process.	Agreed	25/02/21
• Listed buildings and veteran woodland area	2020 Project Winter Update representation from BDC	We note that the consultation brochure correctly identifies a Grade II listed building (Berry Hall) and an area of veteran woodland at Berry's Lane as being situated in close proximity to the location of the proposed junction. We also note the Grade II Listed building (Icehouse - listing 1077350) on Berry's Lane. The impacts of the proposal upon these will clearly need to be considered carefully and the Council would welcome further details of how the presence of these features have been taken into account within the design process	The Cultural Heritage assessment (ES Chapter 6) has assessed the heritage impact on the setting of these Grade II listed buildings. Sensitive planting is proposed, where appropriate, as outlined in the Environmental Masterplan to screen the road infrastructure from the Grade II listed buildings. The Landscape and visual effects chapter of the Environmental Statement (application document TR0100038/APP/6.1) also assesses the visual impact of the Proposed Scheme on the listed buildings. Mitigation measures to screen the Proposed Scheme from the listed buildings have been recommended in both the Cultural heritage and Landscape and visual effects chapters which are illustrated in the Environmental Masterplan. The assessment on heritage assets has been undertaken in accordance with NPPF, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and the Breckland Local Plan November 2018. There	Agreed	25/02/21

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			will also be further details outlining the accordance within the assessment.		
• Flood potential	2020 Project Winter Update representation from BDC	The Council would welcome confirmation of any potential flood risks associated with the scheme in this area. For example, what the impact of the proposal will be upon the area of surface water flood risk that exists to the south of Hockering, adjacent to the new route, and the impacts of surface water will be mitigated so that flood risk does not increase.	The Road drainage and water environment (RDWE) assessment (ES Chapter 13) and accompanying Flood Risk Assessment has assessed the impact of the Proposed Scheme on flood risk. To mitigate any potential increase in surface water flood risk, earthwork drainage and dry culverts have been included as part of the design. These work with the existing topography to ensure that connectivity of existing surface water overland flow pathways is maintained and to prevent surface water accumulating adjacent to the Proposed Scheme. The 'dry culvert' cross drains have been designed to convey flows during a 100-year (plus 65% climate change) event.	Agreed	25/02/21
• Connectivity between existing villages	2020 Project Winter Update representation from BDC	The Council, and in particular the local ward members covering the scheme, also consider it important to preserve the connectivity between existing villages to the north and south of the proposal without creating a north-south rat run (that is likely to occur once the new A47 and Western relief roads are in place). There is particular concern at the latest proposal to stop up Berry's Lane in this regard. It is therefore suggested that Wood Lane and Berry's Lane be connected by way of an underpass under the A47 but separately from the proposed newA47/NWL junction. However, in	Highways England will continue to work with Norfolk County Council the local highway authority responsible for the local road network to identify an appropriate solution for traffic movements with consideration to the benefits and dis-benefits of connecting Berry's lane on the wider local road network and will continue to discuss the benefits of both the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton and the Norwich Western Link in regard to Walking, Cycling and Horse Riding provision.	Under Discussion	25/02/21

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		the event that this is not feasible then Berry's Lane should be connected to the new junction, subject to a weight restriction, and any appropriate width restrictions, to prevent HGV traffic from using it. Furthermore, in order to safeguard the existing Bus route to Hockering village it is also important that the link from Wood Lane to the new junction is preserved			

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Appendices

Appendix A – Initials and details of individuals involved

Initials	Name	Role or Discipline	Organisation
JP	James Powis	Project Manager	Highways England
SW	Simon Wood	Director of Planning & Building Control	Breckland Council
SS	Stephen Scowen	Major Projects Delivery Manager	Breckland Council
PH	Philippa Harris	Project Support Officer	Highways England
GO	Glen Owen	Senior Project Manager	Highways England
EB	Edwin Bechtle	Assistant Project Manager	Highways England

Appendix B – Minutes for online Teams meeting held on 17/11/2020

Meeting	Update on A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Improvements	
Venue & Date	Teams Meeting, 17 November 2020	
	Name	Role
Chairperson	James Powis	Project Manager, Highways England
Attendees	David Cumming	Strategic Transport Manager, Norfolk County Council
	Phil Courtier	Director of Place, People & Resource, Broadland District Council & South Norfolk Council
	Stephen Scowen	Major Projects Delivery Manager, Breckland Council
	Edwin Bechtle	Assistant Project Manager, Highways England
	Glen Owen	Senior Project Manager, Highways England
	In Attendance	
	Philippa Harris	Project Support Officer, Highways England
	Apologies	
	Trevor Holden	Managing Director, Broadland & South Norfolk District Councils
	Simon Wood	Director of Planning & Building Control, Breckland Council
Distribution	All above	

Notes

1.0	Health, Safety & Wellbeing	Action by	Date
	The charity, Brake (brake.org.uk), has co-ordinated this year's UK Road Safety Week - No Need to Speed http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/ and has put out a video on YouTube https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0fiTunTYhU7r5tc-uo20dKg_Hwyd9a9uK_PHjzZ5zWrcRnJYYTuHl1nvc&v=YerQnTYJYYc & can be shared with partners from, eg schools to LEPs.		
2.0	Meeting Introduction		
2.1	As a DCO project, HE aiming for all attending parties to all agree a Statement of Common Ground with a background of quarterly meetings in place.		
2.2	HE has joined with NCC on the Local Liaison Group to update more stakeholders.		
2.3	9/11/20 Food Enterprise Park meeting took place between HE, NCC & Broadland DC. Minutes have been received with HE to comment on these in due course.		
2.4	A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Stat con extended to 30 April to allow additional time for representations to be made earlier 2020. Feedback review taking place to form Stat Con Report and feedback into design. Draft update sent out October showed the plan reflecting stakeholder wishes at statutory consultation. This plan was presented at the last Update meeting 15/07/20 and also presented at NCC-LLG .		
2.5	The draft plan is being reviewed against the requirements for WCHR, Lagoon strategies & drainage under review alongside confirming the		

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	scheme can be delivered within budgetary constraints. Update brochure to be sent out by end 2020 updating on progress of the scheme against the reviews. Distribution to take place by both post and email.		
2.6	Working towards 2021 DCO & Start of Works early 2023 (possible utility works beforehand). Two year build with A47 North Tuddenham to Easton route open for Traffic by end 2025.		
3.0	Statement of Common Ground		
3.1	Led by Barrie Arthur, Sweco, for NCC and Edwin Bechtle, HE, leading for Breckland, Broadland & South Norfolk Councils.		
3.2	Anticipate March 2021 DCO so aiming for possible agreement before February.		
3.3	Breckland, Broadland & South Norfolk Councils to receive draft Statement of Common Ground 30/11/20. With Statement for NCC more complex, this is likely to be next month.		
4.0	Breckland District Council		
4.1	No major concerns		
4.2	Keen to see benefits of the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton scheme and very supportive of the improvements.		
5.0	Broadland & South Norfolk District Councils		
5.1	Key factor is access to Food Enterprise Park including Blind Lane. This was addressed on 09-11-20 Meeting re FEP with the concerns recorded on the minutes.		
5.2	No other issues.		
5.3	Easton Parish Council has queried access across A47 in Easton area which James Powis is addressing with Easton Parish Council.		
5.4	FEP requires some follow up work following on from Phil Courtier's email 13-11-20. JP to address.	James Powis	20/11/20
6.0	Norfolk County Council		
6.1	All Statements of Common Ground will say NCC will be supporting the improvements		
6.2	Main concern raised in the useful 09/11/20 meeting re: FEP including suitability of road network to south including Blind Lane and NCC working with HE, incl re: NWL where issues to be resolved plus Wood Lane junction to be futureproofed so link between two dumbbell roundabouts should allow for dualling (not apparent at present)		
6.3	HE plans for mitigation for A47 should NWL be hindered as both schemes treated separately.?		
6.4	James Powis previously met with David Allfrey, NCC, & George Freeman MP with David Allfrey establishing a collective group representing affected local authorities.		
6.0	Meetings 2021		
	Monthly meetings to be set up for 2021	P Harris	18/11/20

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2.5	The draft plan is being reviewed against the requirements for WCHR,		

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	Lagoon strategies & drainage under review alongside confirming the scheme can be delivered within budgetary constraints. Update brochure to be sent out by end 2020 updating on progress of the scheme against the reviews. Distribution to take place by both post and email.		
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3.2	Anticipate March 2021 DCO so aiming for possible agreement before February.		
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4.1	No major concerns		
4.2	Keen to see benefits of the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton scheme and very supportive of the improvements.		
5.0	Broadland & South Norfolk District Councils		
5.1	Key factor is access to Food Enterprise Park including Blind Lane. This was addressed on 09-11-20 Meeting re FEP with the concerns recorded on the minutes.		
5.2	No other issues.		
5.3	Easton Parish Council has queried access across A47 in Easton area which James Powis is addressing with Easton Parish Council.		
5.4	FEP requires some follow up work following on from Phil Courtier's email 13-11-20. JP to address.	James Powis	20/11/20
6.0	Norfolk County Council		
6.1	All Statements of Common Ground will say NCC will be supporting the improvements		
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6.3	HE plans for mitigation for A47 should NWL be hindered as both schemes treated separately.?		
6.4	James Powis previously met with David Allfrey, NCC, & George Freeman MP with David Allfrey establishing a collective group representing affected local authorities.		
6.0	Meetings 2021		
	Monthly meetings to be set up for 2021	P Harris	18/11/20

3.3 South Norfolk Council



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Version	Date	Status of Version
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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

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Signed.....
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Date: [DATE]

Signed.....
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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") has been prepared in respect of the proposed A47 North Tuddenham to Easton ("the Application") made by Highways England Company Limited ("Highways England") to the Secretary of State for Transport ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("the Order") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008").
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2.1	As a DCO project, HE aiming for all attending parties to all agree a Statement of Common Ground with a background of quarterly meetings in place.		
2.2	HE has joined with NCC on the Local Liaison Group to update more stakeholders.		
2.3	9/11/20 Food Enterprise Park meeting took place between HE, NCC & Broadland DC. Minutes have been received with HE to comment on these in due course.		
2.4	A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Stat con extended to 30 April to allow additional time for representations to be made earlier 2020. Feedback review taking place to form Stat Con Report and feedback into design. Draft update sent out October showed the plan reflecting stakeholder wishes at statutory consultation. This plan was presented at the last Update meeting 15/07/20 and also presented at NCC-LLG .		
2.5	The draft plan is being reviewed against the requirements for WCHR, Lagoon strategies & drainage under review alongside confirming the		

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	scheme can be delivered within budgetary constraints. Update brochure to be sent out by end 2020 updating on progress of the scheme against the reviews. Distribution to take place by both post and email.		
2.6	Working towards 2021 DCO & Start of Works early 2023 (possible utility works beforehand). Two year build with A47 North Tuddenham to Easton route open for Traffic by end 2025.		
3.0	Statement of Common Ground		
3.1	Led by Barrie Arthur, Sweco, for NCC and Edwin Bechtle, HE, leading for Breckland, Broadland & South Norfolk Councils.		
3.2	Anticipate March 2021 DCO so aiming for possible agreement before February.		
3.3	Breckland, Broadland & South Norfolk Councils to receive draft Statement of Common Ground 30/11/20. With Statement for NCC more complex, this is likely to be next month.		
4.0	Breckland District Council		
4.1	No major concerns		
4.2	Keen to see benefits of the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton scheme and very supportive of the improvements.		
5.0	Broadland & South Norfolk District Councils		
5.1	Key factor is access to Food Enterprise Park including Blind Lane. This was addressed on 09-11-20 Meeting re FEP with the concerns recorded on the minutes.		
5.2	No other issues.		
5.3	Easton Parish Council has queried access across A47 in Easton area which James Powis is addressing with Easton Parish Council.		
5.4	FEP requires some follow up work following on from Phil Courtier's email 13-11-20. JP to address.	James Powis	20/11/20
6.0	Norfolk County Council		
6.1	All Statements of Common Ground will say NCC will be supporting the improvements		
6.2	Main concern raised in the useful 09/11/20 meeting re: FEP including suitability of road network to south including Blind Lane and NCC working with HE, incl re: NWL where issues to be resolved plus Wood Lane junction to be futureproofed so link between two dumbbell roundabouts should allow for dualling (not apparent at present)		
6.3	HE plans for mitigation for A47 should NWL be hindered as both schemes treated separately.?		
6.4	James Powis previously met with David Allfrey, NCC, & George Freeman MP with David Allfrey establishing a collective group representing affected local authorities.		
6.0	Meetings 2021		
	Monthly meetings to be set up for 2021	P Harris	18/11/20