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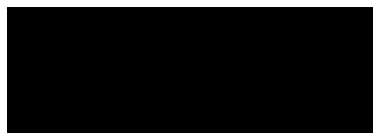
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# 1 SOCC CONSULTATION RESPONSES, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018

## 1.1 Broadland District Council, 1 February 2020



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1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

Zak Ivany  
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51-59 Rose Lane  
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NR1 1BY

Dear Mr Ivany,

### **A47 Dualling – Draft Statements of Community Consultation (N. Tuddenham-Easton / Blofield-North Burlingham)**

Thank you for your correspondence of 17<sup>th</sup> January, concerning the above Statements of Community Consultation. Your emails to Phil Courtier, Head of Planning, have been forwarded to myself for the purpose of producing a response.

In general, we feel the Statements provide 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 these schemes and how these opportunities will be publicised.

However, we do have three points to raise which relate to both Statements. These are highlighted below:

- 1) 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 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.
- 2) Appendix 2 indicates those local authorities directly affected by the schemes, as well as adjoining local authorities. However, we feel that both SoCCs should also include a list of the other identified stakeholder bodies to be consulted during project development, including parish councils (directly impacted and adjoining), local businesses and local interest groups, as well as wider public, private and third sector bodies.

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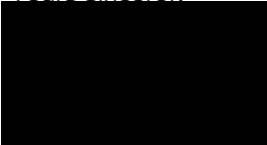
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- 3) The identified 'consultation zones' within both SoCCs exclude residential areas. Given that both documents state that a project summary leaflet and details of exhibitions will be mailed out to residents and businesses within these areas, it doesn't 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.

I hope these comments are useful and we look forward to receiving final versions of both Statements of Community Consultation in due course.

Yours sincerely



Richard Squires  
Senior Community Planning Officer

## 1.2 South Norfolk Council, 5 February 2020

Thank you for your emails of 17 January to Tim Horspole, which have been forwarded to me for a response. Please note that Tim is no longer a Director at South Norfolk Council, therefore I would be grateful if you could send future correspondence to Debbie Lorimer, Director of Growth and Business Development

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Overall the Council is supportive of the approaches set out in the in the draft Statements of Community Consultation (SoCC), which provide a clear summary of when and where information about the above schemes will be made available, how this will be publicised and how people and organisations will be able ask questions and submit their comments.

Having reviewed the SoCC, there are a handful of suggestions which could help make the Statements and the consultations more effective:

- The table of consultation methods in both SSoC indicates that leaflets will be delivered to homes and businesses within the identified consultation zones; however, the zones themselves (Appendix 1 in each SoCC) seemed to be drawn very tightly and exclude many of the properties closest to the proposed works in 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;
- 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 Eastern Daily Press, or other publications, such as the freely distributed Norwich Extra, 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 (details should be available via the relevant parish clerks);
- Appendix 2 of the SoCC usefully lists the Local Authorities that will be consulted 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;
- In terms of the specific venues proposed for exhibitions and information points for consultation martial, I would also suggest the following:
  - o For the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction, it would be useful if Hethersett Village Hall or Hethersett Library could be used as an additional exhibition location/information point, also we would recommend using the Willow Centre at Cringleford, instead of (or as well as) the Pavilion, as an information point and exhibition venue, as the Willow Centre is open on a regular basis, used by a wide range of local groups, and includes the Parish Council offices;
  - o 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).

I hope the above is useful and we look forward to receiving the finalised SoCC in due course.

## 2 SOCC CONSULTATION RESPONSES, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020

### 2.1 Breckland Council, 27 and 28 January 2020

**From:** Wood, Simon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 January 2020 10:09  
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**Subject:** A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Dear Sir

I am writing on behalf of Breckland Council in relation to the consultation on the above document.

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:

- ☐ Lyng Parish Council
- ☐ Elsing Parish Council
- ☐ Swanton Morley Parish Council
- ☐ Mattishall Parish Council
- ☐ East Tuddenham Parish Council

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.

Yours sincerely

Simon Wood

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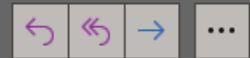
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RE: A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Draft Statement of Community Consultation



Wood, Simon

To ● A47 North Tuddenham to Easton RIS



28/01/2020

Hi Philippa

Further to my email below. I am assuming that District Councillors for:

- Upper Wensum
- Dereham Neatherd, and
- Mattishall

will be advised in writing of the consultation event as will the Chief Executive of Breckland.

Kind regards

Simon

**Simon Wood**

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## 2.2 Broadland District Council, 14 February 2020

### A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Draft Statement of Community Consultation

#### Consultation Response from Broadland District Council

##### 1. General comment

- 1.1 Thank you for consulting Broadland District Council on the proposed SoCC. Specific comments on the content of the SoCC are listed below.
- 1.2 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 postponed? It might be helpful to provide a reference, in case there are other stakeholders that are similarly confused.

##### 2. Comments on content of SoCC

- 2.1 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). The following terms are examples:
  - 'offline dual carriageway'
  - 'new grade separated junctions'
  - 'at-grade roundabout'
  - 'WCHR 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').
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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 *will* be available for the future consultation. We would suggest the wording of the bullet point is amended to state, '*These will be illustrated in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (see below).*'

- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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?
- 2.6 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.).
- 2.7 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?
- 2.8 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.

## 2.3 South Norfolk Council 14 February 2020

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- 2.5 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 holding an event here? In addition, at which venue will the Norwich city centre exhibition be located? We feel this should be specified.
- 2.6 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?
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