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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 This document has been prepared in response to the letter from the Planning Inspectorate titled Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 etc (the “Rule 8 letter”) dated 12 August 2021.
- 1.1.2 The Examining Authority (ExA) has requested an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) during the week commencing 15 November 2021.
- 1.1.3 Annex A to the Rule 8 letter sets out the Examination Timetable for the Development Consent Order (DCO) application by the Examining Authority (ExA). Item 7 states that at Deadline 1 (D1) the Applicant should submit a draft ASI itinerary.
- 1.1.4 This revised itinerary has been prepared in response to these requirements and has taken into consideration the Examining Authority’s Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) note (**EV-001**)<sup>1</sup>. Annex A to this document presents a copy of the ExA’s report of their USIs in July 2021.
- 1.1.5 As per Item 7 in Annex A of the Rule 8 letter, the draft itinerary allowed all parties to comment on the draft itinerary and propose additional locations, with supporting justification, by Deadline 2 (14 September 2021). Annex B contains the ExA’s review of comments on the draft ASI received from Anthony Meynell, Weston Longville Parish Council, Richard Hawker and Mark Kenney. This revised itinerary has been submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3 (5 October 2021) in response to this feedback review.

## 2 PROPOSED ACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTION ITINERARY

### 2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The Examining Authority’s inspection of sites is an opportunity for the ExA to look at physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest. It is not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence.
- 2.1.2 Owing to limited daylight hours, the itinerary has focused on those locations only accessible across private land and/or the focus of concerns raised by the Relevant Representations or during the Preliminary Meeting and Oral Hearing in August 2021.
- 2.1.3 The proposed itinerary is presented in Table 2.1 while the proposed stops are illustrated in Figure 2.1.

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: [https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010038/TR010038-000359-210712\\_A47\\_NTT2E\\_USI1\\_note.pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010038/TR010038-000359-210712_A47_NTT2E_USI1_note.pdf)

## 2.2 Advising of Wish to Join the Site Visit

2.2.1 As per Item 5 in Annex B of the Rule 8 letter, the deadline for Interested Parties to confirm their wish to attend the ASI to the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team was 14 September 2021 (Procedural Deadline D). The Rule 8 letter is available on-line at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010038/TR010038-000401-A47%20NT2E%20Rule%208%20Letter%20FINAL.pdf>

2.2.2 It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany the ExA for logistical and safety reasons, but it should be possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary. Please notify the Planning Inspectorate Case Team if you wish to be considered for joining for the whole day or meet the inspection at a specific location within the itinerary, or at a new location, as proposed in your comments. Those joining for the whole day are referred to hereafter as the Core Team.

2.2.3 The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least a week before the ASI. Interested Parties should be aware that ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to the ExA about the Proposed Development. However, the ExA may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

2.2.4 To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, it is requested that Interested Parties wishing to attend the site visit:

- provide a contact mobile number to the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team for the day,
- notify the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team if there are any changes in attendance, and
- ensure the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

## 2.3 Joining the Site Visit on the Day

2.3.1 For those joining the Core Team, these participants are asked to arrive and report to the Applicant no later than 08:00am. This is to allow for a Health and Safety briefing and allocation of people to vehicles to be given to participants prior to departure. The Applicant will be at the venue by 7:50am to welcome participants.

2.3.2 The Health and Safety briefing will start promptly at 08:00am. We are not able to wait or delay the briefing so as to enable the site visit to start promptly with the departure of vehicles from the venue at 08:15am; any parties who are not present at the requested time or arrive late cannot be accommodated.

2.3.3 It is not possible to predict precisely how long each part of the inspection will last. For those Interested Parties wishing to join at an alternative location, the Applicant will use their mobile contact number to keep those Interested Parties notified of progress and expected arrival times where they are due to meet.

## 2.4 Transport Arrangements

2.4.1 The Applicant will confirm transport arrangements depending on the number of attendees, current COVID restrictions and availability of parking places at the stops. Where necessary, the Applicant will provide a vehicle(s) for the site visit. This approach has been proposed to minimise transport emissions and disruption along the local road network and around the limited locations for parking.

2.4.2 These vehicle(s) will be used to convey those attending the visit for the whole day, from start to finish, as a member of the Core Team. Interested Parties planning to join for part of the visit along the route will be expected to arrange their own mode of transport, but have regard to the itinerary timings, locations and parking arrangements with the Planning Inspectorate's Case Manager in advance; see Section 2.3 above.

## 2.5 Safety Instructions

2.5.1 Some of the locations will be observed on foot, possibly on uneven, wet or frozen ground and accessed via local roads with narrow or no footway provision. There will be limited daylight hours at this time of the year and visibility will be reduced towards the end of the day. A safety briefing will be provided to the Core Team at the beginning of the day. For those Interested Parties joining along the route for part of the visit, they will be sent the briefing pack to read in advance and requested to sign an acknowledgement when joining the site visit.

2.5.2 High visibility vests will be provided for attendees and must be worn at all times when out of the vehicle. When stopping on a live road, a mini-briefing will be provided before attendees exit the vehicle, which will include where to stand and how to remain safe. All attendees:

- Must follow instructions given to them by the Health and Safety staff representative from GallifordTry and provided by the risk assessment.
- Are responsible for their own safety and must never act in a manner that might reduce the safety of themselves or others.

2.5.3 With regards COVID, the appropriate controls in accordance with the latest Government guidelines at the time of the site visit will be applied and managed through the risk assessments and safety briefings.

## 2.6 Clothing

2.6.1 It will be necessary for all parties to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather-proof clothing appropriate for the time of the year. All parties are advised to bring their own high visibility jackets, if they have them, but the Applicant will provide high visibility vests for all attendees to wear.

## **2.7 Sites on Private Land**

- 2.7.1 The Applicant will arrange visits to private land, however access onto private land is at all times by the permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

## **2.8 Refreshments and Welfare Facilities**

- 2.8.1 A lunch break has been included in the itinerary and we will arrange for stops along the route to access to welfare facilities. Lunch arrangements for the Core Team will be confirmed prior to the site visit.

## **2.9 Cancellations**

- 2.9.1 Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, we would ask that you regularly check the Planning Inspectorate's website for updates prior to the visit; the website can be viewed here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton/>

## **2.10 Detailed Itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection**

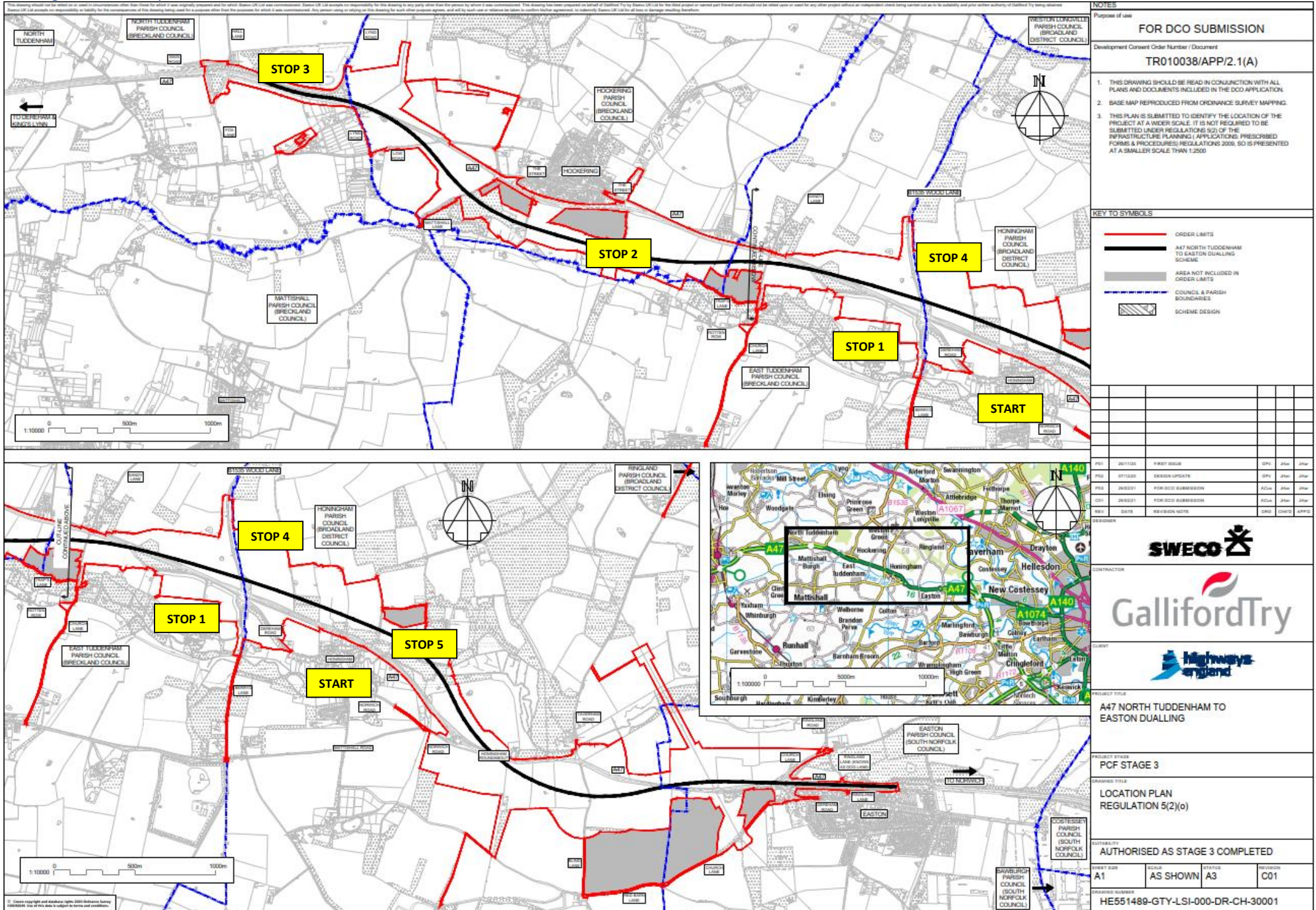
- 2.10.1 The times are approximate and whilst we will endeavor to meet persons along the route, the timings cannot be guaranteed. A site inspection pack will be provided on the day containing a copy of Table 2.1 and Figure 2.1 along with details of the travel route and parking places.

Table 2.1 – Accompanied Site Inspection itinerary

Stop / Travel	Approximate Timings	Location	Guidance Notes	Reason for Visiting Location
START	08:00 to 08:20	The Buck Inn car park, Honingham	Only for those attending whole day.	Arrival and registration. Health & Safety briefing and departure
Travelling A	08:20 to 08:30	Travel to Stop 1	Guidance to be provided on the day.	n/a
Stop 1	08:30 to 10:30	Berry Hall Estate, Berrys Lane	Guidance to be provided on the day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood Lane Junction design.</li> <li>• Berry Hall Estate.</li> <li>• Proposed compound.</li> <li>• Access to Berry Hall.</li> </ul>
Travelling B	10:30 to 10:45	Travel to Stop 2	Guidance to be provided on the day.	n/a
Stop 2	10:45 to 11:15	Gypsy Lane, Hockering	Guidance to be provided on the day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not visited by ExA in USI.</li> <li>• FP7 severance and PRoW diversions.</li> <li>• Restrictions to moving A47 further north of River Tud.</li> </ul>
Travelling C	11:15 to 11:30	Travel to Stop 3	Guidance to be provided on the day.	n/a
Stop 3	11:30 to 11:45	Poppy Wood	Guidance to be provided on the day.	Explain how permanent impact on Public Open Space will be avoided.
Travelling D and Lunch	11:45 to 13:00	Travel to lunch break, then onwards to Stop 4	Guidance to be provided on the day. Lunch break with access to welfare facilities.	n/a
Stop 4	13:00 to 13:30	Private field access north-east of B1535 Wood Lane and A47 junction.	Guidance to be provided on the day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norwich Western Link connection to Wood Lane junction.</li> <li>• Byway diversion.</li> <li>• National Grid gas pipeline diversion works.</li> </ul>
Travelling E	13:30 to 13:45	Travel to Stop 5	Guidance to be provided on the day.	n/a
Stop 5	14:00 to 16:00	Hall Farm and River Tud	Guidance to be provided on the day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River Tud crossing.</li> <li>• Hall Farm access diversion.</li> <li>• Views from Easton Estate.</li> </ul>
END	16:00 to 16:15	Travel back to start point or directly home	Everyone to sign-out before leaving.	n/a



Figure 2.1: Site Inspection route



## **ANNEX A – EXAMINING AUTHORITY’S JULY 2021 UNACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTION NOTES**

### **The Planning Act 2008**

Application for Development Consent for the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton project.  
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### **Examining Authority’s Record of Unaccompanied Inspection of Sites to which the Application Relates (USI1).**

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI1) on 12 and 13 July 2021. The purpose of the Inspections was for the ExA to become familiar with the proposed route and look at specific locations particularly in relation to general surrounds, heritage, noise, visual and landscape considerations.

Inspections were undertaken by car and on foot from publicly accessible land including highways and public rights of way. No inspections were undertaken on private land and therefore advance permission to enter land was not required. This allowed the inspections to be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.

The purpose of this note is to inform the Applicant and Interested Parties (IPs) of actions already taken by the ExA and to enable the Applicant and IPs to consider which, if any, additional sites the ExA might need to inspect.

Arrangements for any Accompanied Site Inspections (ASIs) will be advised in due course. In addition, further USIs may be carried out by the ExA as required to inform them and without notice. However, if further USIs are carried out, further Inspection notes will be published.

The inspections were undertaken to view the proposed application site as shown on the Location Plan [APP-004], General Arrangement Plans [APP-005], Land Plans [APP-006], Works Plans [APP-007] and Rights of Way and Access Plans [APP-008] submitted with the application.

### **Particulars of the Inspection**

USI1 was undertaken by the Examining Inspector Mr Adrian Hunter. No other persons were in attendance.

#### 12 July 2021

The USI on Monday 12 July 2021 was undertaken during the late afternoon/early evening, to gain an appreciation and understanding of the application site and the Proposed Development; an indication of existing traffic levels; an appreciation of existing lighting arrangements; and an understanding of the relationship of the Proposed Development with other parts of the highway network.

#### 13 July 2021

The USI on Tuesday 13 July 2021 involved visiting a number of specific locations to gain an appreciation and understanding of the context of the application site, the route of the Proposed Development, its surroundings, and views of it.

The ExA also drove along the A47 and along a number of local roads in the vicinity



of the application site. He noted the nature of the roads and the character of the surroundings. Locations visited, both by vehicle and on foot, included:

- Dereham Road, Easton;
- Blind Lane;
- Norwich Road, Honingham;
- Mattishall Road, Honingham;
- Dereham Road, Honingham;
- Berrys Lane;
- Church Lane;
- Mattishall Lane, Hockering;
- Low Road, Hockering;
- Sandy Lane;
- Wood Lane; and
- Taverham Road.

The ExA also observed views towards the application site from the vicinity of a number of designated heritage assets. This was to gain an appreciation of these heritage assets and their setting. The heritage assets included:

- St Peter's Church, Easton;
- St Andrew's Church, Honingham;
- St Michael's Church, Hockering;
- Church Farm House and Barn at Church Farm, Taverham Road; and
- Berry Hall, Berrys Lane.

**Source Reference:**

[https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010038/TR010038-000359-210712\\_A47\\_NTT2E\\_USI1\\_note.pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010038/TR010038-000359-210712_A47_NTT2E_USI1_note.pdf)

## ANNEX B – EXAMINING AUTHORITY’S REVIEW OF COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ASI, SEPTEMBER 2021

	Location/Route	ExA Comments
<b>Highways England ASI ref TR010038/EXAM/9.5 D1 submission</b>		
Stop 1	Church Lane, Easton between Easton Roundabout and Ringland Road	To be undertaken by ExA as USI
Stop 2	Berry Hall Estate, Berrys Lane	To be undertaken as part of ASI
Stop 3	Gypsy Lane, Hockering	To be undertaken as part of ASI
Stop 4	Poppy Wood	To be undertaken as part of ASI
Stop 5	Private field access, north-east of B1535 Wood Lane and A47 Junction	To be undertaken as part of ASI
Stop 6	Hall Farm and River Tud	To be undertaken as part of ASI
Stop 7	Taverham Road and St Andrew’s Church, Honingham	To be undertaken by ExA as USI
<b>Anthony Meynell</b>		
	Berry Hall Estate	Will be undertaken as Stop 2 of ASI
	NE of Wood Lane	Will be undertaken as Stop 5 of ASI
<b>Weston Longville Parish Council</b>		
	Weston Longville	To be undertaken by ExA as USI
	Parson Woodforde Pub	To be undertaken by ExA as USI
<b>Mr Richard Hawker</b>		
1	Church Lane Easton north over River Tud bridge, Weston Road and Left to Taverham Road and to A47.	To be undertaken by ExA as USI
2	Mattishall Lane, Hockering, where road would cross, to Whitford Bridge over Tud, thence Hockering FP 8 or E Tudd FP 9 on bank of river E towards Honingham.	To be undertaken by ExA as USI
3	Continuation on E Tudd FP9 to join Rotten Row.	To be undertaken by ExA as USI
4	Church Lane, E Tudd, N towards A47.	To be undertaken by ExA as USI
5	Hockering FP5, N of A47 and N of Hill House.	To be undertaken by ExA as USI

	Location/Route	ExA Comments
6	Gypsy Lane, Hockering (FP7).	Will be undertaken as Stop 3 of ASI
<b>Mark Kenney</b>		
	Taverham Road south, Weston Road and Lower Easton.	This would appear to be same route as suggested by Mr Hawker, but in reverse.  To be undertaken by ExA as USI