

Written Summaries of Oral Submissions at A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Hearings

ISH1 Draft DCO Session 1

In relation to the Inspector's question about Article 13 in respect of the non-motorised user provision in the vicinity of the Norwich Western Link (42.51 in the transcript)

Norfolk County Council confirms that it is in discussion with the applicant on this matter. This is in respect of its role as the local highways authority and as promoter of the Norwich Western Link, for which there is a separate delivery team. The position(s) will be reflected in the Statement of Common Ground. The Statement of Common Ground will set out in different tables the position of the council as the local highways authority and as promoter of the Norwich Western Link.

ISH1 Draft environmental Matters Session 2

In relation to the Inspector's question regarding the relationship between the proposed development and the proposed Norwich Western Link (04.19 in the transcript)

Norfolk County Council confirms that it is having ongoing, productive discussions with the applicant on this matter. These discussions have been primarily with the Norwich Western Link team within the county council. At this stage we do not wish to add anything to the position outlined by the applicant at the Hearing. The position(s) will be reflected in the Statement of Common Ground. The Statement of Common Ground will set out in different tables the position of the council as the local highways authority and as promoter of the Norwich Western Link.

In relation to the Inspector's question regarding the county council's written comments in respect of the resilience of the Wood Lane junction (43.19 in the transcript)

Norfolk County Council's written comments set out concern about the resilience of Wood Lane Junction, although we acknowledged that we were awaiting the full modelling analysis to back up the justification for the applicant proposing that this be single carriageway only. This has been discussed further with the applicant. The applicant has confirmed that the operational traffic modelling assessments show that the single carriageway link road between the two roundabouts is appropriate for the anticipated traffic flows. An independent assessment has also been undertaken by the county council's NWL Delivery Team. The council can confirm that it accepts the applicant's proposal at this junction. This position will be covered within the Statement of Common Ground.

With regard to the proposed non-motorised user provision at the interface with the Norwich Western Link, the council confirms it is in discussion with the applicant on this matter. The position will be reflected in the Statement of Common Ground. As part of the proposals for the Norwich Western Link the council, as promoter of the project, has undertaken consultation on sustainable transport measures to be delivered as part of the Norwich Western Link scheme.

ISH1 Draft Environmental Matters Session 3

On the Inspector's question that Norfolk County Council comment on the proposed alternative junction design put forward by the Berry Hall Estate (16.38 in the transcript)

It is confirmed that the county council will comment on the technical merits of the proposed junction put forward by the Berry Hall Estate. Since it was confirmed at the Hearing that Berry Hall Estate would be submitting revised proposals at Deadline Five, we propose to provide technical comments on the revised proposals that are to be tabled.

On the Inspector's question about transfer of assets (47.33 in the transcript)

Norfolk County Council confirms that we remain in discussion with the applicant regarding the transfer of assets. Our position will be reflected in the agreed Statement of Common Ground. The council reiterates the point that it has requested a commuted sum in respect of future maintenance.

On the Inspector's question about biodiversity (1.11.36 in the transcript)

In reference to the points made by the Inspector on the county council's written submission, the council confirms that it remains in discussion with applicant on these matters. Our position will be reflected in the agreed Statement of Common Ground.

On Item 6, Heritage, the Inspector asking the Applicant to outline their approach in relation to heritage matters, including archaeology.

NCC concur with the applicants summary of the situation in relation to undesignated heritage assets in the form of below-ground archaeological remains. Desk-based assessment including walkover survey, geophysical survey and extensive trial trenching have taken place. NCC confirm that we have been in fruitful discussions with the applicant regarding post-consent archaeological mitigation and an emerging outline Written Scheme of Investigations.

On Item 6, Heritage, the Inspector asking 'To consider the impact of the Proposed Development upon identified designated heritage assets and in particular to consider the submissions of the owners of Berry Hall Estate; and To consider the Proposed Development against the guidance contained within The Historic Environment section of Chapter 5 of the National Policy Statement for National Networks.'

Norfolk County Council has no comments regarding any possible heritage designations or other designations relating to Berry Hall, and the Berry Hall Estate. We consider to this to be a matter for Breckland District Council and/or Historic England to comment on.