

We listened with interest to what was said on the 6th of January and would like to make the following comments concerning traffic modelling. Like Mr Hawker representing the Wensum Valley Alliance (WVA), we have concerns about traffic modelling but that is the modelling evidence produced by Norfolk County Council (NCC) and not what is produced by National Highways (NH).

As a parish, Lower Easton is greatly affected by the disastrous modelling utilised and the consequences the Northern Distributor Road had brought in increased traffic with no mitigation in place all based on the poor modelling provided by NCC.

We are concerned that the potential deficiencies within the Norwich Western Link proposal are creating unnecessary fog and doubt with regards to the National Highways proposal for the dualling of this section of the A47.

These two schemes should sit in isolation from each other concerning their determinations, if necessary it should be up to the NWL to fund a connection to the A47. This would ensure public money is not wasted on developing a junction that may not be required in the future of such a scale. Public opinion from the outset has been against this as the favoured route, sadly because of NCC's lack of forward planning, an alternative is not easily available.

Public money would be better spent on National Highways working in partnership with the Food Enterprise Park to secure a direct link to the A47. It could be argued this link is vital to helping secure local sourced food security in a rapidly changing environment.