

By way of an update since the Issue Specific Hearing held on 6th January 2022, we have continued to act on behalf of our client, Food Enterprise Park Ltd. (FEP) and Honingham Thorpe Farms (HTF), to deliver a new vehicular access and roadway (planning application ref: 20211335). This road will serve the FEP and HTF and will connect to the proposed re-aligned A47.

We met with representatives of National Highways, Sweco, Norfolk County Council " Highway Authority and the Director of Place for Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils, to discuss the details and implications of the roadway proposals. We met in person on 18th January, and we all felt that positive progress had been made. Firstly, the National Highways and Sweco reps. confirmed that the proposed grade separated junction at Norwich Road had been designed to accommodate the traffic associated with the FEP and HTF. In respect of the detailed roadway proposals, they requested that as much as possible of the surface water drainage from the proposed new roadway be captured and piped directly into the existing surface water drainage system of the neighbouring FEP site. This would minimise the amount of surface water that has the potential to flow towards the A47. We have agreed to revise the planning application to include this request. In addition, the National Highways and SWECO reps. requested that the use of the southern, private section of the roadway is controlled to allow traffic from HTF only to use this section of private road and prevent rat-running onto and from the surrounding road network. The private road section will be fitted with two sets of controlled gates and signage to make it clear that this section of the roadway is strictly private. The road is also aligned to direct traffic to and from the existing private road serving the HTF, rather than the surrounding road network.

These revisions together with an explanatory written statement will be submitted to the District Council as soon as the plans and surface water drainage report are revised to take account of these changes. It is anticipated that a re-consultation will then take place before the District Council can make a decision on the planning application. We will update the Examining Authority on the decision that is made on the planning application for your records.