

Planning Inspectorate NSIP ref no TR010038

A47 dualling North Tuddenham to Easton (NTE)

Submission from Richard Hawker IP ref No 20028320 to Deadline 8

Date: 25 January 2022 Response to HE submission to Deadline 6 & 7.

1) Traffic and transport.

- a) The Applicant challenges me to offer examples of where I believe their traffic modelling predictions have been very inconsistent. I have done so at most opportunities. In REP5-017 I asked 19 questions, some regarding inconsistencies, and my appendices pointed out in great detail, with diagrams, where there appear to be very significant inconsistencies in both the base model and the predictions. I received no response to those observations; I have restructured them as specific questions in deadline 7.
- b) Regarding **turning counts**, the applicant kindly refers me, in REP6-017 Q4, to HE's e-mail of 8 June 2021, which included a spreadsheet of information.
 - i) It is not clear to me whether these figures are outputs from the 2015 SATURN model (and I still do not know whether the output from a model necessarily conforms with an actual count), or the 2019 turning counts mentioned in Mr Powis' e-mail; I can find no reference to month or year in the tables themselves.
 - ii) In each table given, it is not stated which direction the figures are referring to; it is not possible to say whether traffic is going from Road A into Road B, or Road B into Road A. Such information would help to refine the content of my REP5-017 report.
 - iii) Although there is indeed a table for Wood Lane/Berry's Lane (my mistake), there is no table for the Roundwell junction, and that at Norwich Road, the next junction further east. The junction furthest east for which turning counts are shown is the Easton/Lower Easton junction.
- c) **Qualifications.** At the ISH3 on 6 January the applicant said I was being disingenuous in saying that I am layman; some may have taken this as an insult. For the record, I have no qualification in traffic management nor computer modelling; it is true that I have spent some time at two online meetings with HE/NCC experts, but even if I had learnt as much at those as I had hoped, I could not consider myself more than a raw amateur. I have never stated my academic qualifications, as I do not see them as relevant, but would be happy to state them if asked. I like to think that I can bring the same common sense and scrutiny of information to bear on this subject as may anyone else.
- d) **Questions** I am confident that the ExA is well aware of his role here. But surely this is not just an examination where the ExA requests information from parties who are involved in design and construction and the public is allowed to simply act as an audience; I am an interested party because I am interested in the project and its effects. The process permits me to make comments and ask questions.

- 2) **Landscape** I do not understand how the landscape impact on the viewpoint at the bridge over the River Tud in Hockering can be considered slight, at any time during or after building of the road. It is massive. Even with planting of trees, the current vista

from that location will be seriously compromised. How can the building a four-lane road around 25 metres away ever be considered less than severe?

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