



Project : A47 Blofield to North Burlingham

Planning Act 2008

Deadline 2 - Written Representation

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The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (HBMCE) is better known as Historic England, and we are the Government's adviser on all aspects of the historic environment in England - including historic buildings and areas, archaeology and historic landscape. We have a duty to promote conservation, public understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment. We are an executive Non-Departmental public body and we answer to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Digital Culture, Media and Sport.

### Written Representation:

The Environmental Statement (ES) supporting the application includes Cultural Heritage Chapter (Chapter 6) including an assessment of the baseline data and incorporating the results of archaeological geophysical and trial trenching surveys.

Historic England is in agreement with the baseline data considered in the Cultural Heritage Chapter and the list of designated and non-designated heritage assets set out in Appendix 6.1 (Cultural Heritage information). We are also in agreement with the methodology used to assess the cultural heritage datasets and the conclusions reached in relation to designated heritage assets.

The Cultural Heritage assessment (6.1 of the ES) establishes that there are no scheduled monuments, grade II\* listed structures, registered parks and gardens, registered battlefields or conservation areas within the defined study area. Grade I and Grade II listed buildings are identified as heritage receptors with the study area.

Historic England's advice on designated heritage assets will be limited grade I listed buildings. Advice relating to grade II listed structures will be provided by Broadland District Council's Conservation Team.





The Cultural Heritage assessment concludes that only one grade I listed designated heritage asset would be affected by the proposed scheme. This is the grade I listed Church of St Andrew at North Burlingham (list Entry Number 1051522). The church is located c. 140m from the application site boundary and c.180m north of the proposed new carriageway of the A47.

Historic England considers that the proposed scheme would result in a change to the setting of the grade I listed Church of St Andrew at North Burlingham. This change would arise through the introduction of new infrastructure into the wider landscape context of this designated heritage asset.

No street lighting is proposed on the sections of the scheme adjacent to the grade I listed Church of St Andrew at North Burlingham. The lighting at proposed road junctions to the west and east of the church is sufficiently distant that it would not have any impact on the significance of this designated heritage asset.

The proposed scheme would result in the carriageway of the A47 being moved further to the south, away from the grade I listed Church of St Andrew at North Burlingham. With additional mitigation planting in place as proposed, Historic England considers that the overall impact of the proposed scheme on this designated heritage asset would be positive (slightly beneficial) due to the movement of the road away from the church and its immediate setting.

Advice regarding the impact of the proposed scheme on non-designated archaeological heritage assets is being provided by Norfolk County Council Environment Service. However, Historic England retain an interest in the non-designated archaeological heritage assets within the scheme area in our capacity as a provider of specialist archaeological science advice to the Norfolk County Council Archaeological Advisors and to the Applicant and their Archaeological Consultants/Contractors. We consider that we should be consulted on the draft Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation and specified as such in Requirement 9 of the draft DCO.

In the event that the development is consented, Historic England would be concerned to ensure that the historic environment is adequately and appropriately considered, and that the DCO is appropriately worded to ensure appropriate mitigation would be delivered.

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