
Appendix M-1 – Section 42(1)(b) Local Authority Consultation Letter

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Dear Sir or Madam

**Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing
 Formal Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008**

I am writing to formally consult you under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 on Norfolk County Council's proposals for the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing.

Why are we consulting?

Norfolk County Council intends to build a new bridge across the River Yare to link the A47 at the Harfrey's Roundabout in the Southtown area of Great Yarmouth to the South Denes area and the enterprise zone on the other side of the river ("the Proposed Scheme").

On 26 February 2018, the Secretary of State for Transport determined that the Proposed Scheme is nationally significant and requires development consent under the Planning Act 2008. As a result, Norfolk County Council intends to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to progress the Proposed Scheme. If a DCO is made by the Secretary of State, it is anticipated that construction would commence in late 2020. Further information relating to the Proposed Scheme, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') that has been compiled for it, is set out below and provided on the memory stick that is enclosed with this letter.

Section 42 Duty to Consult

As part of the process of seeking a DCO, Norfolk County Council is required to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. This requires consultation with specified local authorities, prescribed consultees and those with specified interests in affected land. You are being consulted as your organisation has been identified as a relevant local authority for the purposes of this consultation.

At present the County Council does not intend to carry out any further rounds of pre-application consultation, and if so **this consultation will be the last opportunity to comment on proposals for the Third River Crossing prior to the application for a DCO being made.**

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However, should the application for a DCO be accepted there will be the opportunity for people to register with the Planning Inspectorate (which is the organisation that administers applications for DCOs) and provide a written summary of their views on the application. This will enable them to become an Interested Party and be able to participate in the subsequent statutory examination through which the submitted application for a DCO will be assessed prior to its determination by the relevant Secretary of State.

You should also bear in mind that the Planning Act 2008 regime is intended to provide, so far as practicable, a single forum for assessment and authorisation of a proposed project. A DCO, if granted, removes the need for planning permission, can authorise the compulsory acquisition of land and rights in land, and deal with many other regulatory consents which a project would otherwise need. This emphasises the importance of the present pre-application consultation and its role in shaping the Proposed Scheme.

How to take part in this consultation

Enclosed with this letter is a memory stick containing the following documents:

- (1) **A Consultation Brochure** – This provides an overall summary of the scheme.
- (2) **A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)** - For the purposes of this formal pre-application consultation, Preliminary Environmental Information in the form of a Report (PEIR) has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The PEIR details the current proposals for the Proposed Scheme and explains the methods and preliminary findings of our assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposals. Its purpose is to enable consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Scheme. Those views will assist the Council in preparing the statutory Environmental Statement which will accompany the application for a DCO.
- (3) **A Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR** – This has been prepared and forms part of the consultation documents for this consultation.
- (4) **A Non-Technical Note on Transport Modelling** – This has been provided in order to describe the process that has been undertaken to produce the provisional daily traffic flow information contained within the Consultation Brochure.
- (5) **Design Process Summary** – This provides a summary of the how the design of the Proposed Scheme has been developed.
- (6) **Scheme Photo Visualisations** – These show illustrative examples of a bascule bridge with counter weights below bridge deck and knuckles built out into river and a bascule bridge with counter weights above bridge deck and piers in the river, which form the envelope of bridge options described by the PEIR.
- (7) **Questions and Answers** – A list of frequently asked questions about the project and their answers.

If you are unable to view the documents contained on the memory stick then they can be found on Norfolk County Council's website (www.norfolk.gov.uk/3rc). Paper copies are also available to view, between 7 September 2018 and 21 October 2018, at the following locations during opening hours:

- Great Yarmouth Library, Tolhouse Street, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2SH;
- Gorleston Library, Lowestoft Road, Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, NR31 6SG;
- Priory Centre, Priory Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 1NW;
- Kings Centre, 30 Queen Annes Road, Southtown, Great Yarmouth, NR31 0LE;
- Great Yarmouth Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF;
- The Archive Centre, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DQ.

Alternatively, paper copies of these documents can be requested from Norfolk County Council between 7 September 2018 and 21 September 2018. Requests should be made by:

- **Emailing:** gy3rc-st3consultation@norfolk.gov.uk
- **Writing to:** Freepost Plus RTCL-XSTT-JZSK, Norfolk County Council, GY3RC, Ground floor - south wing, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DH
- **Telephoning:** 0344 800 8020

Documents will be provided free of charge, except that a charge of £10 will be made for printing the PEIR unless there are extenuating circumstances (which should be explained when requesting the document).

How to find out more

The County Council is holding specific consultation events for Section 42 consultees, which will be staffed to allow people to hold face-to-face discussions with the project team. The dates and venues of these Consultation Events are provided below.

Venue	Date	Time
Peggotty Road Community Centre Peggotty Road, Great Yarmouth, NR30 3EB	Tuesday 25 September 2018	10:00am to 8:00pm
Kings Centre 30 Queen Annes Road, Southtown, Great Yarmouth, NR31 0LE	Thursday 27 September 2018	10:00am to 8:00pm

How to respond to the consultation

You may be aware that Norfolk County Council is already undertaking a separate general consultation with the local community in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. This is taking place between 20 August 2018 and 5 October 2018. The Council has also published notices in the press which invite comments by 5 October.

However, as you are entitled to individual consultation under Section 42 of the Act and because the enclosed memory stick contains a number of documents that you may want to consider, please note that **the deadline for receipt of your response to the Section 42 consultation described in this letter has been extended to 23:59hrs on Sunday 21 October 2018.**

Any response to this consultation should be made by:

- **Emailing:** gy3rc-st3consultation@norfolk.gov.uk
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Responses should include an indication of who is making the response and their correspondence address. Responses will be summarised in a consultation report that will form part of the application documents for the DCO. Please note that responses may be published.

Personal details will be held securely and used solely for purposes in connection with the pre-application consultations, DCO application process, assessment and determination of the application and otherwise in connection with the further development of the scheme. Personal details will not be disclosed to any third parties except where the County Council is required to do so by law (e.g. where required to respond to a formal Freedom of Information Act request).

Next Steps

The Council expects to submit the DCO application for examination by the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate in Spring 2019.

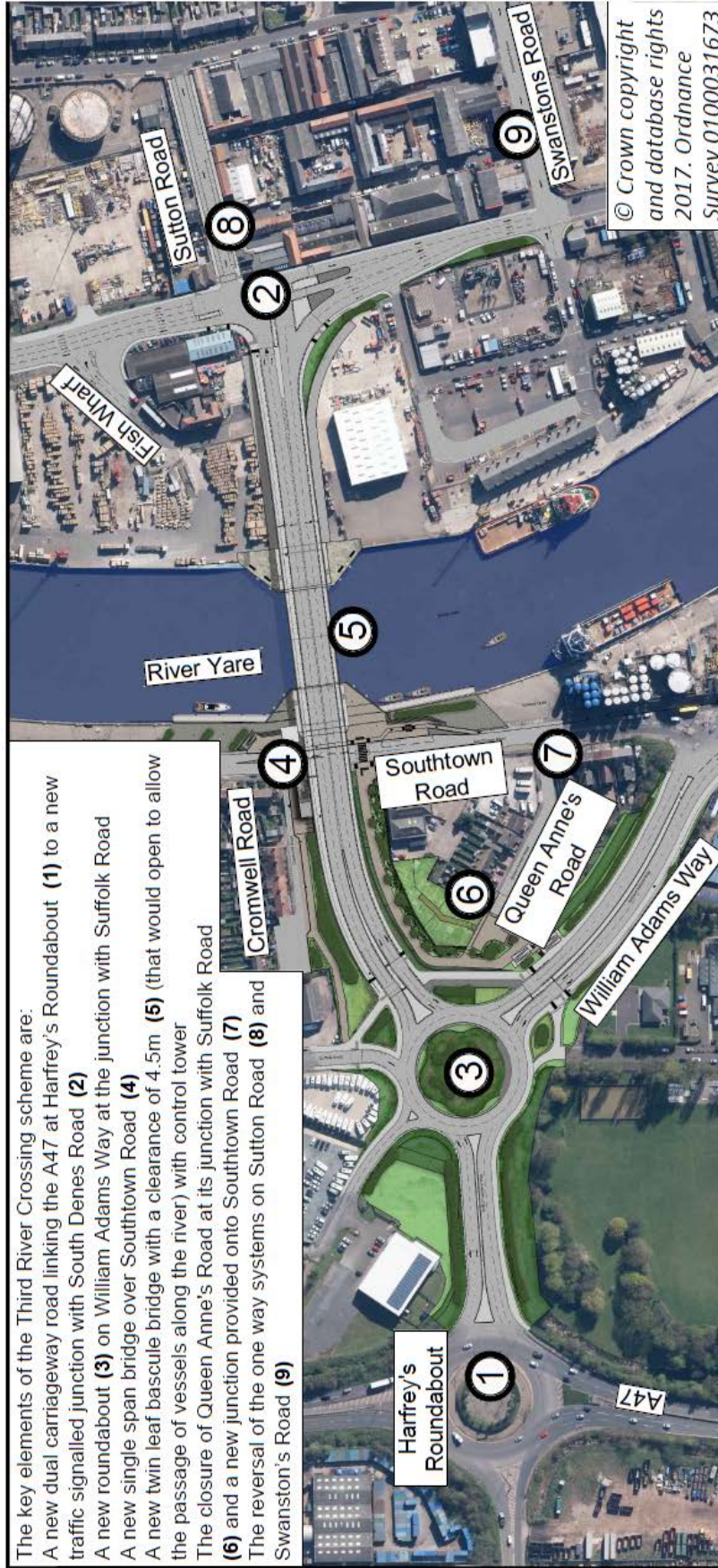
Should you have any queries on the consultation documents or any other elements of the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing Scheme proposal please do not hesitate to contact me by telephoning 0344 800 8020 or emailing gy3rc-st3consultation@norfolk.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully



Enclosed

Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing Proposal Summary Plan



Please note the above plan only provides an outline summary of the scheme proposals. The proposals and their impacts are described in more detail in the consultation documents contained on the enclosed memory stick.



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