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Dear Sir

I have recently heard about the consultancy that has been taking place with regard to the proposed third crossing at Great Yarmouth Harbour.

We have had no official invitation with regard to this matter but have a significant interest in pleasure boat traffic through Great Yarmouth bridges and harbour for vessels transiting from the Broads network to sea.

Our group of companies are based predominantly in Brundall on the River Yare and comprises of motor cruiser sales - new and used, two marine service centres, 100 private moorings and a Cruising Club. We employ around 30 people. A very significant number of our clients require bridge lifts for their vessels to passage to sea from the Broads. The catalogue of issues with bridge breakdowns and the lack of concern for the motor cruiser user over the past few years has without doubt lost us customers who simply take their boat somewhere else.

The RYA published figures state that a moored boat is worth in excess of £14,000 per annum to the local economy in which it is moored. In addition to our business, there are several other businesses here in Brundall with another 800-900 boats who may not have been consulted regarding these plans.

We are not opposed to the third crossing in principal but are concerned that the pleasure boat has not been considered significantly enough at this stage.

Currently the Breydon Bridge is manned full time and will open on demand whereas the Haven Bridge, which is to seaward is not manned and requires booking 24 hours in advance. This makes no sense as Breydon Bridge has significantly more headroom than Haven when closed and a boat has nowhere to go unless Haven is open. There are very poor and quite dangerous provision of moorings for vessels awaiting bridge lifts when coming from sea. We really need a cohesive approach to bridge lifts and appropriate pontoons for waiting vessels.

I hope the needs of the pleasure boater will be properly considered.

Yours faithfully

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