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Our ref: 3RC Post-Hearing Submission
Your ref: GY Third River Crossing Examination

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing Development Consent Order application: Post-Hearing Submission of Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC) officers attended two of the recent Hearing sessions, although it was only necessary to speak at the draft DCO session on 20th November. This representation is the written submission of the oral case that was made at that session.

As was expressed by the (Norfolk) County Planning Authority orally at the session, an important element of the proposal is how particular requirements (landscaping, for example) will be consulted on and (if appropriate) discharged by the CPA. This involves, in many cases, GYBC being consulted by the CPA on the details (Requirements) submitted by the Applicant.

Discussion at the Hearing session on this point centred on the adequacy of the consultation period proposed by the Applicant – namely, six weeks. The CPA was concerned that such a period would be too short to allow it to undertake consultation on the Requirement (both internally, and externally (to GYBC, for example)) and reach a decision by the six-week deadline.

As was stated orally, GYBC recognises and shares this concern. GYBC will itself need to do internal consultation on proposed Requirements (to various departments/Services, such as Environmental Services) and it is therefore important that there is sufficient time to complete this process appropriately. GYBC was therefore pleased to hear, at the Hearing session, the Applicant propose that it could undertake a kind of “informal” consultation of relevant consultees prior to making a formal application to discharge a Requirement and include this in the draft DCO. Concerns about the potential for too many concurrent applications (and the consequent strain on CPA, GYBC and other consultees’ resources) were also raised at the Hearing by the CPA and GYBC, and likewise it was pleasing that the Applicant agreed to discuss this outside the Hearing session with the CPA.

On the specific matter of the design of the bridge itself (including elements such as the plant room and control tower), which was discussed at the dDCO Hearing, GYBC wishes to be consulted on the details of the design, alongside the CPA and other relevant bodies.

GYBC understands that, as promised at the dDCO Hearing, there have been subsequent meetings of the Applicant and CPA to discuss the CPA's submissions and that good progress has been made in agreeing changes to the dDCO that could satisfy both parties.

GYBC will continue to respond positively and in the spirit of co-operation through the remainder of the Examination period.

Yours faithfully,

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