

Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing

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Glossary of Abbreviations and Defined Terms

The Applicant	Norfolk County Council (in its capacity as Highway Authority and promoter of the Scheme)
CPA	County Planning Authority
dDCO	Draft Development Consent Order
DCO	Development Consent Order
ExA	Examining Authority
GA	General Arrangement Plans
IDB	Internal Drainage Board
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
NPS	National Policy Statement
NCC	Norfolk County Council
The Planning Act	The Planning Act 2008
Scheme	The Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing project for which the Applicant seeks development consent
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SoS	Secretary of State

1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') has been prepared in relation to the application by Norfolk County Council ('the Applicant') of an order granting development consent ('DCO') under the Planning Act 2008 ('the Planning Act 2008') for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new bridge over the River Yare in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk ('the Scheme').
- 1.1.2 The application was submitted on 30 April 2019 and accepted on 28 May 2019 by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.

1.2 Aim of this document

- 1.2.1 The aim of this SoCG between the Applicant and Norfolk County Council (NCC), County Planning Authority (CPA) is to provide a record of engagement between the parties, including of the issues discussed between the parties and the current status of those discussions.

1.3 Terminology

1.3.1 In this SoCG:

- Where a table is entitled 'Matters Agreed', this signifies matters that have been stated as agreed between the parties;
- Where a table is entitled 'Matters under Discussion', this signifies matters still under discussion.
- Where a table is entitled 'Matters not Agreed', this specifies that both parties are confident that no agreement can be reached.

2 Record of Engagement

2.1.1 A summary of the key meetings and correspondence that have taken place between the Applicant and the CPA in relation to the Scheme is outlined in table 2.1.

Table 2.1: Record of Engagement

Date	Form of Correspondence	Key Topics / Outcomes (if any)
30/04/2018	Meeting	SoCC in preparation for Stage 3 formal consultation.
23/08/2019	Email	Email discussion with project team to outline scope of NCC as the 'The Applicant' and NCC as the 'County Planning Authority'.
17/09/2018	Meeting	Meeting to initiate Scheme of delegation for NSIP proposals.
08/10/2018	Email	Email discussion in setting out Scheme of delegation for NSIP proposals
03/12/2018	Email	CPA recommendations for NSIP delegations looking at NCC Constitution.
06/12/2018	Meeting	Final discussions around NSIP delegations and separations document for the Scheme.
28/02/2019	Email	Scheme of delegation and planning register Committee update.
26/03/2019	Meeting	The Applicant discussed with CPA the approach to detail design, presenting landscape General Arrangement (GA) plans, Design Report and the Approach to Detailed Design.
04/10/2019	Meeting	Meeting to discuss DCO Requirements.
08/10/2019	SoCG	The Applicant and CPA discussions in relation to the LLFA and Historic Environment team SoCG.
14/11/2019	Meeting	Meeting between the Applicant and CPA to discuss the dDCO and comments that the CPA has with current drafting.
15/11/2019	Meeting & email	Meeting to discuss the Ecology aspects of the Local Impact Report.

25/11/2019	Meeting	Post dDCO hearing (20 November 2019) discussion between the Applicant and the CPA.
28/11/2019	Email	Email discussion to develop the SoCG at deadline 3 with LLFA and Historic Environment teams.
9/12/2019	Workshop	Workshop to discuss, amongst other matters, the draft DCO.

3 Summary of Topics Covered by the Statement of Common Ground

3.1 Covered in the Statement of Common Ground

3.1.1 The following topics discussed between the Applicant and the CPA are commented on further in this SoCG:

- Need for the Scheme
- Landscape and visual impact;
- Socio-economic and community issues;
- Highways and transport;
- Ecology and biodiversity;
- Minerals and waste;
- Air quality and amenity (including noise, dust and vibration);
- Development Consent Order.

3.2 Not Covered in the Statement of Common Ground

3.2.1 Matters related to the historic environment or the functions of the Lead Local Flood Authority are reported under a separate Statement of Common Ground.

4 Matters Agreed

Table 4.1: Matters Agreed

Ref.	Description of matter	Details of Agreement
Need for the Scheme		
1	Strategic connection	Both the Applicant and the CPA agree that the Scheme is an important part of Norfolk's Local Transport Plan (2011), which sets out the strategy and policy framework for transport in Norfolk up to 2026. They recognise the contribution it can make to the economic growth of Norfolk Policy 7, which recognises the importance of enhancing strategic connections to the international gateway of Great Yarmouth port.
Landscape and Visual Impact		
2	Landscaping	Both the Applicant and the CPA agree that the proposed Scheme has the potential to have a beneficial effect on the area. They agree that the Applicant, technical specialists and appointed contractor should work together to deliver a successful landscaping scheme.
3	Visual impact	Both the Applicant and the CPA agree that the future use of the Scheme, if constructed, will have the potential for a beneficial effect on the area, which is considered to be degraded and lacks a sense of place.

Ref.	Description of matter	Details of Agreement
Socio-economic and Community Issues		
4	Economic opportunities	Both the Applicant and the CPA agree that the Scheme will help to deliver both strategic and local objectives to ensure the opportunities to maximise the economy (including job opportunities, investment and growth) of Great Yarmouth.
Highways and Transport		
5	Strategic highway connections	Both the Applicant and the CPA agree that the Scheme will provide for highway improvements connecting the A47 to the port area, deliver links to the nationally significant role in the renewable energy sector and the offshore oil and gas Industry, and encourage economic growth to the wider area.
Ecology and Biodiversity		
6	Habitats Regulation Assessment	The CPA concurs with the Applicant's Stage 2 Habitats Regulation Assessment.
Minerals and Waste		
7	Materials Management Plan	The CPA and Applicant agree that a Materials Management Plan secured through requirement 5 (code of construction practice) appropriately addresses the Scheme's impacts to materials and waste management.

Ref.	Description of matter	Details of Agreement
Air Quality and Amenity (including noise, dust and vibration)		
8	Air Quality and Amenity (including noise, dust and vibration)	The CPA expect that issues relating to air quality (including noise, dust and vibration) would be addressed by Great Yarmouth Borough Council, and providing the Borough Council is satisfied, the CPA raise no concerns.
Draft Development Consent Order		
9	Requirement 13, Archaeology	Subsequent to the DCO ISH on 20 November 2019 the CPA has received further information from the Applicant and is content that the figure 10 metres remains in the Requirement as originally drafted.
10	Article 20, Discharge of Water	Following the DCO ISH on 20 November 2019 and the CPA's deadline 3 submission (Planning Inspectorate Reference REP3-018); the Applicant and CPA have further discussed the CPA's concerns in respect of article 20. The parties now agree that the article itself is appropriately drafted and that requirement 10 (surface water drainage) appropriately addresses any concerns regarding sewer capacity should they arise. The Applicant agrees to include further explanation in the final version of the Explanatory Memorandum, to be submitted towards the end of the Examination, that would clarify that sewerage capacity is material to the CPA's determination of an application for approval of the written details of surface water drainage system.
11	Requirement 4, Design of the authorised development	Following the DCO ISH on 20 November 2019 and the CPA's deadline 3 submission (Planning Inspectorate Reference REP3-018); the Applicant and the CPA have now reached agreement on matters relating to requirement 4. The Applicant and the CPA agree that requirement 4 should be retained as drafted but that a new requirement 5 should be included in Schedule 2 that requires the CPA's approval of aspects of the

Ref.	Description of matter	Details of Agreement
		<p>design of certain specified structures. The parties agree that this should cover the external appearance of the control tower and plant room, and the finish and external materials of the bridge deck. Taking the existing requirement 4 and the new requirement 5 together with the limits of deviation; the parties are content that adequate controls would be in place to regulate the detailed design of the authorised development.</p> <p>The Applicant will include the new requirement 5 in Revision 3 of the draft DCO.</p>
12	Requirement 5, Code of Construction Practice	The Applicant and the CPA have agreed the form of requirement 5 as it appears in Revision 2 of the draft DCO (Document Reference NCC/GY3RC/EX/039, Planning Inspectorate Reference REP3-010).
13	Requirement 6, Landscaping Scheme	The Applicant and the CPA have agreed a form of words for requirement 6 (Landscaping) which will be included in Revision 3 of the draft DCO and which includes “boundary treatments” amongst the details listed as being required to be included in any scheme submitted under this requirement.
14	Requirement 8, Contamination	The Applicant and the CPA have agreed to add Great Yarmouth Borough Council as a body to be consulted under requirement 8(1)(b). The Applicant made this change in Revision 2 of the draft DCO (Document Reference NCC/GY3RC/EX/039, Planning Inspectorate Reference REP3-010).
15	Requirement 9, Preparedness and Response Plan	The CPA and the Applicant agree that Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service and the Norfolk Constabulary should be included as consultees under sub-paragraph (1). The Applicant made this change in Revision 2 of the draft DCO (Document Reference NCC/GY3RC/EX/039, Planning Inspectorate Reference REP3-010).

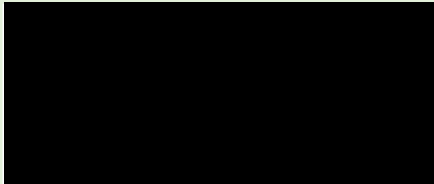
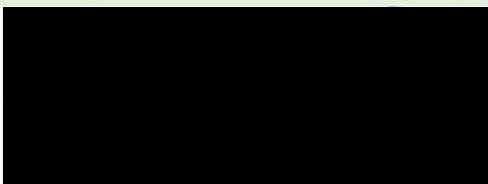
Ref.	Description of matter	Details of Agreement
16	Requirement 10, Surface water drainage	The CPA and the Applicant agree that Anglian Water should be consulted in their capacity as sewerage undertaker under requirement 10. The Applicant made this change in Revision 2 of the draft DCO (Document Reference NCC/GY3RC/EX/039, Planning Inspectorate Reference REP3-010).
17	Schedule 2, Part 2 Requirements 18 & 19, Applications made under requirements.	<p>The CPA has expressed concerns regarding the period of time for determination of applications for the approval of details under requirement, the period of time within which the CPA is entitled to request further information and about the provisions relating to deemed approval.</p> <p>Following further discussions the parties are agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the period for determination should be 8 weeks; • the period within which additional information may be requested is to be increased to 28 days; and • deemed approval should remain. <p>The Applicant will reflect the agreement reached on these matters in Revision 3 of the draft DCO.</p>

5 Matters under Discussion

Table 5.1: Matters under Discussion

Ref.	Description of matter	Current Position
[Drafting Note: Key Topics go here in a row merged across the columns in bold]		
Outline Code of Construction Practice		
1	Outline Code of Construction Practice (Document reference NCC/GY3RC/EX/043, Examination library reference (Planning Inspectorate Reference REP3-014))	The Applicant and the CPA are discussing aspects of the Outline Code of Construction Practice. The parties anticipate that agreement will be reached on the final form of the document prior to the close of the Examination, if not sooner.

6 Signatures

	Norfolk County Council, County Planning Authority	Norfolk County Council (the Applicant)
Signature		
Printed Name	Nick Johnson	Mark Kemp
Title	Head of Planning	GY3RC Project Manager
On behalf of	Norfolk County Council, County Planning Authority	Norfolk County Council, The Applicant
Date	11 December 2019	11 December 2019