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To: [NWL Planning](#)
Subject: Norwich Western Link Planning Application Reference FUL/2024/0022 : NLAf response
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FAO Norwich Western Link Planning Team

Re: Norfolk Local Access Forum response to the planning application FUL/2024/0022

This email and attachment should be considered as a formal representation to the current planning application

Norfolk County Council is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from a Local Access Forum in carrying out its functions. This email constitutes formal advice from the Norfolk Local Access Forum (NLAf)*.

NLAf submitted comments at an earlier stage of consultation in 2022. It is disappointed, to say the least, that it can find no indication that those comments have been taken into account or included in the extensive documentation produced as part of the planning application. Its concerns remain unchanged from that time, so is resubmitting its previous comments which are attached.

Please let me know how you have taken, or plan to take, this advice into account in regard to this matter.

Submitted at the direction of Norfolk Local Access Forum.

**Section 94 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW Act) sets out how local authorities and National Park authorities can establish advisory bodies known as Local Access Forums to advise decision-making organisations about making improvements to public access for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area, and as to such other matters as may be prescribed. See <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/37/section/94> and Guidance on Local Access Forums in England issued by the Secretary of State, 2007.*

The Norfolk Local Access Forum gives advice to "Section 94(4) bodies", which include: Norfolk County Council; unitary, district and borough councils in Norfolk; government departments such as Defra, the MOD, the Planning Inspectorate and Highways England; Natural England; the Forestry Commission; English Heritage; Sport England; the Norfolk Coast National Landscape (previously AONB) conservation board; and Norfolk parish and town councils.

These bodies are required under Section 94(5) of the CROW Act to have regard in carrying out their functions to any relevant advice given to them by an access forum. Whilst not bound to follow such advice, the section 94(4) bodies are legally required to take it into account in carrying out their functions. You are therefore requested to inform Norfolk Local Access Forum how its advice has been taken into account.



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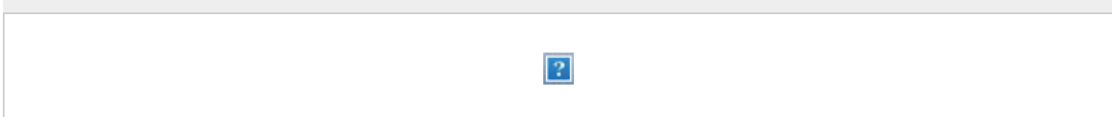
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To: Norfolk Local Access Forum <nlaf@norfolk.gov.uk>

Subject: Norwich Western Link project update

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Norwich Western Link project update

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to let you know that the planning application documents for the Norwich Western Link have now been published online. You can view them here: [Norwich Western Link - Norwich Western Link \(oc2.uk\)](#)

Norfolk County Council in its role as the planning authority will now run a statutory public consultation to allow people to comment on the planning application. You can submit any comments on the documents online via the website link above, by emailing NWLPlanning@norfolk.gov.uk or by post by writing to Planning Services, Communities and Environment, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2SG.

Best wishes,

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