



Natural Environment Team – Public Rights of Way

To: Planning Services

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Public Rights of Way Consultee response regarding:

Development of approximately 6km of the Norwich Western Link Road connecting the A1067 (Fakenham Road) with the new A47 North Tuddenham to Easton scheme (being developed by National Highways), including the construction of a new roundabout junction with the A1067 Fakenham Road, improvements to the A1067 Fakenham Road and the roundabout junction with the A1270 Broadland Northway.

Structures include a new viaduct carrying the Norwich Western Link over the River Wensum, a new underpass at Ringland Lane, the provision of a green bridge carrying the Broadway over the Norwich Western Link, three further green bridges, wildlife crossings, and culverting of a tributary to the River Tud. Related works include the stopping up, diversion, improvement and provision of side roads, new walking cycling and horse-riding provision, the stopping up, replacement and provision of new private means of access, and ancillary landscaping, ecological mitigation, surface water drainage system, flood compensation, bunds, other environmental mitigation, diversion and protection of apparatus and temporary works to facilitate construction, and the change of use of the premises known as Low Farm as offices (class E), and other ancillary works.

Thank you for your consultation regarding the above application.

We require further information and clarification in order to make a full and detailed response.

For clarity the response below is based on the order of each Public Right of Way as listed within Table 17.17 of the Norwich Western Link Environmental Statement Chapter 17: Population and Human Health:

Attlebridge RB3 – We request further information as to the exact section to be temporarily closed and the duration of the proposed closure. Unless directly affected by the works the route should remain open and available.

Attlebridge RB4 - We request further information as to the exact section to be temporary closed and the duration of the proposed closure. Unless directly affected by the works the route should remain open and available.

Ringland FP1 – We request a Highway Boundary plan showing the full legal extent of the PRow, overlaid with the viaduct structure and access tracks. In order to make a full, informed comment.

We request details of the proposed duration of the temporary closure of the Public Footpath which should be for the shortest time required.

Weston Longville FP9 – PRow must only be temporary closed whilst they are physically affected by the proposed works, being within the red line plan is not reason enough to close a route. We therefore request further details regarding the proposed temporary closure. We also request further details regarding the proposal to upgrade the Public Footpath to a Restricted Byway.

Honingham FP5 - PRow must only be temporary closed whilst they are physically affected by the proposed works, being within the red line plan is not reason enough to close a route. We therefore request further details regarding the proposed temporary closure. We also request further details regarding the proposal to upgrade the Public Footpath to a Restricted Byway.

Weston Longville FP1 - We request further detail regarding the timescale for the proposed temporary closure. The temporary closure order should be in place for the shortest period of time whilst the route is directly affected by the proposed works and a temporary diversion order be implemented for duration.

Weston Longville FP7 - We request further detail regarding the timescale for the proposed temporary closure. The temporary closure order should be in place for the shortest period of time whilst the route is directly affected by the proposed works and a temporary diversion order be implemented for duration.

Ringland FP2 - We request further detail regarding the timescale for the proposed temporary closure. The temporary closure order should be in place for the shortest period of time whilst the route is directly affected by the proposed works and a temporary diversion order be implemented for duration.

Attlebridge FP5 - We request further detail regarding the timescale for the proposed temporary closure. The temporary closure order should be in place for the shortest period of time whilst the route is directly affected by the proposed works and a temporary diversion order be implemented for duration.

Other considerations:

The Norwich Western Link Planning Statement states the following:

1.9.8 The details of the NMU proposals are shown on the 'Non-Motorised User & Side Road Provision General Arrangement' plan (Document reference: 4.02.01). In summary the NMU proposals consist of the following development for which planning permission is sought as part of this application:

- *Route 2: The Broadway is to be stopped up and replaced with a bridleway and restricted byway on the same alignment, to create a tranquil green lane for NMU access and ecology.*

We request clarification as to whether the proposed status of The Broadway will be Restricted Byway or Bridleway.

- We would recommend the provision of a safe crossing point across the A1067 for PRow users to link Attlebridge FP5 and Attlebridge RB4. This is an important link from the PRow network to the south to the Marriotts Way Long Distance Trail.
- The application includes several proposals for stopping up, diversions, dedications and temporary closure orders of PRow. These are all legal processes which must be completed before the commencement of any works which affect the legal alignments of the PRow. Further information and the relevant forms can be found here: [Public Rights of Way - Norfolk County Council](#)