



Planning Act 2008

DCO Application for East Anglia ONE North

Introduction

Royal Mail Group Limited (Royal Mail) hereby wishes to notify the Examining Authority under section 89(2A) b of the Planning Act 2008 that Royal Mail is to become an Interested Party to the Examination into East Anglia ONE North.

Relevant information and Royal Mail's position on the DCO application for East Anglia ONE North is summarised below.

Statutory and operational information about Royal Mail

Under section 35 of the Postal Services Act 2011 (the "Act"), Royal Mail has been designated by Ofcom as a provider of the Universal Postal Service. Royal Mail is the only such provider in the United Kingdom.

The Act provides that Ofcom's primary regulatory duty is to secure the provision of the Universal Postal Service. Ofcom discharges this duty by imposing regulatory conditions on Royal Mail, requiring it to provide the Universal Postal Service.

The Act includes a set of minimum standards for Universal Service Providers, which Ofcom must secure. The conditions imposed by Ofcom reflect those standards.

Royal Mail is under some of the highest specification performance obligations for quality of service in Europe. Its performance of the Universal Service Provider obligations is in the public interest and this should not be affected detrimentally by any statutorily authorised project.

The Government imposes financial penalties on Royal Mail if its Universal Service Obligation service delivery targets are not met. These penalties relate to time targets for:

- collections,
- clearance through plant, and
- delivery.

Royal Mail's postal sorting and delivery operations rely heavily on road communications. Royal Mail's ability to provide efficient mail collection, sorting and delivery to the public is sensitive to changes in the capacity of the highway network.

Royal Mail is a major road user nationally. Disruption to the highway network and traffic delays can have direct consequences on Royal Mail's operations, its ability to meet the Universal Service Obligation and comply with the regulatory regime for postal services thereby presenting a significant risk to Royal Mail's business.

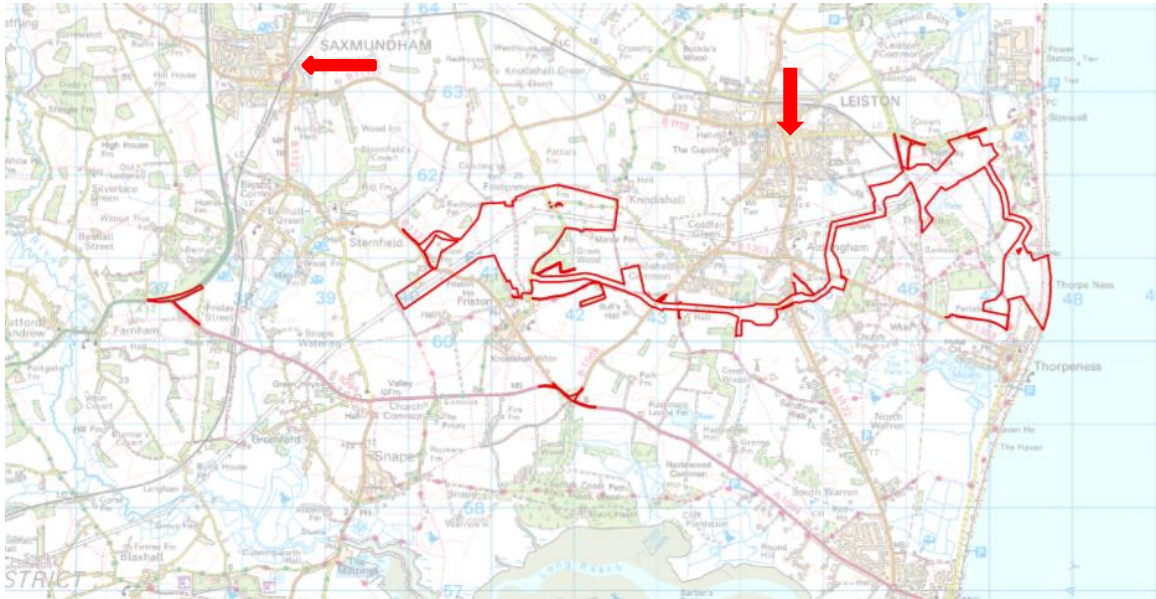
Potential impact of East Anglia ONE North on Royal Mail

The construction phase of East Anglia ONE North may present a risk to Royal Mail operations through traffic impact.



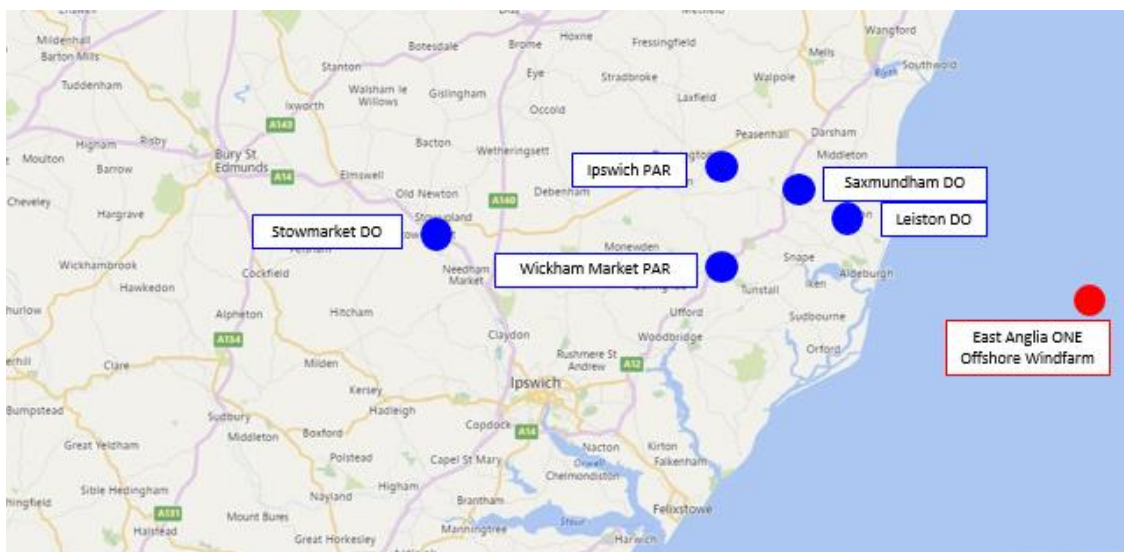
Royal Mail has two operational facilities in close proximity to the on shore DCO boundary as below:

- **Leiston Delivery Office**, 14 Sizewell Road, Leiston IP16 4AA - 1.2 miles to the nearest point of redline boundary, and
- **Saxmundham Delivery Office**, 48 High Street, Saxmundham IP17 1AA - 1.8 miles to the nearest point of redline boundary.



Royal Mail's other operational facilities in the surrounding area are identified below:

Ipswich Vehicle Park	Charnwood Compound, Woodbridge IP13 9HE	9 miles
Wickham Market Vehicle Park	36 High Street, Woodbridge IP13 0QS	10 miles
Stowmarket Delivery Office	62 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket IP14 1AA	27 miles





Every day, in exercising its statutory duties Royal Mail vehicles use all the main roads that may potentially be affected by additional traffic arising from the construction of East Anglia ONE North. Any periods of road disruption / closure, night or day, will have the potential to adversely impact Royal Mail operations.

Royal Mail's position on East Anglia ONE North

Royal Mail does not wish to stop or delay East Anglia ONE North from coming forward for development. However, Royal Mail does wish to ensure the protection of its future ability to provide an efficient mail sorting and delivering service to the public from and to the above identified operational facilities in accordance with its statutory obligations.

In order to do this, Royal Mail requests that:

1. the DCO includes specific requirements that during the construction phase Royal Mail is consulted by East Anglia ONE North Limited or its contractors at least one month in advance on any proposed road closures / diversions / alternative access arrangements, hours of working, and the content of the final Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), and
2. the final CTMP includes a mechanism to inform major road users (including Royal Mail) about works affecting the local highways network.

Royal Mail reserves its right to object to the DCO application if the above requests are not adequately addressed.

Royal Mail welcomes contact from East Anglia ONE North Limited or its consultants during the Examination in order to assist with addressing the above requests.

Royal Mail will be monitoring the progress of the Examination. It may simply rely on this statement but reserves the right to make further representations to the Examination in due course once further information is available.

Contacts for Royal Mail:

Denise Stephenson (denise.stephenson@royalmail.com) of Royal Mail's Legal Services Team

Daniel Parry-Jones (daniel.parry-jones@realestate.bnpparibas) of BNP Paribas Real Estate.