

I would like to suggest that the Examining Authority considers a site inspection of Topcroft Street and its connection with the B1332/Norwich Road in Topcroft.

I live on Topcroft Street and know the local roads well. Although I understand that Topcroft Street is not identified as a formal construction traffic route, it provides a direct connection from the B1332/Norwich Road through the village. I believe it would be useful for the Examining Authority to see this connection and the local road conditions for themselves.

The roads around Topcroft are rural, with narrow sections, bends and limited opportunities for vehicles to pass. They are used by local residents as well as walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

I am concerned that the potential for construction traffic to use local roads as alternative routes or cut-throughs should be properly considered, even where those roads are not shown as the primary construction routes.

A site inspection would also allow the Examining Authority to appreciate the existing quiet rural character of the village and the potential effects of increased HGV movements, noise, vibration and disturbance.

These locations can be viewed from the public highway and do not require access to private land.

I believe seeing the relationship between the B1332/Norwich Road, Topcroft Street and the surrounding local roads in person would assist the Examining Authority in assessing whether the proposed traffic arrangements are realistic and whether the potential effects on Topcroft have been properly considered.