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1 RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT SOCC

1.1 South Kesteven District Council, 7 and 16 August 2018

South Kesteven District Council

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SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
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Aaron Douglas
Highways England

Date: 7th August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Application No.	S18/1483/ACKAAC
Applicant	Aaron Douglas
Proposal:	Improvements to A47 Wansford to Sutton corridor
Location:	A47 Wansford To Sutton, , , ,
Application Type	Information Request
Case Officer:	Phil Jordan
Ext. No.	6074
E-mail address:	p.jordan@southkesteven.gov.uk

I acknowledge receipt of the above request that was received on **6th August 2018**.

The comments of the South Kesteven District Council will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Phil Jordan
Development Management Planner

A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling scheme



Phil Jordan
To: A47 Wansford to Sutton RIS

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Thu 16/08/2018 10:16

Dear Aaron,

I can confirm that South Kesteven District Council has no comments to make in respect of the above consultation.

Phil Jordan
Development Management Planning Officer
Development & Growth
South Kesteven District Council
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1.2 Cambridgeshire County Council, 9 and 28 August 2018

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To A47 Wansford to Sutton RIS

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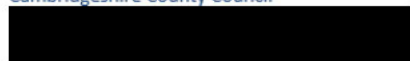
Thu 09/08/2018 15:51

My comments are when you are planning the works, which I assume will consist of many closure of the A47, that you fully engage on the work schedule and coordinate on closures and diversions with other sections of Highways England, RMS, Northants CC, PCC and Cambridgeshire County Council. Also that you carrying out monitoring of the traffic diverting on to Cambridgeshire CC network to avoid the works, for example through Wansford / Elton and take remedial action to mitigate the impact of this.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hansen
Traffic Manager

Highways Service
Cambridgeshire County Council



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
Response to the Draft Statement of Community Consultation

EJ

Eagle Jack

To: A47 Wansford to Sutton RIS

Cc: 'Lewis Banks'; 'Lockley, Nick (Planning)'; Silk Sarah; Shilton Joanna

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Tue 28/08/2018 11:03

To Whom It May Concern

Cambridgeshire County Council Officers have very few comments to make on the draft Statement of Community Consultation, and are supportive of responses put forward by other Local Authorities in the area.

Our Communication Team are happy to share social media messages and Sarah and Jo copied into this email will be able to assist with this if required.

It should be noted that Cambridgeshire County Council will be submitting a full response to the formal consultation that starts in September 18. Please can you make sure that the formal consultation information is issued to the County Council.

If you have any questions or require any further information do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Jack

Jack Eagle

Principal Transport & Infrastructure Officer

Cambridgeshire County Council

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1.3 Peterborough City Council, 10 August 2018

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Nick Harding
A47 Wansford Sutton



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Please reply to:
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Date 10 August 2018

Dear Mr Douglas

Response to consultation on draft SCI – A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling Scheme

Dear Mr Douglas

Thank you for your letter of 1st August 2018 giving the Council the opportunity to comment on the consultation arrangements for the scheme.

Please can you use the following address for future letters as we are moving next week:

Sand Martin House
Bittern Way
Fletton Quays
Peterborough
PE2 8TY

With regard to the consultation arrangements that you are suggesting could I ask that you include the following local groups:

Rambers - janetmcartwright@gmail.com

Cycle Forum - chriscooperfcca@hotmail.com

I have no comments to make on other aspects of the consultation arrangements

Kind regards

Nick Harding
Head of Planning

1.4 Sutton Parish Council, 21 August 2018

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

SPC's response to Highways England's Draft Statement of Community Consultation

A47 RIS-Wansford to Sutton Dualling Proposed Scheme

Location	Comment
Page 4 para 2.4	The Parish Councils have provided detailed feedback on the scheme as proposed at every stage including at frequent liaison meetings but this is not recognised in this document.
Page 4 paras 3.1, 3.2	Para 3.1 describes the overall A47 improvement scheme while the rest of the section talks about the Wansford to Sutton Dualling. This causes confusion in para 3.2 where it is implied that the whole of the A47 is to be dualled. This is not the case. 3.1 should be separated from the rest in a section entitled "Context" or similar. The long and confusing description of the scheme could be greatly shortened by the simple expedient of including a plan of the scheme.
Page 4 para 3.2	This refers to the preferred alignment. This will not necessarily become the Scheme.
Page 4 para 3.7	"to the west of the scheme" is a misleading description. It should be "to the east of the A1/A47 eastern roundabout".
Page 5 para 3.9	The wording is very confusing. The Drift is proposed to be closed at its northern end while Sutton Heath Road will be linked to the Nene Way roundabout.
Page 6 paras 4.1-4.3	This fails to mention that 62% of responses supported option 3 but this was not adopted by HE. Option 3 was ruled out by HE on grounds that were already known before the consultation.
Page 6 para 4.4 and 4.5	If the data described is inadequate, presumably HE will extend the consultation. Need to add in pedestrian/cycle provision.
Page 6 para 4.5	Provision of non-motorised user access is not a mitigation for environmental damage.
Pages 7 to 9 para 4.7	This section repeats several times and uses very bad English in several places. There is no publication called the Peterborough News. The Stamford Mercury is commonly read in the area.
Page 11	Map is practically unreadable. The parish territories are referred to as CPs which presumably stands for Civil Parish. However not all CP's have Parish Councils or even Parish Meetings, do alternative means of communication are needed. One such is Upton.
Page 12	There is no Upton Parish Council. Need to include Castor Parish Council Why is Norwich airport a key stakeholder?
Page 13	West Norfolk Community Transport, Abellio Greater Anglia, Norwich Bus Station and Norwich Railway Station are nothing to do with this project. Wansford Station has no real relevance. The Coal Authority has no interest in the area. There is no Internal Drainage Board covering this area. Under schools, Castor and Ailsworth Pre-School
Page 14	The Forestry Commission, the MCA, the MMO, and Trinity House have no relevance to this scheme. There is no Peterborough News. BBC and Anglia TV omitted

1.5 Fenland District Council, 21 August 2018

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Tracey Meachen

To ● A47 Wansford to Sutton RIS

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Tue 21/08/2018 15:09

For the attention of Mr Aaron Douglas,

I write to advise that the Fenland District Council Local Planning Authority has no comments to make in regard to the Draft Statement of Community Consultation for the A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling Proposed Scheme. Thank you for consulting with us.

Regards

Tracey Meachen
Senior Planning Officer
Fenland District Council
[Redacted]

Please note e-mails are not always picked up on a Friday due to my hours of work.

1.6 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, 28 August 2018

(no subject)



Stephen Ellis

To: A47 Wansford to Sutton RIS

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Tue 28/08/2018 12:44

Dear Aaron

Re: A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling SOCC

I formally acknowledge receipt of and note content within the Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) for the A47 Wansford to Sutton dualling.

I confirm my support of this consultation and the progression of this scheme both as an independent scheme, but also as preparation of a full dualling of the A47 from the A1 Peterborough to Lowestoft, phase 1 of which from the A16 Peterborough to Walton Highways in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough was recently agreed in principle at a meeting between Jim O'Sullivan and myself.

I do however request you fully consider the issues raised by Wansford Parish Council, which I raised personally at my meeting with Jim O'Sullivan.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to consider this consultation and wish you every success in your progression to a speedy completion.

Kind regards

Mayor Palmer

Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

1.7 Huntingdonshire District Council, 29 August 2018



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Our Ref: Transport/A47 dualling

28 August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

A47 Wansford to Sutton response to draft Statement of Community Consultation

I refer to the draft document setting out how you will consult further on the route proposals.

The Council will be taking part in the consultation and I note you are arranging a presentation with our Head of Development Andy Moffat, Executive Member for Housing and Planning Councillor Fuller, Jo Lancaster the Chief Executive etc. next month.

We will have some points to address during the consultation, (mostly on the impact on the River Nene), which forms our northern boundary at this location.

Dealing first with the Community consultation, consultees should include (if they do not already), the Nene Valley Improvement Area group and Homes England.

The environmental impact is clearly a significant issue and the mitigation measures that will be put forward are key to delivery of the project. From our understanding of the documents, the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not completed as yet. There is mention of a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) that we understand will be made available at the beginning of the formal consultation. We are unclear if this will set out the mitigation proposals and what relationship this document has to the EIA. Some clarity on this would be useful for us at this stage and for all parties during the consultation sessions.

On the issue of the upcoming consultation, the Council will want to submit comments and will wait for the presentation and the environment related documents before doing this. We recognise and welcome that the amended route 2 moves the route away from the river and has to avoid a scheduled ancient monument to the north side.

Just to give you a steer, in considering our Local Plan Policies, we will need to see how mitigation addresses the relevant Local Plan policies, namely:

- Landscape and visual impacts- loss of vegetation/trees needs to be mapped and mitigation measures detailed



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- Bio-diversity-an ecological impact study needs to be provided which details impact on protected species and habitats and mitigation proposals
- Surface water run-off – there could be consequences of polluted water entering the river
- Lighting- need to establish if lighting will be installed- could impact residential amenity at Stibbington and on wildlife-e.g. bats. It is unlikely to be lit but needs confirmation
- Noise-residential impact to be considered- need to avoid unsightly noise barriers.

We will of course work these up into more detail during the consultation and will submit a response alongside the County and Peterborough Council when further details are available.

Yours sincerely,



Andy Moffat
Head of Development

Huntingdonshire District Council

1.8 Ailsworth Parish Council, 29 August 2018

Draft statement of Community Consultation

 Clerk 
To A47 Wansford to Sutton RIS

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Wed 29/08/2018 17:53

 You forwarded this message on 30/08/2018 07:26.

Please find below comments relating to the above scheme from Ailsworth Parish Council. The comments relate to the scheme rather than the consultation document.

We completely support this scheme (to a point !) as this single carriageway is "overloaded" and has been the scene of numerous serious and fatal collisions over many years BUT consider the appropriate route of this new road should be to the north of the existing A 47 allowing the free flow of traffic during the construction period and would protect the land / river scape south of the existing road which would be ruined if the route chosen by Highways England remains.

Kind regards,

Jenny Rice

Ailsworth Parish Council Clerk


1.9 Wansford Parish Council, 3 September 2018

Wansford Parish Council (WPC)

Response to the Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

A47 RIS- Wansford to Sutton Dualling Proposed Scheme

WPC considers this document to be inadequate and it appears to have been written by someone who is unfamiliar with the scheme and the local area. It has been created before many of the studies and survey works have been completed and therefore the conclusions formed by Highways England (HE) have been predetermined before proper consideration of the results of those studies.

Overall, the document is seen as confusing to members of the public, the very audience to which the report is targeted. In part it refers to the overall A47 improvements and then switches into specific issues relating to the Wansford to Sutton Dualling. The document implies that the whole of the A47 is to be dualled which is not the plan under consideration.

While WPC are strongly in favour of the principle of dualling the Wansford to Sutton section of the A47, we have major concerns about the proposals documented by HE, and the information that was used to determine the Preferred Route.

Despite 62% of responses from previous Public Consultation exhibitions, hosted by HE, being in favour of a northern route taking the proposed road away from the environmentally important Nene Valley, the HE Preferred Route follows an alternative southerly alignment. This alignment has the potential to destroy the river corridor in this location. The Preferred Alignment has been consistently opposed by WPC, Sutton Parish Council and other parties at every stage of the process but very little notice has been taken by HE. This opposition is not documented in the SoCC.

Highways England's proposed mitigation for environmental damage, in WPC's opinion, is not supported by Wansford residents, the very people who will be most affected. Proposals for provision of non motorised user access, whilst welcomed as a facility, can never mitigate the destructive impact the HE Preferred Route will have on the River Valley.

The slope between the A47 and the river Nene has a history of instability. HE has selected the Preferred Route with no geotechnical investigations in place. HE has repeatedly been warned about this risk but this has not been documented in the SoCC.

WPC has particular difficulty in accepting the provision made by HE for the A47/A1 junction western roundabout which is embedded in Wansford village. Because of the small diameter of the existing roundabout, trucks reduce the flow to a single lane and so, however many lanes there are into and out of the roundabout, it is totally inadequate to accommodate the present traffic flows, let alone those predicted for 2037.

WPC also note that several of the Key Stakeholder Bodies to be consulted have no relevance to the A47 Wansford to Sutton Dualling Proposed Scheme consultation process and some identified media do not exist. There is for example no such publication as the Peterborough News and Trinity House, as a coastal lighthouse authority, has no possible interest in the non-tidal river Nene.

In conclusion, WPC see this document as lacking in accurate information, failing to report concerns raised in the consultations, being misleading in places and generally not fit for the purpose for which

it is intended. Nowhere does it express the strong local opposition to the present HE Preferred Route's likely destruction of the Nene Valley and its failure to provide safe access by Wansford residents onto the proposed A47.

We hope that the forthcoming Public Information Exhibitions planned for the 29th September, 1st October and 4th October will be the forum for HE to listen to residents and the wider general public, and to take serious notice of those opinions.

John Stannage. Chairman, Wansford Parish Council