

Section 47(6) Planning Act 2008

Notification of Statement of Community Consultation for A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Improvements

Notice publicising a Statement of Community Consultation

Highways England Company Limited of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ (the Applicant) has published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by section 134 of the Localism Act 2011) (the Act).

The Applicant is seeking a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the proposed improvements to the A47/A11 Thickthorn junction (the Project). A DCO is required due to the Project being a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

The DCO would authorise the construction of two one-way link roads connecting A11 south to A47 east via three underpasses (under the A11, the A47 westbound and the A47 eastbound), and connected side road works.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development and so the Applicant will prepare an Environmental Statement to accompany the application to the Planning Inspectorate. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report has been produced (to describe the environmental effects of the scheme) and is being consulted on alongside the other consultation documents.

The Applicant has a duty to consult with local communities before the application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The Applicant is also required to produce a Consultation Report detailing how the public's views have been taken into consideration and how the consultation requirements of the Act have been complied with. The SoCC sets out how the Applicant will consult local communities, residents, businesses and organisations in the vicinity of the Project and all associated works.

Following the publication of this notice and the SoCC, the Applicant will undertake a statutory period of consultation and invite comments on the Project between Monday 3 June 2019 and Thursday 11 July 2019.

The SoCC is available for public inspection free of charge as follows:

- On the project website: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47Thickthorn
- In hard copy format at the following locations:

Public information point locations	Opening times
North Wymondham Community Centre, 44 Lime Tree Avenue, Wymondham NR18 0HH	10am - 4pm Monday-Saturday * please phone ahead (01953 606 709) to confirm the opening time before you visit.
Hethersett Library, Queen's Road, Hethersett, Norwich NR9 3DB	10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2pm - 7pm Thursday 10am - 2pm Saturday * please phone ahead (01603 810 188) to confirm the opening time before you visit.
The Willow Centre, 1-13 Willowcroft Way, Cringleford, Norwich NR4 7JY	9am – 5pm Monday to Friday

	* please phone ahead (01603 457 222) to confirm the opening time before you visit.
Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW	10am - 7pm Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm Saturday * please phone ahead (01603 774 709) to confirm the opening time before you visit.
Norwich City Council, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich NR2 1NH	8:45am - 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1pm - 5pm Wednesday * please phone ahead (0344 980 3333) to confirm the opening time before you visit.
Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DH	9am - 5pm Monday-Friday * please phone ahead (0344 800 8020) to confirm the opening time before you visit.

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Public Consultation Exhibitions during formal consultation

We are interested in hearing your views on the Project and will be undertaking formal consultation over the following weeks. We will be holding drop in public consultation exhibitions during the consultation period, where members of the project team will be available to discuss the proposals and answer any questions you may have. Materials including maps, visual aids and digital models will be available for review and comment. Exhibitions will take place at the following dates and locations:

Location	Date	Opening time	Closing time
Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3JJ	Monday 10 June 2019	1pm	8pm
Ketteringham Village Hall, High Street, Ketteringham, Wymondham, NR18 9RU	Thursday 13 June 2019	1pm	8pm
The Willow Centre, 1-13 Willowcroft Way, Cringleford, Norwich, NR4 7JJ	Friday 14 June 2019	1pm	8pm
Number 47, 47 Giles Street, Norwich, NR2 1JR	Saturday 15 June 2019	11am	5pm

Have your say

Details about the formal consultation and how to get involved are set out in the SoCC. Your views are always welcomed throughout the development of the Project and all feedback provided during the consultation period will be considered and taken into account as set out in the SoCC. Responses to this consultation must be received by Highways England no later

than 23:59 on Thursday 11 July 2019. You can submit your views to us in a number of ways by using any of the following methods:

- **Online:** www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47Thickthorn
- **By post:** to FREEPOST A47 Thickthorn Junction
- **In person:** By visiting one of the public consultation exhibitions listed above