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Date 28th May 2019

Dear Miss Phillips

A47/A11 THICKTHORN JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

You may recall that Highways England held a number of consultation events during spring 2017 where we gave the public the opportunity to hear about and share their views on the A47 corridor improvement schemes. In August 2017 we made our preferred route announcement and since then we have continued to develop more detailed designs and are pleased to inform you that the statutory consultation period for the **A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Improvements** will be held between Monday 03 June 2019 and Thursday 11 July 2019.

Highways England is a government owned company charged with operating, maintaining and improving England's motorways and major A roads, known as the Strategic Road Network (SRN). Formerly the Highways Agency, we became a government owned company in 2015.

In 2014 the UK government established the Road Investment Strategy (RIS). As part of this, the East of England was identified as an area in need of investment. The A47 Corridor Improvements Programme, spanning from Peterborough to Great Yarmouth, was identified and allocated £300 million to improve the network across six projects including the A47/A11 Thickthorn junction.

The A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Improvements scheme has been deemed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), meaning that permission to build it must be gained through a Development Consent Order (DCO). Highways England must submit a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate, an independent body appointed by the government to examine the merits of the proposal, who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport on whether consent should be granted for the scheme.

As part of the DCO application process Highways England must carry out a period of statutory consultation with members of the public, their elected representatives and other relevant bodies. In accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, we will be undertaking our period of statutory consultation on the proposed scheme as previously set out in our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). Our consultation will run from Monday 03 June 2019 until Thursday 11 July 2019.

We will be holding public consultation exhibitions as part of the statutory consultation period in Hethersett Village Hall between 1:00pm and 8:00pm on Monday 10 June 2019; Ketteringham Village Hall between 1:00pm and 8:00pm on Thursday 13 June 2019; The Willow Centre, Cringleford between 1:00pm and 8:00pm on Friday 14 June 2019; and Number 47, Norwich between 11:00am and 5:00pm on Saturday 15 June 2019, where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the project, talk to members of the project team and provide comments and feedback.

The deadline for submission of responses to the statutory consultation period is 23:59 on Thursday 11 July 2019. You can submit a response online at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47Thickthorn, by post to FREEPOST A47 Thickthorn Junction or in person at one of our public exhibitions. If you have any further queries regarding the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Improvements or the period of statutory consultation you can contact Highways England by telephone on 0300 123 5000.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our consultation events and we look forward to receiving your comments and feedback and hearing your thoughts on the project.

Yours sincerely



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Section 48 Planning Act 2008

Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Improvements

Notice Publicising a Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("the Applicant") proposes to make an application ("the Application") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order.

Highways England is proposing to upgrade the A47/A11 Thickthorn junction. The Scheme comprises:

- Constructing 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 existing A47/A11 Thickthorn junction roundabout will be upgraded to incorporate an additional lane on the southern section. Traffic signals will be provided when approaching the junction from the B1172.
- Constructing a new link road connecting Cantley Lane South to the B1172 Norwich Road. This will require the construction of two new overbridges.
- The existing Cantley Lane South connection to the A47 exit will be closed off as part of the works, with a turning facility provided to allow vehicle movements.
- The existing Cantley Lane stream and nearby access track will be realigned to the west. This will require an extension of the existing stream culvert and provision of a new stream culvert underneath Cantley Lane South.
- A new footbridge will be constructed over the A47 for walkers, cyclists and horse riders 200m east of the existing footbridge, which is to be demolished as part of the Scheme.
- Widening the western side of the Cringleford railway bridge to accommodate the A47 to A11 link road.
- In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Scheme, including compulsory acquisition.

The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application, and a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR) forms part of the consultation material.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from Monday 3 June 2019 to Thursday 11 July 2019. Copies of the consultation materials - including the consultation brochure; plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development; the PEIR; the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC); and this publicity notice - will be available for inspection free of charge at the following locations and times:

Public information point locations	Opening times
North Wymondham Community Centre, 44 Lime Tree Avenue, Wymondham NR18 0HH	10am - 4pm Monday-Saturday <i>* please phone ahead (01953 606 709) to confirm the opening time before you visit.</i>
Hethersett Library, Queen's Road, Hethersett, Norwich NR9 3DB	10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday 2pm - 7pm Thursday 10am - 2pm Saturday <i>* please phone ahead (01603 810 188) to confirm the opening time before you visit.</i>
The Willow Centre, 1-13 Willowcroft Way, Cringleford, Norwich NR4 7JY	9am – 5pm Monday to Friday <i>* please phone ahead (01603 457 222) to confirm the opening time before you visit.</i>
Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW	10am - 7pm Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm Saturday <i>* please phone ahead (01603 774 709) to confirm the opening time before you visit.</i>
Norwich City Council, City Hall, St Peters Street, Norwich NR2 1NH	8:45am - 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1pm - 5pm Wednesday <i>* please phone ahead (0344 980 3333) to confirm the opening time before you visit.</i>
Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DH	9am - 5pm Monday-Friday <i>* please phone ahead (0344 800 8020) to confirm the opening time before you visit.</i>

All of the consultation materials will be available to view free of charge at the above public information points and the project website from Monday 3 June 2019 to shortly after Thursday 11 July 2019. Please ask for copying costs at the above public information points if photocopying facilities are available. The project website address is: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47Thickthorn. A copy of the consultation material, including: the consultation brochure, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report; Non-Technical Summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR); response form; the publicity notice (section 48 publicity notice); the Sideroad Strategy Options Report and the Statement of Community Consultation can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. Hard copies can also be provided on request, however, please note there may be a charge applied for hard copies of the PEIR. Requests for a copy of the consultation material should be made via Highways England's contact details below.

- By emailing: A47A11ThickthornJunctionRIS@highwaysengland.co.uk

- In writing: A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction, Highways England, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW
- By calling: 0300 123 5000

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity.

Responses to this consultation must be received by 23:59 on Thursday 11 July 2019. A consultation response form is available as part of the consultation materials at the public consultation exhibitions, information point locations and on the project website (website address below). When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the scheme.

Please complete your response form:

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

Responses must be received no later than 23:59 on Thursday 11 July 2019.

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the application for a Development Consent Order once consultation has closed. The responses will be summarised in a consultation report and published on the scheme website when the application is submitted. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the consultation report.

If we consider that further information is required after this consultation, we may undertake further engagement with stakeholders to address specific matters. If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the scheme, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided above.