



# Community Newsletter

## Building a future for Lowestoft



Councillor Guy  
McGregor, Suffolk  
County Council

**W**elcome to the second edition of Suffolk County Council's regular Lake Lothing Third Crossing Community Newsletter. Inside you will see evidence of the significant progress that has been made by the county council as the relevant authority responsible for the scheme.

As you would expect we are working very closely with Waveney District Council, its Leader Councillor Colin Law, and our local Member of Parliament, Peter Aldous, as well as everyone who has an interest in the crossing. Peter Aldous is the Chairman of the Key Stakeholders Group, a body set up to ensure that the County Council is fully informed of local views and is able to disseminate information and progress of the project. It is my intention that this will be a project of the highest quality, dealing with the needs of pedestrians and cyclists along with buses cars and lorries.

Inside this newsletter are the views of Jules Shorrock, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and I could not agree more with her statement "I can't remember a better time to be running a business in Lowestoft". Jules is clear about the importance of the Third River Crossing and that is why I am committed to do all that I can to keep the bridge on time and within budget. This is a point I made at Suffolk County Council's Budget Meeting last month.

Since the last community newsletter we've moved up a gear and we now have a full team in place. As you will read, we have surveyed most of the area and in spring you will start to see ground investigations taking place. We are also writing to landowners in the area to identify those which have a land interest in the area. The next big step is the start of the pre-planning application consultation in the Summer.

**BELOW:** Colin Beaumont from the contractors Breheny, Councillor Guy McGregor and Andrew Pearce, Assistant Project Manager.



# INTRODUCING JON BARNARD, PROJECT MANAGER



**M**y name is Jon Barnard and I am the Project Manager in charge of delivering the Lake Lothing Third Crossing. I joined Suffolk County Council at the end of October, leaving behind a neighbouring authority where I successfully project managed a significant dual carriageway

project to the construction phase. I am honoured to be leading this exciting project which will deliver many significant benefits to the residents and businesses of Lowestoft.

I have spent the first few months in my role forming plans to ensure the efficient delivery of the third crossing and I have recruited a team to help me manage this large-scale project. I have also spent a lot of time in Lowestoft where I have been able to meet members of the public and key stakeholders. I am keen to work closely with residents, businesses and local communities to understand what is important to those who may be affected and I am dedicated to keeping everyone updated and involved as the project progresses.

I know that the construction of a third crossing has been a long time coming and it may seem like progress is slow, but I would like to reassure you that lots is happening in order to keep the project on track and as you will read in this newsletter, we have a busy schedule ahead for the year.

For the latest updates on the project please refer to the website;  
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and if you have any queries please contact;  
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## MEET THE TEAM



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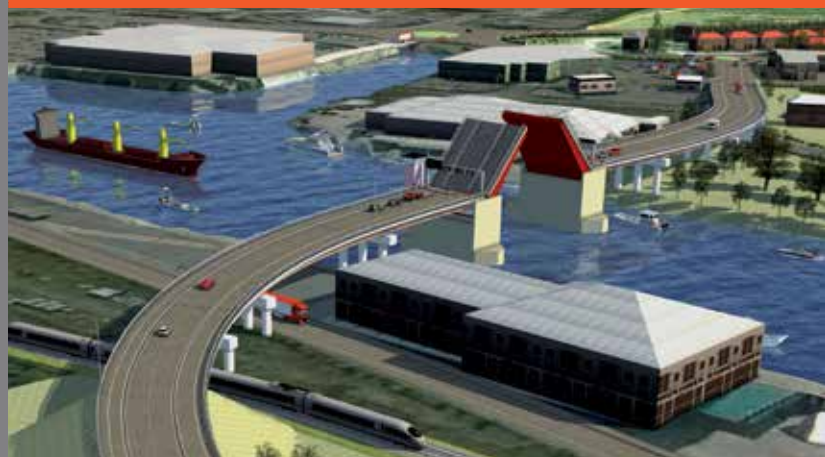
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**Dave Watson**  
Project Director



## HOW IS THE PROJECT PROGRESSING?

**S**ince the last edition the majority of the area has now been land surveyed with full completion in the next six weeks.

A number of environmental surveys and assessments have been completed, are ongoing, or scheduled for later this year. These include seasonal surveys for bats, birds and reptiles, as well as a suite of air quality and noise monitoring surveys

The design work is also on-going and is progressing well, the project will be one lane in each direction and will include pedestrian and cycling facilities.

THIRD CROSSING  
BENEFITS



Open up opportunities  
for regeneration and  
development



Accommodate  
planned  
growth



Reduce community  
severance between north  
and south Lowestoft



# What are local organisations saying about the project?

## WAVENEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**Jules Shorrock, Chair of Suffolk Chamber of Commerce in Lowestoft & Waveney, tells us why she is a supporter of the Lake Lothing Third Crossing and reassures those with doubts that the construction of the bridge will happen.**

I can't imagine a better time to be running a business in Lowestoft than at the present!

Everything appears to be coming together to ensure that our increasingly diverse business community can reach its potential.

The Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth Enterprise Zone has been a major success and has acted as a catalyst in attracting millions of pounds of private investment into the area.

Lowestoft Vision, which is managed by Suffolk Chamber, has introduced a new vitality to the town's shopping heart and made the centre a lovely place to shop and socialise.

We've seen much needed improvements to the level crossing at Oulton Broad North Railway Station reducing congestion when the barriers are down.

And now the design work for the third Lake Lothing crossing is underway – with ground investigation works happening in the summer. This project is happening, folks, it's really happening!

This is great news for businesses and residents alike as the bridge's construction will cut traffic delays and increase flows through the town.

But the mere fact that there is now a clear process with a public timetable for delivery also boosts business confidence and willingness to invest in their machinery, fixtures and fittings and workforce.

Suffolk Chamber of Commerce in Lowestoft & Waveney will continue to work with all its partners to ensure that the voice of business is heard on this project over the next few years to ensure it is built and operational.

I know some people in the town are a little sceptical that this will happen. But, please, trust me – this time we will have that third bridge!



Photographer: Mike Page



Reduce congestion and delay on the existing bridges over Lake Lothing



Reduce congestion in town centre



Encourage more people to walk and cycle



Improve bus journey times and reliability



Reduce accidents



## What is coming up?

# LANDOWNERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

If you are a landowner in the Lake Lothing area, you may receive a Land Interest Questionnaire (LIQ) in the next few weeks. As part of the planning process it is essential for us to identify and consult directly with those who have an interest in land/property near the project. We want to confirm that the details from our initial enquiries is correct and to identify any further parties who may have an interest in the land.

Receipt of the letter does not mean your property will be affected by the project and equally, those not in receipt of this letter will still have an opportunity to comment on the proposals.

This information will also enable us to provide you (and any others) with further details and opportunities to comment as the project progresses. The information will be used for no other purpose than in connection with land referencing for the project.

## GROUND INVESTIGATIONS

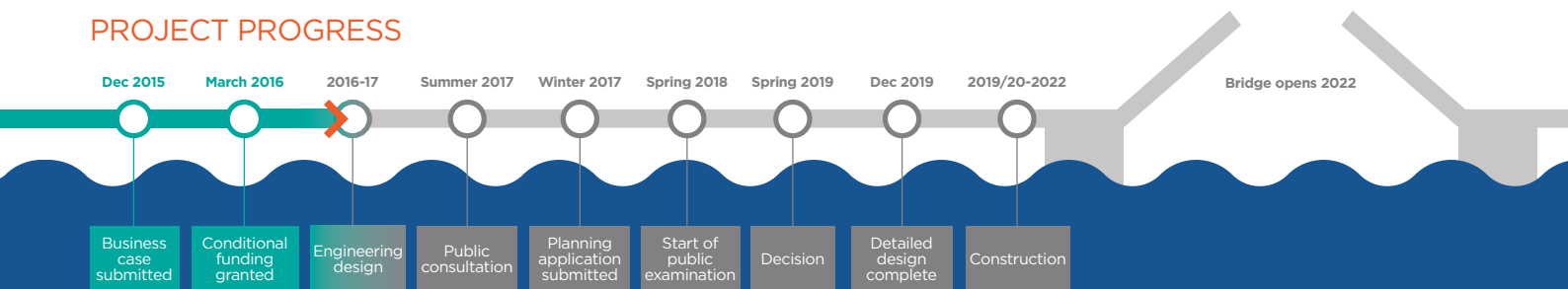
In the Spring you will see some investigation works taking place in Lake Lothing and on the land either side where the bridge will be located. These ground investigations are essential to determine the structural design of the scheme.

The investigations will include some marine drilling to collect soil and groundwater samples and some exploratory work to determine the extent and detail of existing buried structures e.g. quay walls and anchors.

The offshore ground investigation works will be undertaken from a pontoon and will be undertaken 24 hours a day to minimise disruption to the port. The land investigations however will be carried out during normal, day time working hours.

Once started we expect all of the work to be completed within 10 weeks.

## PROJECT PROGRESS



## FIND OUT MORE

**Email:** [lakelothing3rdcrossing@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:lakelothing3rdcrossing@suffolk.gov.uk)

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