

Gull Wing Key Stakeholder Group Minutes

Friday 11th December 2020, 15:00-17:00 | Virtual



Attendees	Attendees cont.
Peter Aldous MP - Chair Andrew Jarvis - East Suffolk Council Andrew Pearce – Suffolk County Council Ben Matthews – Suffolk County Council Bryn Griffiths – Suffolk County Council Cllr Alice Taylor (sub. Cllr Frost) – Lowestoft Town Council Cllr Ben Falat – Oulton Broad Parish Council Cllr Craig Rivett - East Suffolk Council Cllr James Reeder - Suffolk County Council Cllr Revd. Mark Bee – Suffolk County Council Cllr Matthew Hicks - Suffolk County Council Cllr Norman Brooks - East Suffolk Council Cllr Peter Byatt - East Suffolk Council Desi Reed - East Suffolk Council	Gary Bellward - East Suffolk Council Jonathan Kerr - Farrans Kate Ellis – East Suffolk Council Katherine Potts - Suffolk County Council Laura Waters – NALEP Lewis Boudville – East Suffolk Council Myles Scrancher Neil Barnes - Farrans Paul Ager – Associated British Ports Paul Mackie - East Suffolk Council Paul Wood – East Suffolk Council Richard Perkins – Suffolk Chamber of Commerce Tamzen Pope - East Suffolk Council Warren Hoskins-Davies - East Suffolk Council
Apologies	Apologies cont.
Cllr Amanda Frost – Lowestoft Town Council Chris Starkie - NALEP Karen Staples - East Suffolk Council Christos Galanopoulos – Highways England Charles Baker – Network Rail Cllr Alison Cackett - East Suffolk Council	Jennifer Cushion – Lowestoft & Waveney Chamber of Commerce Phil Harris - East Suffolk Council Philip Ridley - East Suffolk Council Sue Meeken - East Suffolk Council Tony Barrow – Highways England

	Description	Lead
1	Welcome and apologies	Peter Aldous MP
2	<p>Introduction & welcome to Farrans, Gull Wing main contractor</p> <p>Farrans were appointed by Suffolk County Council in September 2020 as main contractor for the Gull Wing, with the contract starting 1st December 2020.</p> <p>Bryn welcomed Jonathan Kerr, Operations Director for Farrans’ Civil Engineering Division, to the group, who provided an introduction to Farrans including background and case studies. Farrans are currently working locally with Anglian Water on the Strategic Pipeline Alliance, and with Great Yarmouth on their third crossing.</p> <p>Jonathan then introduced Neil Barnes, Regional Director for Farrans’ Civil Engineering, who explained how the project’s anticipated social value outcomes will be determined, how these will be delivered, the anticipated project legacy, and communications.</p>	Bryn Griffiths
3	<p>Political Update</p> <p>There have been a number of delays for this project such as COVID-19 and change of DfT Secretary of State etc, but there was no doubt that the bridge would progress. Lowestoft is now able to boast two, well needed, major infrastructure projects with the Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project. There is a keenness from DfT to deliver the project post COVID-19 on schedule, as it fits in with the agenda to help the country recover and can be heralded as a success story.</p> <p>Peter thanked those involved with the project to date in persevering with the project despite the unforeseen challenges.</p>	Peter Aldous MP
4	<p>Project Progress Update</p> <p>Suffolk County Council started advertising before Christmas to create a strong client team for the construction phase. We will look to interview and recruit in the new year.</p>	Bryn Griffiths / Andrew

	<p>The new Project Director will take up his post in January 2021.</p> <p>Land noticing has begun, which is a formal legal process whereby we provide landowners 3 months' notice before we start construction, to enable time to respond. We have also provided the necessary pre bookings with BT, UKPowerNetworks, Cadent Gas and Virgin Media regarding the relocation of their services.</p> <p>Farrans will conduct trial holes in the new year to look at what utilities need to be diverted – we know that some of the water mains will need to be, but we need to determine the exact locations for this. We are in communication with ABP and in a position to progress with the build.</p> <p>We are now finalising the revised programme with Farrans. At present we anticipate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction scheduled to begin • Project planned to be complete late 2023. <p>Full Business Case</p> <p>The Department for Transport were able to approve the Full Business Case and hence release the funding on 25th November 2020. Bryn gave thanks to Andrew for his work to progress the project, he has been acting as Project Manager for the past year.</p>	Pearce
5	<p>Project next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction phase start on site – Spring 2021. • Bridge construction complete and open for public use - 2023 	
6	<p>Communications</p> <p>We are currently holding early-stage conversations regarding the communication strategy with Farrans. We are keen to ensure that we have a good relationship with the project neighbours, and our communications are effective.</p> <p>The new website is under construction and will be more accessible and versatile. We have also reserved Gull Wing social media handles to start in 2021.</p> <p>There are plans to collate stories about the crossing development, both the history and the present.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>Cllr Rivett – where we have roadworks as part of the construction, could we remind people via billboards about why the roadworks are happening – there are a number of roadworks going on at the moment and feel we need to explain why. There is also still a belief locally that the third crossing isn't happening. Cllr Byatt agreed with Cllr Rivett's points and enquired whether we could use the mobile screens on the main roads into Town to plug these messages?</p>	Katherine Potts
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>Next meeting - Friday 12th February, 10:00-12:00</p>	All