Gull Wing Key Stakeholder Group Friday 15th October 2021, 10:00-12:00 | Virtual



Attendees	
Peter Aldous MP - Chair	Richard Perkins – Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Andrew Pearce – Suffolk County Council	Simon Bretherton – Suffolk County Council
Bryn Griffiths – Suffolk County Council	Tom Duit – Associated British Ports
Cllr Craig Rivett - East Suffolk Council	Revd Mark Bee
Cllr James Reeder - Suffolk County Council	
Cllr Matthew Hicks - Suffolk County Council	Apologies
Cllr Norman Brooks - East Suffolk Council	Paul Ager – Associated British Ports
Cllr Peter Byatt - East Suffolk Council	Gary Horton – Associated British Ports
Cllr Sonia Barker – Lowestoft Town Council	Cllr Alison Cackett - East Suffolk Council
Desi Reed - East Suffolk Council	Warren Hoskins-Davies - East Suffolk Council
Gabriella Fox – East Suffolk Council	Ellen Goodwin – NALEP
Jennifer Cushion – Lowestoft and Waveney Chamber of	Gary Bellward - East Suffolk Council
Commerce	Kate Ellis – East Suffolk Council
Katherine Potts - Suffolk County Council	Andrew Jarvis - East Suffolk Council
Lewis Boudville – East Suffolk Council	
Paul Wood – East Suffolk Council	

	Description	Lead
1	Welcome and apologies:	Peter
	Items arising from the notes of the previous meeting:	Aldous MP
	Cllr Barker raised the build-up of traffic at the end of the day at pinch points along Tom Crisp	
	Way	
2	Political Update	Peter
	Peter Aldous had given Secretary of State at the Department for Transport, Baroness Vere, a	Aldous MP
	report on progress with the project and invited her to visit the Gull Wing. It might be appropriate	
	for her to visit Great Yarmouth's Third Crossing and the Gull Wing, on a combined visit. The	
	Baroness' office has been in contact with SCC and the visit is likely to take place in the new year	
	when construction is further forward.	
	Smaller groups will be invited from the stakeholder group to visit the site, who will then be able	
	to report back their observations to the group. SCC recommend the visits to take place during	
	the spring.	
	A hybrid meeting for the stakeholder group will take place in December which will allow people	
	to view the site from the second floor at Riverside . The information of how to join the meeting	
	will be shared shortly.	
3	Peter Aldous site visit	Peter
	Peter visited the site on the 1st of October, and noted the abundance of activity on a relatively	Aldous MP
	small site, which due to the size of the scheme inevitably has engineering and construction	
	challenges.	
	The construction of Colin Law Way has been started and will be operational as quickly as	
	possible to allow this to be used for access.	
	Work is continuing with the retaining wall at Honda Lings, with utilities diversions happening in	
	the area.	
	There is currently a significant amount of water on the ground, but this is due heavy rain and	
	the water table being high in this area. Colin Law Way is being raised up from the surrounding	
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	area and an attenuation pond will take excess water from road. The road closure on Waveney	
	Drive is causing some challenges for residents and businesses. SCC and Farrans are responding to emails on this.	
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4	Project Progress Update Andrew reported that the Project is going well, good progress, site of this size will always have challenges.	Bryn Griffiths / Andrew
	Network Rail land – sheet piling installed (some overnight working) Output Description:	Pearce
	 Pier 4 Cofferdam started Colin Law Way- construction of new access road into the business park and drainage 	
	 Notley Road – new layby Ling's wall – concrete pouring 	
	Piling	
	 Pier 3 – all 64 piles have been installed and pile cap now being built Pier 2 – all piles installed 	
	Pier 6 and pier 7 all piles been installed	
	 North abutment has been completed too. 	
	Marine piling progress	
	SE Dolphin 7 piles installed – complete	
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	Local Impact	
	 Traffic Management on Waveney Drive – has been in place for over a month. Improvements to signage and traffic lights at Tom Crisp Way junction have been made 	
	 following local feedback. Colin Law Way – Vibration monitoring and acoustic barriers in place. Piling for retaining 	
	 wall commencing soon. Regular comms to local residents Marine Piling – Use of vibration hammer has minimised noise – no complaints on noise 	
	from this to date	
	 Night-time piling adjacent to railway line has been completed earlier than expected. The use of a vibration hammer has minimised noise and disturbance. 	
	Upcoming works – next 2 months	
	 Lings retaining wall completion and earthworks backfill 	
	 Pile cap construction of pier 3, north abutment and pier 7 	
	 Colin Law Way earthworks and deep drainage continuing 	
	 New Canning Road link road kerbing works 	
	Utility diversions still ongoing	
	 Cofferdam work ongoing Pier 4 	
	 Start cofferdam work for Pier 5 (following Pier 4) 	
	It was reiterated that if members of the Stakeholder group receive any comments or complaints these should be sent to info@gullwingbridge.co.uk .	
5	Colin Law Way – Feedback from SCC/ESC Meeting	Bryn
	One line of sheds on the former Jeld-Wen site have been demolished in order to make way for the road. The remainder of the sheds and land are still owned by Status list.	Griffiths / Andy Jarvis
	ESC have committed to update us on how conversations about the future of the site are	
	progressing in line with the local plan.	
	A discussion was held around how the road will look once the work on the Gull Wing is completed.	
6	Cycle and Pedestrians Paths	Simon
	There are issues that Lowestoft Town Council wanted to seek clarification on which came from	Bretherton
	the Town Councils climate change emergency meeting.	2. 2
	the form countries change emergency meeting.	<u> </u>

Simon responded that there is a shared use cycle and pedestrian route on both sides of the bridge and the design went through the DCO approval process with this as a shared space on east and west side of the bridge. The design is to be connected either end to the existing cycling network.

Since approval for the bridge was granted in April 2020 there is a new Department for Transport advice note on pedestrian and cycle routes. Simon will check this new guidance.

Cllr Byatt raised that there is currently consultation ongoing about cycle paths within Lowestoft Dell Road and Kirkley Rise, Lowestoft | Suffolk County Council

Desi Reed also raised that there will be a 10-week consultation starting on the 1st of November for East Suffolk's Cycle and walking strategy. <u>East Suffolk Cycling and Walking Strategy | Draft 2021 (arcgis.com)</u> Simon will be meeting ESC officers to participate in the consultation.

7 Communications

Change of personnel - Mark Langford will now be the Suffolk County Council communications lead for Gull Wing

Katherine Potts

Press coverage

• The risk register was mentioned in the Lowestoft Journal and BBC Radio Suffolk following the SCC Audit committee. It is standard good practice for a project of this scale to be on a risk register, the risks of which we are regularly reviewing and mitigating.

Other communications:

- Continued engagement with Waveney Drive residents
- Notley Road layby spaces now provided, and conversations held with ESC regarding enforcement.
- Newsletter issued at the end of September.
- Rosie Parr is on maternity leave; the role of Community Business Partner for Farrans is being covered by Eddie Burton and Nicole High.
- Neil Rogers from Farrans presented to the Lowestoft Ambassadors group.
- Katherine gave a Gull Wing presentation to the Lowestoft Library Time Out group.

Local benefits (figures correct to the end of September)

- 3 apprenticeship positions filled
- 7 graduate positions filled
- 3 new full-time positions filled from Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET), long term unemployed, and education leavers)
- 12 Kickstart/Kickstart+ positions offered
- 2 Meet the Buyer events held
- 41 local companies involved businesses considered local are within a 70-mile radius of Lowestoft
- 217 people worked on project to date
- 45 average daily total of FTE workers local employees
- 19 local groups contacted for community engagement and volunteering opportunities
- 35 schools and colleges contacted for school engagement
- 3 careers/engineering talks delivered to schools and colleges
- £403,125 spent locally on accommodation and food

8 | Any Other Business

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Next meeting

Friday 3rd December 2021, 10:00-12:00 (Hybrid Meeting)